

Minutes GMA Organisation of Study Associations

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1 Opening

Maarten de Groot (OSb 2021-II) opens this General Members Assembly.

14:03

2 Setting the agenda

Jeroen (UReka)I would like to ask some questions about the corona measures

5 *Added as the first point of section 9.*

Maartje (SU)I have some questions about an idea for the communication between the university and all students. I think it can be at AOB

Added as the first point of section 11

The agenda is adopted with the proposed changes

10 3 Notifications

3.1 OS Board

Maarten (OSb): Friso is not here, so I will be chairing this meeting. I also have an announcement: As of a few weeks, we have a candidate ET representative. I want to give the word to Koen.

15 *Koen (Newton) introduces himself as the candidate ET representative. He apologises for still being there after February.*

3.2 OS Committees

20 Lars (OSb): The book contract committee is present to answer any questions during the corresponding agenda point. On behalf of the GalOS committee, the prom has been scheduled for either the 30th or 31st of March. The definitive date will be selected later when we have a location. Besides that, the GalOS will organise a so-called "First DatOS" activity on the 15th of March.

3.3 Study Associations

Bart (Inter-Actief): There will be a chair outing the Tuesday before the next GMA.

25 3.4 Student Union

Maartje (SU): I have a small announcement, I also have another successor. I will be leaving at the beginning of March, so during the next GMA I will introduce him.

3.5 University Council Parties

3.6 Other

30 4 Minutes

4.1 Minutes GMA 08-12-2021 (Document 20220102)

The minutes of the GMA of 08-12-2021 are approved.

Decision



5 To-do List

Number	Action point	Status
GMA December.01	Friso (OSb) Send the Corona mail to the Executive board to all study associations	fulfilled

Maarten (OSb) on GMA December.01: This was done on the 8th of December. We will do this for all further sessions.

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6 Book contract - Voting

Lars (OSb): There has been a Q&A session where you could ask questions, and this morning during the CEO some questions could also have been asked. Regardless, Lars (BCC) can give a recap.

Lars (BCC) briefly explains the book contract situation.

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Lars (BCC): I want to highlight some questions that were asked: Q: Can you put the Bol.com website in English? A: No, this is not possible.

Q: What is the ratio of other suppliers on Bol.com? A: There is no clear number, but around 20% is expected.

Lars (OSb): Are there any other questions?

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Casper (Alembic): The Studystore offer stays the same as previous years. Were there any negotiations with them for a better offer?

Lars (BCC): Yes, there were some negotiations. They extended the period within you can order your books with a discount. The discount percentage was not increased. This is also because the amount of books sold is decreasing.

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Nick (ConceptT): A question about the feasibility of Bol.com: The money that should be distributed in such a way that all study associations receive the same service. Is the fact that Bol.com cannot be in English not unfair?

Lars (BCC): It has not been discussed yet how the money will be divided among study associations. In my opinion, there are so many international students that Bol.com should be available in English. This is a big downside to Bol.

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Nick (ConceptT): About the distribution, you say that this will be looked at after today's voting. However, is it possible to start distributing books when it is not clear yet how the money received will be distributed?

Jelle (BCC): It is possible to create different kind of links. Separate links could be made per study association to have a one-on-one relation of money received and study association. In my opinion, if Bol.com is chosen, then it should be clear where the received money will go.

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Nick (ConceptT): So distributing the money among study associations is possible, but it would be hard to distribute the money among students?

Jelle (BCC): Yes, that sums it up.

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Koen (Newton): The contract sounds like a company contract, since we also promote Bol.com to students. Should we not receive more?



Jelle (BCC): Yes, however, the study association should not have a financial incentive to sell to students.

70 Lars (OSb): As there are no further questions, we will go to the voting. We will do the voting in two rounds. In the first round we will choose between Bol.com, Studystore and Wo4You. The option with the least votes will be eliminated in the second round, where we will chose our final option.

Louis (Proto): Does every person present have a vote, or each association?

75 Lars (OSb): Every association, so please make sure every association votes only once.

With which party should we partner for the new book contract, round 1

Voting

In favour Wo4You 8, Studystore 7, Bol.com 2
Against
Blanco 0

Bol.com is dropped in round 2

With which party should we partner for the new book contract, round 2

Voting

In favour Wo4You 7, Studystore 9
Against
Blanco 2

Wo4You 7, Studystore 9 ; Wo4You 7, Studystore 9 The proposal is adopted with 0 against .

80 *Studystore is chosen as partner for the new book contract*

Decision

Lars (OSb): The BCC will now be working with Studystore to define the new book contract. I would like to take this moment to thank them for their work, and I wish them good luck with the upcoming negotiations.

