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## Policy Plan 2017-2018

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### The structure of the board

The OS board expects to constitute with the following task division:

Function	Name
Chairman	Yanick Verkerk
Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-Chairman	Thomas van Tilburg
Faculty Representative of BMS	Martijn Koers
Faculty Representative EEMCS	Xadya van Bruxvoort
Faculty Representative ET	Simon Huijink
Faculty Representative ST	Ruben Uineken

### Committees and Responsibilities

The distribution will look as following:

Committee	Responsible Board Member
Activism Grants Committee	Yanick Verkerk
Alcohol Umbrella Committee	Simon Huijink
Central Education Award Committee (COP)	Ruben Uineken
Educational Commissioners Assembly (OOC)	Martijn Koers
External Affairs Assembly	Thomas van Tilburg
Financial Committee (KasCo)	Thomas van Tilburg
ICT & Website	Yanick Verkerk
Internationalisation Committee + SIP representative	Xadya van Bruxvoort
Introduction Committee (KIOSK)	Ruben Uineken

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## Introduction

Dear members,

We are pleased to share our vision for the upcoming year with you. The Overleg Studieverenigingen (hereafter referred to as 'OS') has grown in a well-established organisation over the past years. Hence, we intent to maintain the foundations that have laid by our predecessors. Our policy plan represents our vision of what we would like to improve during the upcoming academic year. The focus will be on structure, communication, integration, and internationalisation within the OS. We are looking forward to working together with everyone and hopefully our efforts will blossom into something great.

Best,

OS candidate board 2017-II

## Structure

To maintain the current structure, which is working great, the OS GMA will be hosted on the last Thursday of the month. If, due to unexpected reasons, the GMA cannot be hosted on the planned date, all members will be notified within reasonable time. In order to give our members enough time to prepare for the assembly, the board will strive to have the agenda and documents ready at least a week before the GMA.

Just like for the GMA, the timing of the pre-meeting will also remain the same. The intention is to host the pre-meetings two weeks before the monthly assemblies.

To ensure that all boards are aware of the GMA topics and OS activities that will occur throughout the year, the board will focus on well-maintaining the OS year circle and look at possible improvements. The inclusion of special activities from the study associations will be continued.

Furthermore, an introduction to all the parties that are involved with the OS will be organised at the first GMA to clarify the relation between them and the OS.

Last but not least, the board wants to work on a clear house style.

To continue the work done regarding the internationalisation of the OS, the board will work towards the replacement of the name "Overleg Studieverenigingen" with an English name. Nevertheless, maintaining the abbreviation "OS" will be a vital focus point.

## Communication

The OS exists to support study associations in their different efforts, but mainly focuses on enhancing collaboration between the different study associations. The OS board wants to keep facilitating and enhancing this collaboration, both actively and reactively. To keep enabling associations to propose ideas and ask questions, the OS board aims to further improve the communication, both from and towards the OS board.

The OS board wants to keep both the documents and the GMAs in English, just like last year. This will guarantee that all board members of the study associations are able to join the GMAs and read the minutes without the need for translation. This will help with continuation. If there is an international in one of the next boards, it's easy for him/her to prepare for his/her year, but also to not make international board members feel onerous to be present during the GMM.

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Furthermore, the OS board wants to create a central base of operations. Right now the OS board has no room of their own, causing possible uncertainty about how to easily approach the OS board for questions. The board is going to explore the possibilities of obtaining an OS board room, preferably in the Bastille.

## Integration

As always, the OS will be the main networking platform for boards of study associations. The monthly after-GMA drinks, new years activity, and the OS barbeque will reoccur this year.

To further stimulate the integration of the different associations and to increase the will to do so, the OS proposes to start an OS challenge. This challenge involves gathering as many points as possible throughout the year. The association which manages to gain the most points, will bring the OS cup home. The point distribution will follow as soon as possible.

Besides this new mean to stimulate integration, the board will look into the possibility of organising an OS prom. Any progress around the development around this will be reported to the OS GMAs.

## Internationalisation

Vision 2020 is still very important to the University of Twente. Last year, a start has been made regarding internationalization to make the transition as smooth as possible. Within the OS, this is no different.

There are still quite some documents that have not been translated yet. All formal documents will be translated this year, because it's important to set a good example. Besides this, all formal communication from the OS board will be in English. If something happens to be in Dutch, all international students will be notified as soon as possible. Nevertheless, the goal will be to only organise English events.

The Student Internationalization Platform (SIP) has been set up last year and will continue to exist this year. The first idea is to have some (lunch)meetings with international students and their boards to have a nice discussion between the two parties.

The Internationalization Committee of the Overleg Studieverenigingen (ICOS) will continue as it was the last half a year. This means that all study associations, University council parties, Student Union, Unite, and some world associations, depending on the theme of the meeting, will be invited. The themed meetings will stay and perhaps some themes of this year will be discussed again if there is a need for this. To acquire more information about the world associations, as well as to further improve our collaboration with them, the OS will be present at Unite meetings from this year on.