

# Overleg Studieverenigingen StOF Allocation

## 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 grants allocated to the sector study, and this document serves as a proposal for such a division system.

The new system will be named Overleg Studieverenigingen StOF Allocation (OSSA). Within StOF, the number of grants to be assigned to study associations will be determined once every three years, which poses challenges with the way FOBOS used to work. This is partly why our proposal is different from the old FOBOS system.

The first section of this document will discuss the organisation and proposed division. The second section will discuss the implementation of this system, explaining the planning and role division.

## OS Proposal

### Involved Parties

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

### Organisation and Proposed Division

In the email sent by the Student Union on the 15th of May 2025, called “*Update FOBOS/StOF*”, 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 means that full-time board members starting in September will receive  $8 * 314 = €2512,-$ . 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 themselves if desired.

Our proposal for the StOF division, OSSA, will function as a trickle-down system. The highest priority in OSSA is the compensation of study association board members. It is expected that only a small number of grants will be left after compensating all boards, though this number will vary each year. These grants can then go to a small selection of committees.

## 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 who earns 20 or more ECs in their board year. This decision was made because there needs to be a cutoff, while still allowing room for *some* study besides a full-time 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<br>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  | 3 in total                               | A board with 4 members: 3 grants                                                       |

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

#### Large size and intensity:

- Abacus
- Alembic
- Arago
- Astatine
- Communiqué
- ConcepT
- Daedalus
- Dimensie
- Inter-Actief
- Newton
- Paradoks
- Proto
- Scintilla
- Sirius
- Stress

#### Medium size and intensity

- Komma
- Ockham
- Onwijs
- Orbit

#### Small size and intensity

- Ideefiks

### Details on the 20 EC limit

As mentioned, a board member is defined as a part-time board member if they earn 20 or more ECs in their board year. Within this 20 EC limit, the following exception applies:

A board member may earn ECs in their board year due to resits from courses that were taken before a board member starts their board year. There is a **maximum of 10 ECs OR three (3) courses that may be earned due to these resits** without impacting StOF, whichever one of the two is met first. These ECs do not count for the 20 ECs limit. If a board member takes more resits, these ECs earned during the board year do count for the 20 ECs limit.

There are three examples below, illustrating the calculation.

#### Example 1:

A board member takes 3 resits, totalling 12 ECs, during their board year, together with 2 courses totalling 7 ECs. This means that the count of EC's for StOF is as follows:

$$2 \text{ (resit ECs)} + 7 \text{ (new ECs)} = 9$$

Meaning that the board member will get full-time StOF

### Example 2:

A board member takes 1 resit, totalling 5 ECs, besides one 5 EC course every module. This means that the count of EC's for StOF is as follows:

$$0 \text{ (resit ECs)} + 20 \text{ (new ECs)} = 20$$

Meaning that the board member will get part-time StOF

### Example 3:

A board member takes 3 resits, totalling 15 ECs, besides one 5 EC course for three modules. This means that the count of EC's for StOF is as follows:

$$5 \text{ (resit ECs)} + 15 \text{ (new ECs)} = 20$$

Meaning that the board member will get part-time StOF

### Non-EU board members

Non-EU board members doing a full-time board year will not receive StOF grants. Instead, they will receive compensation in the form of waivers, which allow them to pay a reduced tuition fee. The section below was taken from the email from the Student Union, "*Update StOF non-EU students*", sent on May 21st. The italicised sections were added to clarify.

The waiver gives non-EU students an exception to their own tuition fee, allowing them to pay the EU tuition fee (216,75p/m) for 6 months. The other 6 months they pay their own tuition fee (1.083,33p/m). To explain it better in numbers:

EU tuition fee for 2025/2026: €2.601

Non-EU tuition fee for 2025/2026: €13.000

6 months waiver: €216,75 \* 6 = €1.300,50

6 months non-EU tuition fee: €1.083,33 \* 6 = €6.500

Total amount of tuition fee paid: €1.300,50 + €6.500 = €7.800,50

In total, non-EU students will be compensated with about €5.200.

In the case of a part-time Non-EU board member, they will receive grants just like any other board member.

## Committees

Grants that are left over after compensating board members will be used to compensate various committees. Only a few select types of committees may apply for StOF, as the number of grants available for committees is only a small fraction of what was available under the FOBOS system. Therefore, the complex system that was used for the Category 5 grants will not return with StOF. Of all committees, priority will be given to Study Tour Committees.

