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### **General Assembly III**

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## AGENDA

### **1. Opening**

GB: Hello everyone, I'm very happy to welcome you all to the third and last general assembly of the year. It's quite a full agenda today as there's a lot to go over to bring the year to a close. Many nice points in there though of course, some prizes and exciting decisions for the next year. To start we will set the minutes of the last agenda. Then set the agenda for this assembly. Next some general announcements. Then we get onto more of the core of this first half which will be going through some key points from the annual report. Jesse will give us an update on our finances and the financial control committee will give its comments. At this point we will take a short break.

GB: Once we're back we have a very nice second half. First we have the gouden borrelaar award. Then the Baaf award - if you don't know about it Job will give some more insight on it later. We then go onto presenting the Candidate Advisory board for 19/20. And finally, presenting the Candidate board for 19/20. Both of which will be voted upon today. Then any final questions and we'll close the meeting and head to the happy borrel!

GB: Welcome everyone. As we have some technical problems I will keep on talking until LvD has her minutes file up. The past half year has been a busy one filled with many events, and we have even more to come in the next couple of months. Next week we will all go to Rotterdam, you can still sign up so please do. Also our family day will happen the 8<sup>th</sup> of March and a pub lecture is also scheduled that week. In April we will depart 13 days to Istanbul, and lastly tonight is our lovely Valentines borrel, so hope to see you all there. LvD, got your preparations up? Ok then we move on!

## **2. Setting the minutes GA II (12.02.2019)**

GB: Any comments on the minutes of the last GA?

Note: there were no comments.

GB: Then the minutes are now set!

## **3. Setting the agenda**

GB: Anyone anything to add to the agenda?

Note: there were no comments.

GB: Then the agenda is now also set!

## **4. General announcements**

GB: Firstly, as you would have noticed, this GA was originally scheduled for last Tuesday and had to be delayed by a week. This was due to a change in the candidate board for which the board selection committee required some time to sort the situation properly. This will be explained more later when we arrive at that point in the agenda.

GB: And secondly, whilst it is the last GA it's not fully yet the end of the year, there's still many events left to come. This Friday, we have the beach day and the luckily weather forecast is looking good. Next week we have the new career event - The Future's Market, which we're very much looking forward to, as well as our first festival on Wednesday! In the last week we have our final think-tank and last borrel of the year, as well as the last eurovisie edition of the year coming out so keep your eyes open. And finishing up with the annual hitchhike competition on the last weekend of the month.

GB: In addition on Friday 28th, there is the annual football tournament organised by ALPHA. This will be against all the other associations from the Humanities. We're planning again to have two teams. More information will be spread about this shortly but you can also send us a message now if you're very interested in participating.

## **5. Agenda Points**

### **5.1. Annual report**

GB: Hopefully you all had a chance to check it out. It has comments from the semi-annual and the annual report on it. If any questions occur, shout out. We don't discuss all the points of the rapport right now, so we will focus on key points. With the committees, their coordinators will speak up about those.

### Recruitment and integration of new members

#### *2.1.1*

*Considering the lower number of member sign-ups last year and the possible decline in new enrolments to the study program of this academic year, 2018/2019, more effort should be placed on the recruitment and integration of new SES members. This applies to both Dutch and International students.*

#### *2.1.4*

*Essential for the integration of new members is introducing the new students to the various committees of the SES and their activities. [...]*

GB: We have slightly less members than the previous years in SES and we did notice this in some events. We really put a focus on promoting SES-membership through email, social media

and talking to students at borrels, especially in the first weeks, but this has not given us the amount of member we aimed for. The study program has several less students than last year, that has some effect. Though, it is still very important to look at new ways of informing students about what SES is and does.

GB: Of course we always have a representation at the introductory events. Same with the matching days and so forth. A set of new informational materials is also in development for the start of the new year, including the committees brochure that was already made this year, to be able to give out to new potential members and to use as posters during introduction events. Sometimes it can be more worth of mouth and lots of Facebook events going up. We need to give people who are not yet in university a good idea of what SES does.

