

# Group Study Associations

## General information

As you know, the FOBOS system will be overhauled and renamed to StOF. OS has been tasked to create a fair division for the allocated grants, and this document serves as a proposal for a division system.

In the new system, the number of grants to be assigned to study associations will be determined on a three-year basis, which poses challenges with the way FOBOS used to work. This is partly why our proposal is different from the old FOBOS system. Please note that this document only discusses the proposal that concerns board members, as the other aspects are still in development. We will communicate more details about this when we have more information.

## OS Proposal

### Involved Parties

End Responsible	Student Union
Advice and Right of Decision-Making	Organisation of Study Associations
Right to Information	OS GMA

### Organisation + Proposed Division

In the email sent by the Student Union, it is mentioned that board members are able to receive about seven grants per person, but with the current number of grants we can increase this to eight grants per full-time board member. This will mean that full-time board members starting in September will receive  $8 \times 314 = \text{€}2512,-$ . In the new system, there is no harsh reduction per earned EC like with FOBOS, but instead we propose to introduce a distinction between full-time and part-time board members. We made this decision to make studying next to a board year more accessible, while still creating a fair system, as StOF is meant to compensate for study delay. The implications and requirements for this will be explained more in the next section.

A notable change from the FOBOS system is that within StOF, grants will no longer be given to individuals directly, but only to associations. This means that board members have the opportunity to redistribute grants among them if desired.

The proposed StOF system will function as a trickle-down system. The highest priority in our StOF proposal is the compensating of study association board members, hereby referred to as category 'Must'. It is expected that only a small number of grants will be left after compensating all boards, though this number will vary each year. A system for these leftover grants is still in development, and our proposal on what to do with them will be shared with you at a later moment.

## Board Members

Boards will be compensated using the following system, based on three types of boards. This division is based on factors like member count, board structure and association room opening times.

Within Large boards, full-time board members and part-time board members are defined. A part-time board member is defined as a board member that earns **20 or more ECs in their board year**. The full system is defined in the table below:

Type of Board	Number of Grants	Example
Large size and intensity	8 per full-time BM 4 per part-time BM	A board with 4 full-time BMs and 2 part-time BMs: $4 \cdot 8 + 2 \cdot 4 = 40$ grants.
Medium size and intensity	2 per BM	A board with 5 members: $5 \cdot 2 = 10$ grants.
Small size and intensity	2 in total	A board with 4 members: 2 grants

*NB: Atlantis will be included once as 6 part-timers in the 'large size and intensity' category.*

## Unresolved Matters

Most of the StOF details are determined beyond the control of OS, but there are some points where we would like to receive your input. Namely:

- What do you think of the proposed system of board categories?
- What do you think of the proposed division between full-time and part-time board members in terms of ECs that you may earn?