7 ABC - informative

85 Ruben (OSb): Right now, the ABC is looking for new members, since some members are leaving. Rienk from Scintilla wants to join, but we still need someone else, so please ask if someone is interested. We are also looking for a standardised form such that you can fill in all information, so that the chaos of last time won't happen again. The requests have to be handed in February. The deadline will be communicated later.

90 8 Growth - discussion

Maarten (OSb): Some associations have requested this topic since they encounter this as a problem. We would like you to talk about this if you have encountered this recently.

95 Koen (Newton): Our study and association have grown quite a bit last year, and we expect this will happen next year too. We noticed that the university is promoting itself as a small university, but we noticed that Mechanical Engineering starts to lose this, since it's obliged to do an online lecture during the first year due to a shortage of rooms. There is no plan to solve this in the near future, but study is looking into a numerus fuxus, although this will take a few year. During the Kick-In, we were surprised that there were way more people, and we were wondering if there are any other associations that have this problem.



Kim (Stress): We did not have this during the Kick-In. We did have a few more, but we usually already have a lot of people. We did have a problem that we had way too many active members for our committees. 100

Ruben (OSb): You can also think about other problems that are not directly caused by too many people, but that still have an impact, like a shortage of meeting rooms or other facilities.

Maartje (SU): I have asked before to send me any information on how you experienced growth, and how you notice it as an association. A lot of you have sent this to me, which is nice, and I have made an overview of this. If you would like to know how other associations experience this, we can share it with others. I think you all have a document about this, so maybe it's nice if you can share it with each other. Furthermore, it's not going that fast, but I'm talking with the people from Strategy & Policy. Currently there is not a lot of progress, but next month there will be updates on this. 105 110

Maarten (OSb): Are there any associations that want to respond to sending this drive?

Koen (Newton): I think that's a good idea, since there are some larger associations that can help us with this.

Nick (ConceptT): Even if you don't experience growth, it can still be helpful in the future. 115

Maartje (SU): I can make this overview. If there are some associations that don't want to be included, please let me know so I can exclude you from the overview.

Maarten (OSb): If you can do this, that would be nice. For the associations, please talk with your board if you have something to contribute.

Nick (ConceptT): Koen already mentioned this as a problem for the study, but isn't it a university-wide problem? For example housing and sports also suffer from the growth. How much priority has the growth on higher levels? I haven't heard much besides Maartje's update. 120

Maartje (SU): I don't think I can answer the question on urgency, but it should be a priority now, since we all know that larger changes take a lot of time. Sometimes that is also why we should start now, because if we postpone it, it will take too long. Maybe the University Council can talk to the Executive Board about this, and maybe we can come back to this during the next GMA. 125

Koen (Newton): We have talked about this a bit before, but is there already a decision about this? I think the university should be in charge of it instead of running behind after the facts. This already happened last year, where it went completely wrong with the email that was sent to international students, and students that don't know if they have a place to sleep. Something should happen as soon as possible to prevent this happening again. 130

Jeroen (UREka): To answer your question whether they already have a vision on education: No, they don't, and we don't know when they will. We will keep you up to date when we know.

Maartje (SU): To add to this, I had a discussion with someone from the working group before the Christmas break, and they were finalising this. They were working towards the end of the vision, so they are not in the very beginning of it. 135

9 Corona lecture halls - discussion

9.1 Questions Jeroen

Jeroen (UREka): I have 2 small questions: We hear a lot of voices that in different buildings, different rules apply. In the Technohal they are sending people away, while in other buildings 140



this doesn't happen. Are the rules clear in your building, and do you notice any differences?

145 Bart (Inter-Actief): In the Educafé people are allowed to sit and work there, but they aren't allowed to chill there. I did not hear of people being sent away, so it goes well. If people come to your room to be too "gezellig," you should send them away.

Noah (Arago): the same goes for the Home Base, and it's going pretty good so far.

Koen (Newton): I think for the Horst it's quite the same. You are welcome to study, and we see quite some people doing it. The rooms are open for coffee, but we make sure the couches and other chill spaces are empty. We think people know what's expected from them.

150 Kim (Stress): I think this morning during the CEO, this was mentioned. People can sit in the Ravelijn, but not in the Stress room. We can organise study evenings, but apparently not in our buildings.

Maarten (OSb): As of this week it's possible, and that's why it is on this agenda. We discuss it after the questions of Jeroen.

155 Kim (Stress): Yes, but the point is that Anniek asked, and they said that the Ravelijn closes at 18:00. They did not tell us that it is possible in other buildings.

Jeroen (UReka): For the second part: For the next time new measures will be announced, do you have any other points for our attention?

160 Koen (Newton): One major point that was made often, is that I suggest the rules to be made as equal to each other. For instance, let us not make the rules for a maximum amount of people different for education than for a GMA.

Maartje (SU): I don't know if you have already picked it up from the last point, but the point of growth is a discussion you can start. I think that is a good idea.