## Communication and Promotions

### 2.3.1

*As in past years, the SES will use social media for promotion.[...] Next to these forms of media Snapchat will be used to show live updates during events to increase the accessibility and inclusiveness of the association. [...] Lastly, LinkedIn will be used to present the SES in a professional manner and to create a professional network for the association. In addition, it will be used to maintain contact with guest speakers and people that are involved with SES as well as finding new ones.*

GB: The use of the Snapchat account has not increased since the first semester, as its purpose of showing live updates during the events has been replaced by Instagram. We now have nice little stories saved from our events on the SES instagram account. As in previous years, Facebook events and posts as well as Instagram posts and stories have been working well in informing members about events. The new changed LinkedIn SES Acquisition has been renamed to SES UvA and has, particularly in the second semester of the year, been used to connect with former guests and contacting potential new ones. Furthermore, the LinkedIn account functions well to give members an overview of the more serious minded events. So we have now a business page and a individual one to contact people. To this end, brief summaries and pictures of events, such as the SES MUN, have been shared.

### 2.3.4

*The secretary is in charge of maintaining and updating the website on a regular basis. The information needs to be as orderly, insightful and accessible as possible.*

GB: Now onto the website. This year we have realised changing around the website is not as easy as we thought. We have wordpress but moving things around is not that easy and we are not that technical. It is still very functional for signing up for events, finding out more about the association, and placing our important regulations. We believe though there is still much to improve on the website to make sure that it does not end up outdated. LvD will pass the ideas that we have not yet been able to implement on to her successor. We just want to make sure everything remains useful and out there, visible on the website.

### 2.3.5

*The SES highly values the collaboration with other study associations as it offers our members the possibility to meet people from other study associations. Thus, the SES will continue to collaborate with other study associations by organising various events on a regular basis.*

GB: This has been working well to organise events and gain more contacts. A party has been held with PPE and a debate was held on the European Parliament Elections with ASVA and a Study Association from the HvA. Also there's the Focus festival coming up in collaboration with Off-screen and Kleio. In addition to collaborations with other associations, this year we have also seen more collaborations with other organisations such as with the NGO PAX or with the Embassy of Kazakhstan. The events that have followed from these collaborations have been a great addition to the SES calendar, for the more academic and career side of SES, as these organisations have many speakers and funding, so further collaborations of this type would be very much recommended.

### 2.3.6

*Last year the SES merchandise was introduced. We are continuing the sale of the current stock. Once the current stock is finished, the board will consider whether to continue with SES merchandise.*

GB: It has not yet been concluded as to best way to sell the merchandise or whether merchandise should be continued in the future. The sales of the sweaters have covered their costs. The

introduction weekend, to give an example, was the most successful moment for the sales of the merchandise this year. We will let the next year decide what to do with the merch next year, as we did not design any new ones this year.

## Book Sale

### 2.4.3

*Last year all members were provided with membership cards. We are planning to continue this by getting membership cards for our new members.*

GB: Due to quite high costs of membership cards we have not gotten membership cards for the new first years. We thought the money for membership cards could be spend better differently. We are working with athenaeum to see if a digital membership card is possible, which is easier to distribute to members. At this point the new digital cards look very promising so we hope will be in place for the start of the new year.

CJ: What is the point of the card? My life has been fine without it.

GB: The card gives you a discount at Athenaeum if you show it at the store. But also for the external contacts it is good to have the card so you can show the card and then get a discount. It identifies the members and can get us deals. Maybe next year will be your year for the card, CJ.

GB: We hope to have a new card up and running by next year.

## Transparency

### 2.5.7

*As previous, two Think-Tanks will be organized during the year. Members can make comments, suggestions and discuss about the functioning of the association and the events.*

GB: The think-tanks, whilst not always attended so highly, are still a very important way to make comments and discuss the workings of the association and what can be done to keep it moving forward. This year we added a online suggestion form to give people the opportunity to send in their suggestions, so giving a more convenient option when attending is not possible.

Though of course it should not replace coming as the discussion part is still important. It has not been greatly used yet, but we will promote again it before our last think-tank.

## Methods of Payment

### 2.9.2

*The method of cash payments will be maintained throughout the year. Though, the method of online payment is preferable. [...]*

GB: We still believe it is necessary to maintain this payment option for particular events, such as those around the introduction period, we would suggest using a receipt system so that all of the cash is accountable to a certain purchase. A standard receipt system is being made now by our treasurer which will be in place for next year. This will also make it easier for the FCC.

