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# Yearly report

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## Policy

### Internationalization

During the last half year, communication from the OS board to its members has been in English except for some untranslated documents. We have not yet used our translating budget for 2017.

This year, the internal communication of the OS board has been in English. No major problems were encountered as a result of this. GMAs have remained in Dutch when there were no non-Dutch speakers present. For Dutch GMAs, the minutes were written in English.

The OS is now part of SIP, the Student Internationalisation Platform from the Student Union. This platform aims at identifying UT wide internationalisation issues that the umbrellas can discuss and tackle. Right now the platform is focusing on gathering focus groups to understand the issues behind the low participation rate of international students in associations.

### OS as a networking facilitator

During the year, each faculty has had a faculty activity together with the OS board. For most associations, the majority of board members was present at these activities. Like last year, these activities were a good way for board members of associations in the same faculties to meet and get to know each other. We advise our successors to continue organizing these activities.

The amount of board members present at after-GMA drinks has been fluctuating. Over the first half year, the OS board has tried to promote these drinks via Facebook and Whatsapp. This did not always result in many visitors at the drinks. We tried to encourage the organizing association for each drink to think of a small activity for during after-GMA drinks to attract more visitors. However, this proved not to be very practical during the drinks in the second half year. Presence was higher during the second half year, mainly because of candidate-board members also being present.

### Board liability insurance

During the end of last year and the last half year, the Student Union has been working on a collective board liability insurance together with the umbrella associations. The OS board has been in close contact with the SU about this matter. In February, there was a meeting between the SU, umbrella associations, FEZ (Financial and Economic Affairs UT) and AON (insurance company mediator) to answer questions about the insurance policy. Gathering the required information for all associations took until May. The collective insurance was installed on July 11th 2017.

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During the last meeting with FEZ and AON, we received an update on the available insurances the UT already provides for all associations. A description of these insurances was sent around last year.

## **Alcohol regulations**

The OS board has been involved in conversations with the city council regarding an alcohol permit for study associations, together with representatives from the different drink locations. The permit is currently put on hold, as the city council and the UT are thinking about how to fit the UT responsibility- and board-structures into the permit.

At the start of September 2016, there were over 100 bartenders in all study associations without IVA certificate. Since then, 5 IVA courses have been organized, reducing the total amount of uncertified bartenders to 33. The amount of courses we could organize was unfortunately limited by the availability of the course teacher.

During this year, a plan of the OS was approved to set up a group of drink room representatives. The role of this group of people is to communicate about UT-wide drink regulations and safety regulations every two months. These discussions can start as soon as the alcohol permit is approved by the city council.

# **Committees**

## **ABC**

The ABC has fulfilled its task in proposing a division of grants for 2016. During the year, a small amount of extra grants was freed up by the SU. These grants were given to small eurotrips and lustrum committees.

A problem they encountered was a decrease in the available amount of incidental grants compared to previous years. This is a result of a decision in 2015 by the OS to allocate more grants to boards of study associations. The OS approved changes to its internal grants division policy in collaboration with its members to reflect this shift in amount of grants.

## **COP**

The COP has managed to find a committee member from each faculty. Over fifteen teachers have been nominated for the award. The committee did a pre-selection in two rounds, after which a selection was made. In the final round, three teachers have given a microlecture at an organized event. From this, the committee, a professional jury and the audience decided that Pieter Roos from Civil Engineering was the winner of the award. The COP has written an evaluation with points for improvement for the 2017-2018 committee.

## **EB-overleg**

The EB-overleg has written a letter to the CvB about locations for symposia of study associations in the year 2015-2016. Last year some study associations had trouble finding a suitable location on campus for their symposia. We think symposia are important for the members of the study associations and would like to put this forward to the CvB. This January, the first draft of the letter was finished. Eventually we decided not to send this letter since the OOC already sent a comparable

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letter. It was promised each association will get the chance to book a suitable location each year. If anyone encounters any problems, they can contact the SU.

The SU asked which associations would benefit from having a (shared) deal with a traveling agency.

Jasper (SU board - internationalisation) joined for a meeting to talk about internationalisation of career activities and sponsors.

## **ICOS**

ICOS has worked on setting up a policy plan for the committee, which is divided up into 3 different subgroups of association to define fitting goals: the associations which study has been in English for a long time, the associations that have recently switched and the associations that will switch in the future. The intention of the policy plan is to help the member associations to concretely think for themselves of focused goals which they want to reach with their participation in the ICOS meetings. Meetings have been held regularly, and most of these have had a theme to be discussed during the meeting. This helped in focusing the discussion on one topic at a time.

## **KIOSK**

The KIOSK has once again organized a safe haven for new students to talk with representatives of their future study association. For next year, the OS board advises the committee to start communication with the study association earlier.

## **OOC**

The OOC is currently working with a year plan that was set up at the start of this academic year. This includes that there are guest speakers from different facilities at most meetings. An example is the meeting with Thom Palstra that took place in February. For the second half there was an initiative to bring coffee and cookies to make the meetings more social. Creating a nice atmosphere like this, as well as making the agenda more explicit, has helped members get more out of the meetings.

## **SRC**

For the first time in many years, the SRC organized a drink for study tour committees to meet each other and discuss problems with each other. The committees successfully shared knowledge about diverse aspects of organizing study tours and were informed about what the SRC does for them.

A subsidy budget for 2017 was made according to the existing subsidy rules with 8 study tours.