Koen (Newton): I agree with that.

165 Jeroen (UReka): Regarding Corona?

Maartje (SU): No, this is regarding the growth of new students. Sometimes it's indirectly involved with corona, but not always.

9.2 Discussion

170 Maarten (OSb): Concerning the lecture halls, as of this week we have multiple lecture halls for study associations to provide their students with a place of work. These rooms will be allocated on a weekly basis, but we will have some that we can divide over the associations. If you want to make use of these halls, please contact me so we can make a schedule. I'm still looking if we want lecture halls next week. Right now this is only for during the day, in the evening there are a lot more locations we can use. What Kim just said is true; in the Horst, Technohal and 175 Carre we can have study evenings until 20:00. I will send an email after the GMA with this information. I am in touch with events to ask when and how we can have study evenings until 22:00. In the evening you will need an ERO.

Please let me know if you need a location for the evening. During the day we can probably fit 4 associations at a time.

180 Nick (ConcepT): I had a small question: Instead of booking a room via the booking office, should we go through you?

Maarten (OSb): It depends on how many associations want to. If there are a lot of bookings, they will ask us to collect all the bookings. For now please send it to me, and for the next weeks I will let you know what will happen.



10 Upcoming Topics 185

Maarten (OSb): I want to mention the NPO information session from the Student Union for next week thursday.

Maartje (SU): A small announcement on this. It would be useful if each association is present. If you are not able to attend, please send someone else from your association.

11 Any Other Business 190

11.1 Communication university - students

Maartje (SU): Before the christmas break, I had a talk with Machteld Roos and the University Council about communication and corona, and the corollation between the two. There have been some ideas, one of which is to decrease the distance between the executive board and students or study associations. One of these ideas is to use WhatsApp to send a message from 195 the executive board to students, so that will lower the distance between the university and students. I have discussed this with Friso, and he said that a lot of study associations, and their boards, are in WhatsApp groups with the years of their study, so we could use this. I'm curious about what you think about this.

Nick (ConceptT): I think it is good to reduce the distance, but what is the goal of this? Is it to 200 make students more proactive? And what will be in the messages?

Maartje (SU): Good question, the goal is to decrease the distance between the UT and students, for example on the topic of Corona or student wellbeing. It is to give the students "een hart onder de riem," as an informal alternative to the corona mails. The extra content is still uncertain, but we will work that out. It's not for students to proactively contact the executive 205 board, but to feel them more heard.

Nick (ConceptT): Do you think they will feel heard if there is a one-way communication?

Maartje (SU): It won't be the entirety of the communication, there could be other ways of communication through OS or other ways.

Nick (ConceptT): If you stress that as well, I think it's fine. 210

Koen (Newton): The idea of getting a bit more personal attention is a good idea, but I'm not sure if this is the right way. As an association, I don't want to be a "promo machine" of the executive board. It's quite a thin line between a nice message and promotion. An alternative could be an info session for those that are interested. If the executive board has a meeting with all study associations, then the association could talk to their members about it, and have a 215 conversation. Another good idea is to send UT socks to all students in hard times. I think that would work better than to send WhatsApp messages.

Maartje (SU): Thank you for the input. I think the points are valid, and I will take them with me. Right now this is an idea, but if people are positive about this we can work with this further. 220

11.2 ParaploS

Noah (Arago): Before the Christmas break, the TNW faculty had the great idea to get umbrellas for the association. This could be a nice way to stay dry in the rain, but it can also be a good way for integration. I think it's a good idea, so I want to know what OS thinks of this.



225 Casper (Alembic): I would like to add, if you have merchandise of OS, then the image of OS is increased throughout the campus.

Maarten (OSb): I want to thank your input, and we will take this into account.

11.3 Bosses of the club toast

230 Bart (Inter-Actief): As mentioned before, we had a bosses of the club outing yesterday, and we came up with a good toast. It goes as follows: “Sellae, caput mensae”, which means chairs, at the head of the table.

11.4 Upcoming press conference

Maarten (OSb): It’s good to find a date for it. I don’t know when the conference will be.

235 Maartje (SU): The conference is on Friday, and Monday at 9:00 the Reconnect working group has their meeting.

Maarten (OSb): It will be good to do it on Friday, I will discuss it with the OSb and Maartje, and let you know as soon as possible.

12 Questions

13 Resumé Action Points and Decisions

240 13.1 Resumé Action Points

There are no ongoing action points.

13.2 Resumé Decisions

- **GMA January.01** The minutes of the GMA of 08-12-2021 are approved. (page 2)
- **GMA January.02** Studystore is chosen as partner for the new book contract (page 4)

245 14 Closing

Maarten de Groot (OSb 2021-II) closes this General Members Assembly.

15:10