## Year Agenda

*2.11 Throughout the year approximately 40 SES events take place. To give the members a good overview of all the different events and when they take place, a yearly agenda will be created and published on the SES website. As the number of events is subject to change, the agenda will be updated regularly. Events that do not yet have a confirmed date will still be included as to provide a complete overview but it will be noted that it is possibly subject to change.*

GB: The original idea of having it as a digital agenda that would appear on the website has been more difficult than we expected. as the agenda changed quite often, this needed to be an easy system that could be changed easily. We are looking at a different way we could publish the year agenda so that its still easily accessible and clear, whilst being easy to update when necessary. This is still an ongoing project as we have not found the right system to display all of our events. we have used the Facebook events mostly this year and hope to have one next year.

## Acquisition Committee

### 3.2.1

*The task of the Acquisition Committee is to seek contact with external parties in order to secure funds, make deals and gain also non-financial benefits for the association and its members.*

JK: During this year it again became clear that it's hard for the acquisition committee to stay focused and to maintain goals throughout the year. For this reason we should aim to have a smaller committee, which will need to work together more closely so to not lose focus throughout the year. The survey that currently is out should help with giving the committee a more clear goal of what members want and what companies they interact with.

AZ: For the committee, you decided not to do the ASVA training, why?

JK: It took a while to get a date organised, and then they did not want to do a small group anymore. It was also more expensive and not everyone could attend. So it did not make sense to have half the committee there. Therefore we decided to not do it.

RWG: What is a smaller committee?

JK: You can decide yourself how big you want the committee, but it worked out well this year with 4 to 5 people.

### Activity Committee

#### 3.3.1

*The task of the Activity Committee is to organise the activities on the city trip, two pub quizzes, the Family Day, the Dutch Night and the Brussels Weekend. The charity event which was introduced last year will be held again, either in the form of a borrel or as an individual event.*

JG: They organised the city trip in October with less participants than hoped for. We would recommend go for lower participants or a different time as it is a very nice weekend. The Committee organised also two pub quizzes, the charity/love borrel, the Family Day and is currently putting together a Beach Day in June. The Dutch Night did not happen this year, because the Committee preferred organising a different kind of event instead. The Brussels weekend did not take place this year because the ES Brussels Day was moved to January and the date of the day itself was during the week and the time to organise the weekend was a bit short

## Career Committee

### 3.4.1

*The Career Dinner is the main project of the committee. The event will be open to all members. Besides the Career Dinner, the committee will organize more career related events. The aim is to organize at least one workshop and to do a collaboration with KES*

### 3.4.2

*The committee is encouraged to develop new event ideas as the committee continues to expand on its tasks.*

JS: Since two years this is called the career committee as there is more room for career events. We had the career dinner and now we have our last event the 17th of June. The borrel with our alumni has not happened, but has been incorporated into the Futures Market event. The workshop with the Eurovisie has not come to fruition this year, though as well the journalism category will be represented in the Futures market. Maybe CJ would like to say something more about our last event?

CJ: First I would like to say this is now a committee that does at least two events, so if you want to join next year, don't lose focus halfway through the year. We now have the futures market coming up, please come for the interesting range of people. It is on the 17th of June, sign up otherwise I'll come to the borrel to make you sign up.

## Conference Committee

### 3.6.3

*We aim to expand the conference through increased collaboration with other organisations and study associations. In case of a collaboration with another organisation/association, we aim at a number of 80 to 100 participants. If there is no collaboration, the target number of participants will be 50 to 70.*

JG: The Committee decided in the early stages not to collaborate with another association but organise a SES Conference again. The reason for this was that the Committee quickly decided on a conference topic closely related to the ES study program, which would not have been in the interest of other study associations. Furthermore, the logistical challenges involved played

a role in the Committee's decision. The Conference itself took place in the Keizersgrachtkerk and saw approximately 40 participants, which was a little bit less than expected. A possible reason for the smaller amount of participants is the date of the conference, which was 15 May - a week after the annual Study Trip and 1,5 weeks before the exam week. We would recommend to possibly move it to the beginning of April, to increase attendance. Nonetheless, the participants and speakers very much enjoyed the conference and the smaller seminars allowed for a more personal atmosphere.