### First priority

The first type of committee to be compensated with the remaining StOF grants are Study Tour Committees. This committee is made a priority, as it is generally the largest professional committee operated by a Study Association, and likely to cause study delay for its members. Study Tour Committees will be compensated with three grants per committee.

### Second priority

If there are grants left, these will be distributed among remaining professional and/or time intensive committees. Three types of committees may apply for these grants: Symposium Committees, Committees that take over board tasks, like External Committees, and Lustrum Committees. Each of these committees may apply for one grant.

| Type of Committee                             | Number of Grants | Example                                                |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Study Tour                                    | 3 per committee  | A Study Tour Committee of 5 members receives 3 grants. |
| Symposium<br>Board task committees<br>Lustrum | 1 per committee  | A Symposium Committee of 6 members receives 1 grant.   |

If there are grants left but not a sufficient number to compensate all eligible committees, the grants will be distributed in the order of priority and then time investment. This will be checked by the OS board and the ABC, which will be kept in standby for these cases.

If there is not a sufficient number of grants, Study Tour Committees have the first priority. After that, the order is Symposium Committees first, then Board Task Committees, then Lustrum Committees.

Some example cases are given below:

Example 1:

There are three Study Tours, four Symposia, three Board Task Committees and two Lustrum Committees, and there are 20 grants left over.

The Study Tour Committees will receive 3 grants per committee, totalling 9 grants.

The Symposium Committees will receive 1 grant per committee, totalling 4 grants.

The Board Task Committees will receive 1 grant per committee, totalling 3 grants.

The Lustrum Committees will receive 1 grant per committee, totalling 2 grants.

The remaining two grants will be left over.

Example 2

There are two Study Tours, five Symposia, two Board Task Committees and three Lustrum Committees, and there are 12 grants left over.

The Study Tour Committees will receive 3 grants per committee, totalling 6 grants.

The Symposium Committees will receive 1 grant per committee, totalling 5 grants.

There is now one grant remaining, this will be granted to the Board Task committee with the highest workload. This will be determined via logbooks and proofs, like it was with FOBOS.

The Board Task Committee with the highest workload will receive 1 grant, totalling 1 grant.

The Lustrum Committees will not receive grants.

There are no grants left over.

## Implementation

The realisation of StOF for 2025-2026 will be as follows:

At the beginning of their board year, all boards need to hand in a Study Plan for each board member and inform OS whether they have any StOF-eligible committees as mentioned in the previous section. *This Study Plan consists of the expected classes the board members will take, including resits. A format for this will be provided.*

OS will then make an indication of the initial grant division for the associations, which is only indicative. Together with this, the initial committee grant division is decided. These are then presented at the October GMA.

Even though the board grant forecast might be that all committees will receive StOF, please note that this will only be finalised towards the end of the board year. Therefore, it is best that these committees keep a logbook and proofs of the hours in the logbook. The 'edge case' committees, so the committees that might or might not receive StOF, will be asked to hand in their workload of the past year before the end of May.

The boards will be asked to hand in their study progress at the end of their board year, in June, where they indicate which courses they have taken. We will not be looking at whether or not a board member has passed or failed the course, as this does not necessarily have an impact on the amount of time they spent on the course contents. At the July GMA, OS will present the actual grant division, which will take the committee grants into account as well. OS will then send the division to CPO.

After the board year ends, the boards will receive their StOF from CPO directly.

From 2026-2027 onwards, the process of handing in a study plan will be moved to before the summer break. Besides this, that academic year will also be the first to use the 3-year grant determination, meaning that the number of grants for next academic year (2026-2027) might change. This might also mean a change to OSSA.

A schematic overview of next year's planning can be found in the table on the next page.

| Who                      | What                                                                      | When             | Deadline             |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Study Association Boards | Hand in study plan (no. of EC's per module) of each board member          | September        | October 1st          |
| Study Association Boards | Inform OS whether there is a StOF-eligible committee in their association | End of September | October 1st          |
| OS                       | Create grant distribution for boards and an indication for the committees | October          | October GMA          |
| OS                       | Present distribution and edge cases for committees                        | October          | October GMA          |
| Study Association Boards | Send 'proofs' for the edge cases for StOF                                 | April            | May GMA              |
| Study Association Boards | Send results of study plan to OS                                          | June             | Halfway through June |
| OS/ABC                   | Present final distribution                                                | July             | July GMA             |

## Conclusion

Please note that this first year of StOF is also a trial year, and that aspects might change after the upcoming year.

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