## Debate Committee

### 3.7.1

*The task of the Debate Committee is to organise a Model United Nations and a debate. We aim to continue collaborating with other study associations to organise the debate to maintain participant numbers and to have different perspectives.*

LvD: This year the debate committee had to plan two events, a SES mun and a debate. We organized a second debate in Juna, which was really nice. The SES mun was very successful and we had the maximum of 28 sign ups. Our second debate was not that big, but still nice. It is hard to get people enthusiastic for a debate, so the committee really tried to introduce also fun elements, like the MUN information evening and hosting our second debate in a café with a guest speaker, the Pubdebate. This was already more successful. So for next year we recommend to be creative when it comes to the debates, add something or make them a bit different.

## Educational Committee

### 3.8.1

*The task of the Educational Committee is to organize study-related activities which contribute to the European Studies programme. The activities organized will be pub lectures, museum visits, the Hague Day and a study-related day trip.*

JS: We organised three events this year, even though we were planning on four. The first pub lecture was postponed as it was hard to find speakers as there was the climate top on that day. We had the Rotterdam day and we had the The Hague day. It was a success year but would have been nice to organize one event more.

## Eurovisie

### 3.9.1

*The Eurovisie is the magazine of the association. There are five editions of the magazine published each year. The content of the magazine is directed towards the interests of European Studies students. This includes content related to the course, careers, the university and life in Amsterdam. The articles are written by students and guest authors.*

### 3.9.2

*The committee will consist of an editor-in-chief, editors and a designer. [...]*

### 3.9.5

*The committee with the board coordinator will maintain the individual Facebook page for the Eurovisie. [...]*

GB: A specific workshop for the Eurovisie has not fully been formed this year. The journalism category has been represented by the different career events, but an event under the header of Eurovisie is still a ongoing project.

GB: To ensure an effective use of online platforms, including social media, it is being suggested to appoint specific committee members are managers of these platforms. This is now working well. We have one dedicated member to managing the new website for the Eurovisie and also the Facebook page. Articles are now also being published on the new website and then shared via the Facebook page. So now we can keep people up to date better than at the beginning of the year.

## Event Committee

### 3.10.1

*The task of the Event Committee is to organise the SES parties, the Christmas gala, the theme-related gatherings such as the Happy Borrels, and borrels in collaboration with other study associations.*

LvD: The event committee has so far organized a Happy Borrel, a gala, and two parties. One happy borrel is still coming up tonight and of course we have our last party the festival Focus, so make sure to buy your tickets for that. Our ticket sale for parties was lower than expected, so we were at the parties

actually afraid for a loss. Promotion did go well so we and the timing was also not bad so we are not quite sure why we had a lower ticket sale this year. But door sale was very successful and have us a good profit in the end, which will be used to cover other costs where needed.

### Introduction Committee

#### 3.11.1

*The task of the Introduction Committee is to organise the Introduction Dinner, the Introduction Party and the Introduction Weekend. Furthermore, the Introduction Committee will assist the board during the extended introduction period. Depending on the success of this years' extension of this period, the committee, from next academic year on, will organise this as well.*

JK: The introduction dinner will no longer be organised. Whilst a nice event, it is costly and did not provide as much exposure for the association as would be liked. Thus it has been decided to use the funds that would normally be used on the dinner to improve other introduction events. The introduction party and the weekend will still take place. The extension of the introduction period was a great success so we are doing that as well with a karaoke night, a boat tour and a night in ton ton club.

### Final comments on the annual report

GB: As said in the semi-annual report, a key theme of this year's work has been inclusivity. This means keeping the association as accessible as possible for new and current members, whilst also making sure there are many different types of events that fit every different interest. The variety of events organised by the association is also crucial aspect to what makes the association inclusive. With the different types of events we aim that every student has something they would like to get involved in and through that can become more active in the association. Regarding new members particularly, the extended introduction period has assisted in this by providing more events for new students to get to know the association. In preparation of next year, as said informational materials are being made to give to students who have not yet started the BA but who are attending the information days beforehand and also to those just starting. It is very important that we continue to develop both the social and the academic/career side of the association. The collaborations with other organisations has been a good way to introduce more of the academic/career type of events into the SES calendar. For

instance the PAX conference at the start of the year on the conflict in the Donbas, the visit from the Kazakhstan Ambassador on the history and current developments in Kazakhstan, and the European Parliament elections debate organised in partnership with BSKA, SIB and ASVA. These sorts of collaborations have been very valuable for the associations programme. Following the success of the Career Dinner, the new Career event The Futures Market should also prove to be another great addition to the calendar.

GB: For the social events, always a strength of the association, we've seen new events this year such as the festival happening next Wednesday and a beach day this Friday, multiple special borrels such as the Ajax borrel at Huis van anders, a collab with PPE at Koopstop, valentines borrel, the beer pong and boat tour in the introduction period, a revised family day, and so forth. There are of course the main stays in the calendar which have seen a lot of success, such as the multiple parties, pub lectures/quizzes, study trip etc. Sadly this year we did have to say goodbye to Sanders and cannot quite say yet that our we have found our new home with Kopstop, though we have got somewhere for you for our last borrel which we feel could be a contender. As a note for the next years, as the calendar gets busier it will be very important to keep thinking about the best positions for each event during the year.

GB: Regarding our technological side, there is still work to be done to the extent we can develop the website with the resources we already have. A new digital membership system as well as new digital membership cards are being developing in partnership with Athenaeum. We aim to make our system more modern and efficient, which will add to the professional presentation of the the association. Talking more professional, the LinkedIn account of the association is now up and running with posts and pictures from all the association's academic/career orientated events. The current ideas that have not been fully implemented this year will be discussed with next board to keep building on the work.

GB: That brings us to the end of the report, are there any questions or comments?

JS: Is there a requirement for us to attract new members, is it up to the board or also up to us?

GB: It is mostly up to the board and the introduction crew. We would like our members to be as friendly and welcoming as possible, but we can of course not force them.

CJ: Any strategies for the recruitment of new members already?

GB: We are working on new information materials, make the new students from the beginning more aware of events already. Also doing more events in the introduction period so there is something for everyone to attend.

GB: If there are no further questions we can go to the voting procedure. Pro means you vote in favour, against you do not vote in favour. Then I slightly forgot the difference between blank and withhold... Ah yes, blank is de facto against, and withhold is when you can't vote on the matter. So now that is I hope clear again for everyone, let's vote!

Pro: 17

Against: 0

Blank: 0

Withhold: 6

GB: So with 17 votes this annual report passes. Then now on to the financial side of things. JS will tell you all about it.

## **5.2. Financial update**

JS: It's time for your favourite part of the GA, the financial update. Before going into more detail, I'm happy to announce that SES is financially healthy at the moment, and that we're probably not going bankrupt this year! As there many other things to discuss today, I'll only go over the most important points of each committee. If you have questions, please raise your hand. And in case something is not clear but you prefer not to ask your questions tonight, you can always come to one of SES shifts for more information.

JS: Let's start with an update of the General Incomes and Expenses. As you can see, we still have fewer signups than expected at the beginning of the year. At the moment we have 127 new members, which is 13 less than we hoped. However, we have compensated this loss with other incomes. This year we only had 2 Happy Borrels, because at the middle of the year we did not know for sure if they would be enough budget left for a third one. Don't forget to come to our Happy Borrel tonight and enjoy the free beer! About the Lustrum year, it's still

unclear how much we can save for this special event, but I expect an amount between the €500 and €600, which is more or less what we expected at the beginning of the year. And lastly about the General Incomes and Expenses, this year we almost did not have unforeseen cost, only some presents for the speakers at our conference with PAX at the beginning of the year.

JS: Let's continue with the committees. Firstly, the Acquisition Committee. Their goal is to find new sponsors and maintain our current ones. At the beginning of the year I hoped they would make a profit of €170,-. Right now, with the news sponsors Publistat BV and Clinic, together with the profit we made with Athena Studies and the Dutch courses, they made a €476,84 profit. And they also found a sponsor for the Career Dinner, Riff Online, but that one can be found under the budget of the Career Committee.

JS: Then we move to the Activity Committee. As you can see, they made a big loss with the City Trip. Not enough participants signed for the Dusseldorf weekend and therefore we made a loss with transport and accommodation. The weekend itself was a big success, and the committee did a great job there, we should not forget that. The good thing about the weekend, it was at the beginning of the year, so we had a lot of time to compensate the €900,- loss, which we did. Besides that, the committee organized the Family Day, two pub quizzes, the Love Borrel and this Friday the Beach Day will take place, which you should sign up for.

JS: Sadly, the Book Committee does not exist anymore. However, Job is still really busy with the Book sales, together with our partner Athenaeum. I find it difficult right now to say how much money we will get from the books, however, between the months September and January we already got €213,-. I expect that we will reach our initial goal, €300,-.

JS: Next up is the Career Committee. The main activity that the committee organizes is the Career Dinner. The loss we made for the dinner, €23, is smaller than the one we budgeted at the beginning at the year, around the €100,-. However, this year the Career Committee for the first time will organize the SES Futures Market. There is no participation fee, and we'll provide some drinks for the borrel. It will take place next Monday, there is still time to sign up. We'll probably spend some money on the presents for the speakers. The committee will make more or less a €70 loss.

\*Note: Isa Manten, Thijs Maartens and Julija Filipovic join the GA, TM walks out again.\*

JS: Let's continue with the Conference Committee. The Conference is one of the most expensive events and most difficult to organize. This year the committee found an amazing location, the Keizersgrachtkerk, which besides being a really good place to hold the conference, it was cheaper than expected. Especially the catering costs were significantly cheaper than other years. You can't see it here, but we actually made more than €200,- profit, which is quite unique for the conference. However, for this event we depended on subsidies from AUF and College of Humanities, and we are not allowed to make a profit. Therefore I had to transfer part of the money that AUF gave us back to them, so in the end we're breaking even.

JS: Here we arrive at the Debate Committee. In January they organized a sold out edition of the SES MUN. There was no participation fee, however, the College of the Humanities covered our costs, €85,-. The committee also spent some money on a present for the speaker of the Pub Debate, but we expect that ALPHA will cover that. Therefore, the committee will probably break even.

JS: Next up is the Educational Committee. They organized the Rotterdam Day, a pub lecture about Climate Change and the Hague Day. The Hague Day is always a free event, and there weren't any costs. The pub lecture was sold out, but neither for this event we asked for a participation fee. We spent some money on the presents, drinks and travel costs of the speakers. ALPHA only covered part of these costs, therefore we made a €35,- loss on this event. Also for the Rotterdam Day we made a small loss. In total the committee made a €42 loss, which is reasonable.

JS: Every year, we make a big loss on Eurovisie. Of course, this year it isn't any different. However, this year's loss is significantly smaller than previous years. ALPHA gave us a lot more money than we initially expected, therefore I expect that we'll only make around €800 loss this year, not the €1400 we expected at the beginning of the year. We still think that the magazine has a great value for the association and we are in the position to afford these costs. We don't think ALPHA will do this again next year, so we do recommend to find a sponsor for Eurovisie.

JS: Here we arrive at the Event Committee. We're allowed to make profit with this committee, as we don't receive money from funds. It was a big achievement of the committee to organize affordable events for our members, we did not make them more expensive, or on purpose made a big profit to compensate other losses. They made a big profit in January with

the SESxPPE Party, €283, and another in April at the party with Aim and PPE again, €331,93. as well as the gala, 300 euros profit. Well done. Besides that, they will organize two happy borrels, one of them is tonight, and the first SESTIVAL next week. For the festival, they aim is to break even, not to make a profit again.

JS: The realization of the 2017-2018 Introduction Committee was already discussed last GA. The committee made a bigger profit than expected at the beginning of the year. The main reason we made a bigger profit was the high amount of drinks sold during the weekend, we did not make the weekend more expensive. We hope that our members will understand that we used part of the profit to compensate the big loss of the Dusseldorf Trip. We do not charge other events more to cover for events, but we hope you will understand we in this year cover the losses of one committee with the profit of the other.

JS: Next up is the Hitchhike Committee. The committee organizes the last weekend of the year. I will discuss the realization of the committee in September, at the first GA of the year. There are only 4 spots left, so sign up!

JS: The last committee to discuss is definitely not the smallest, the Travel Committee. The committee organized an amazing Study Trip. The locations were great, however, financially this trip was a big challenge. We visited four countries, all of them had a different currency. It would have been easier if I would have been in the position to just transfer all the money before the trip, but that was not possible in most of the cases. Most of the hostels, busses, museums, guides only accepted cash. Therefore, our transactions costs were quite higher than expected, and we made a €216 loss. The goal was to break even, however, sometimes that can be difficult with such a big budget. We did compensate this with other committees.

JS: The next part you can see in the realization is the study trip of the European Studies master. SES does not organize this trip, however, every year UvA transfers us the money and asks us to book their flight, hostels and activities. They made a €15 profit, I'll transfer that amount back to the university, as it is not our money.

JS: Next up is our merchandise. We sold 15 SES sweaters this year, which meant an extra income of €300,-. We didn't have any costs because it was the previous board that bought the sweaters. we now broke even with the costs paid for the sweaters last year.

JS: Then, the Introduction Committee 2019-2020. So far they only had one advance payment for their accommodation, €500,-. However, all their incomes and expenses will be represented in next year's budget.

JS: To conclude, the Active Members Weekend. Every year, SES wants to thank its active members for their great committee work. During the year, we try to save money for this event to make it very affordable. This year, the participation fee was €30,-. The Board was amazed how many crates we had to get for only 2 nights, 44 crates in total. We made a €952 loss on this weekend, which is fine because we saved enough money for it.

\*Note: Nikolai Markov joins the GA.\*

JS: As I said at the beginning of my presentation, SES is financially healthy. Right now we are making more or less making a €200 profit, without counting all the money we are saving for the Lustrum year.

GB: Do you know how much money there is in the lustrum pot?

JS: I have to check, but enough!

### **5.3. Report Financial Control Committee**

AZ: This is also here but left again. Josi from AIM is not here. I don't have that much to say today. JS did well. We did not see him moving money to a strange Island or anything. We have checked everything until study trip, the last part will be covered in September. Some events still have to be paid but JS is on that. So I advise to vote in favour of this budget.

GB: Then we vote again:

Pro: 18

Against: 0

Blank: 0

Withhold: 7

GB: Then with 18 votes in favour, this budget has passed!

CJ: Has anyone ever voted against anything?

JF: Read about that on the Website!!! All the minutes of GA's are there.

CJ: Well thank you, maybe I will!

GB: Then now we will have a small break.

- Break -

#### **5.4. Gouden Borrelaar**

JS: On to a more fun part: The golden borrelaar. I kept a list every borrel that got shorter and shorter this year. The person that comes to the most borrels is our golden borrelaar. But first I would like to get our previous gouden borrelaar forward as he, due to certain people, did not get the prize. So Finn, there you go. Maybe the old board can hand you the prize.

AZ: We are very very sorry that it is a bit late, but congratulations Finn,

JG: You can have it for like 1 minute or so. Moving on to this year's golden borrelaar. It was a close race but in the end we had one person who made it to every borrel, every normal one. 22 in total I believe. I am very happy that it is a girl. Also a very active girl that comes to many events. So I would like Charlotte to come forward. FM your time is up, sorry. Congratulations Charlotte.

#### **5.5. BAAF**

JK: As you may or may not know the price of BAAF is a very prestigious price, starting with the 2006/2007 secretary, named BAAF. BAAF is a centipede who can cook, make his own liquor, study and work at the same time, for this reason the price is functioning as a symbol for the most contributing and motivated SES member of the year but also for the

SES in general. This year it's a person that has both been contributing to the SES in an organisational as well as in a social way. Being on his 5th study trip, being active within endless committees and in the board and being part of the Hitchhike Committee while thinking about the environment as he is driving a Renault clio we would like to thank Kevin for his long lasting energy and motivation when it comes to helping out SES, so when I say YEE, you all say HAW. YEE-HAW, YEE-HAW, dank jullie wel.

KM: I have been part of the association for 5 beautiful years but it is time for a new generation. So JK, please:

JK: If I say Yee

KM: You say HAW!

KM: and, if you ever struggling with a thesis or exam, just take another year and you might get the baaf award! Thank you!

## **5.6. Candidate Advisory Board**

### **5.6.1. Explanation Procedure and presentation candidates**

JF: Hello. We interviewed a couple weeks ago experienced members that wanted to become part of the advisory board. Afterwards, we decided we thought who was best. So for our next advisory board, we selected a very cute board. I'll start with LvD, our board member. LLeke had a very good interview, knew the association in and out, and she has board experience. She knew what had to be checked upon, what was important for the members and the board. So with her experience we thought she would be a fit candidate for this advisory board.

JF: Then Toby: Toby came to his interview very prepared. He knew very well what his own experience was and where he could add. He came from a year that is less active with some critics on that and he wants to help the new board to improve on those critics. That is a very valuable thing we think. He has been a very active member for the past two years, knowing what happens in SES and knowing many people. He is also an approachable person, easy to talk to and therefore also a good fit.

JF: Bela has been a member of several years, has added to the SES a lot. This year he has taken a step back for a while but never stopped thinking about SES. He explained well what he wanted to add and he is an easy leader but also balanced between a general member and the board. He is willing to take the lead in the advisory board and lead the board in a good way. Therefore he is the chair for this year. Any questions or anything to add?

CJ: What is the role of the advisory board exactly?

JF: The advisory board is support for the board. They read their minutes, think with them. You give feedback about what you read, what you hear to the board. You not only have to be their support system but also their eye and ears within the association so they don't miss anything. You support them in important decisions and you are also there for the members to talk to if they don't dare to go to the board. It is a very nice position to be in I can say from experience.

### **5.6.2. Voting**

JF: Then we can now vote on the advisory board:

\*Note: JF votes for Bram Groenteman\*

Pro: 18

Against: 0

Blank: 0

Withhold: 8

GB: With 18 votes in favour the new advisory board has been set in.

BH: Thank you to the selection committee and the members for your trust, we will do our best this year to support the board and the members as well as possible.

## **5.7. Candidate Board**

### **5.7.1. Explanation Procedure**

IM: As the year is coming to and end, after the study trip we opened the applications for the new board. We had a couple days of interviews. We started of the same as usual with motivation letters, interviews and created a new board. But due to personal reasons, one of the chosen members decided a board year was not suited for him. So we met with the advisory board and made a plan. We called every candidate again if they wanted to be reconsidered for a position. Then we made the decision who would be in the new board. The advisory board was let out of this decision. Then we met up with them again, and they approved. Then we called the new board again to let them know about our decision.

### **5.8. Presentation of the Candidates**

IM: Viktoria: she showed in her interview she has two sides: social and enthusiastic but also professional and knows how to be very representative of the SES. Therefore she will be a good external.

Alex: Alex has a very warm and inclusive personality which makes her suited for the position of internal affairs. She is very approachable for all the members.

Ruben: Ruben is very motivated, and will help out his fellow board members where possible. He wants to work hard and that will be a great contributing to the board.

Leonard: He came forward as very organised and critical person, which can really help out the chair but are also very good traits for a secretary.

Sophie: Sophie understands the working of the SES well, she is very inclusive towards the board and the members but has a natural authority. This will make a good chair.

IS: Together as a board we think they will do a great job and also complement each other. If there are no comments or questions we move on to the voting procedure.

#### **5.8.1.**

Pro: 13

Against: 0

blank:

Withhold: 13

GB: With 13 votes in favour we can say the candidate board has been accepted.

Congratulations, if the new board would like to come forward.

LK: I will say a few words on SE behalf, as she is not feeling to well. First, thanks to the BSC for their trust. Also to the current board, they have already given many pieces of advice. And also to the members, you guys gave us the motivation to do this, it is really good to have you around us all the time. Thank you and we are looking forward to the upcoming year.

## **6. Any Other Business**

GB: Now the new board has been selected, you will see them in action next year. Is there AOB?

AZ: Daniël Adam had the very urgent question why he is not the baaf?

KM: Well because, YEE

Everyone: HAA

KM: That's why.

## **7. Questions at the end of the meeting**

Note: There were no questions

## **8. Closing**

GB: Then this is the end of the GA. Tonight we have the barrel at Cafe van Zuylen, so see you there! I close this GA at 20:37