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General Assembly II

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Start: 19:00

Location: PCH 1.04

Attendees Board 2019/2020: Sophie Eisenberger (SE), Leonard Kersting (LK), Ruben Wiltgen Georgi (RW), Alexandra Kovalcikova (AK), Viktoria Simon (VS)

Attendees: Bela Hulsman (BH), Tobias Fisch (TF), Cameron Kennet (CK) Finn McCartney (FM), Jette Kok (JK), Julia Gieseck (JG), Julija Filipovic (JF), George Bandy (GB), Jesse Schipperjin (JS), Mona Metsaots (MS), Eliza Meijer (EM), Marlon Grützner (MG), Rory Leonard-Morgan (RL), Oscar Hammarstedt (OH), Clíodhna Cotter (CC), Renata Rimbu (RR), Jeroen van Osnabrugge (JvO), Maximilian Lehmann (ML), Irina Petrescu (IP), Stijn Hoogvorst (SH), Eszter Radnoty (ER), Julius Sieburgh (JS), Spyros Kapralos (SK), Sebastiaan den Broeder (SdB), Lana Lakovic (LL), Tomma Fiedler (TF), Faas Wijn (FW).

AGENDA

1. Opening

SE: Welcome everyone to the second general assembly of the year. First of all, I want to thank everyone for being here today. We are halfway through the year and have a lot to discuss. The general assemblies are an essential part of the association and also today we have some important and fun things ahead of us. Before the break we will mainly look back on the past half-year. We will be doing this by going over the Semi-Annual Report. We did this so we can reflect on what we are doing. Following, our treasurer will give us an update of the budget. We will be voting in favour or against these documents and then after the break we will continue with our new BSC. We have a few candidates who will have to present

themselves and based on several rounds of voting, the new BSC will be chosen today. We have a lot of candidates so a lot of fun. I will this explain in further detail later on.

The past half-year has been very busy, and I hope that everyone had just as much fun as we – the board - had. Because of our 35th anniversary, the focus of this years' board has been to create events that are attractive for all current and former members. After having a successful Introduction Period and seeing so many familiar faces at the Lustrum Borrel, we feel like we are definitely on the right track this year to reach this goal. Seeing the high amount of sign ups from especially a lot of alumni, the Lustrum Gala also promises to be a super fun and suitable event to close this year. Over the past months, SES organized 23 events together with our amazing 12 committees. I want to thank everyone who helped organizing these events and everyone who participated for making the start of the year a great success. As one of our main aim was the integration of new members, we are happy to see so many of you here.

Note: Bela Hulsman enters the GA

2. Setting the minutes, General Assembly I (10.09.2019)

SE: You all received the minutes of last GA in your email. Assuming that everyone read them, are there any comments on these?

SE: Then the minutes are set. (Hammer Slamming)

3. Setting the agenda

SE: This is the agenda for this GA. First, we will present the semi-annual report and vote on it, then we will move to the financial update with RW and Financial Control Committee will have their comments and after that voting again. At the end the new Board Selection Committee will elected.

SE: Anyone any comments or something to add? Then, the agenda for today is set as well.

4. General announcements

SE: On the 27th of February (Thursday), the second Think Tank of the year will take place. I wanted to mention this event in particular because all opinions of our members are really valuable. This also is a great opportunity to ask questions and share ideas. I would really recommend everyone to write this date down in your agendas and I would love to see you there.

SE: Secondly, I want to ask everyone to sign in on the sheet that goes around. This way we can trace back who is actually present today.

Note: Tobias Fisch enters the GA

5. Agenda Points

5.1 Semi Annual Report

SE: The second semester of this academic year has started, which also marks a milestone for the current Board and the association as a whole. In order to reach the full potential of the association and the functioning of the Board, this Semi-Annual Report reflects on everything that has been done the past half year. This is done by means of the Policy Plan that was written at the start of the academic year. Critically assessing the Policy Plan, gives the Board the chance to reflect on what went well and where there is still more room for improvement.

SE: The Semi-Annual Report is structured as follows. The Introduction will highlight the importance of the report and state the article from which the report derives its basis. The second section is a review of the Policy Plan, including the original document and additional comments, which form the reflective part of the report. Moreover, there will be a conclusion summarizing the statements and setting out the remaining goals.

SE: The Semi-Annual Report is part of the transparency policy of the SES. In the interest of openness, the report is established to not only to reflect but also more importantly to give the members the chance to get a deeper insight in the current developments and future plans of the association. This has been set out in article 2.4:

2.4 Transparency

2.4.1

Three General Assemblies will be organised during the academic year. The assemblies will be open to all members. The purpose of the assemblies is to present any developments and how the association is being managed. The General Assemblies are also a platform to present the Policy Plan, the (Semi-) Annual Report, and the year's budget plan.

2.4.2

The official documents of the association, comprised of the Policy Plan, (Semi-) Annual Report, and the minutes from each of the General assemblies will be published on the website of the association. Links to the documents will also be included in the newsletter where relevant.

SE: The Semi-Annual Report was attached in the reminder email about the GA and will be published on the website if the document is clear and approved upon. Right now, we would like to highlight some parts of the SAR, which the Board felt like are the most important. If anything is unclear or if there are any questions, please raise your hand. The PowerPoint will state the original articles of the Policy Plan and I will summarize the comments made in the Semi-Annual Report.

2.1 Recruitment and integration of new members

2.1.1

Considering the lower number of first-year students expected for the coming academic year, 2019/2020, the Board will strive to ensure that the SES maintains its accessibility. Therefore, effort should be placed on the recruitment and integration of new SES members. This applies to both Dutch and international first-year students.

SE: This went very well, also because of the good work of the Introduction committee. The introduction period, including the Intreeweek of September 2019, has been a great success. This year, SES has exceeded its estimated number of new members. Many of those were 'Intreeweek-kids' of SES-members, who integrated the new students into our association. In hindsight, it was significant for the association to be well represented during the Intreeweek and matching days. Thus, it is important that the Board will gather a nice team of SES-members to guide the first years during Intreeweek and ensure the successful recruitment of new members once again. We recommend this procedure to the next Board as well.

2.1 Recruitment of Board members

2.2.1

Members of the board need to be recruited for the subsequent year. In order to form the best board possible, efforts will be put into attracting more members to consider undertaking a board year. A specific meeting, The Board Information Evening will be held around mid-April in order to provide the necessary information. People interested in a board position will also be granted the opportunity to have a one-on-one conversation with a current board member. Furthermore, Facebook and Instagram will be used to inform members about the specific roles within the board.

SE: Someone will follow us in a few months as the SES Board. Currently the Board is working on this specific point. The recruitment of Board members is essential for the association. A date for the Information Evening has been set and the Board is at the moment making sure that every interested member will be well informed before the application deadline. The Board Information Evening will be held on the 7th of April. The board selection committee, as you might know, will be picked today to choose the new board. The candidate board will be presented and voted upon at the last GA of the year. This process will start today with election of BSC. We will be trying to give everyone as much information as possible about becoming a board member.

2.3 Promotion/communication

2.3.1

As in past years, the SES will use social media for promotion. This year, the association will be using four different media platforms. Firstly, the newsletter will be used for general announcements, the promotion of SES events, the promotion of sponsors and to provide information about the association to all members on a weekly base. Secondly, Facebook will be used for general announcements and the promotion of events as well as the promotion of sponsors. A separate Facebook event will be created for each event. Thirdly, Instagram will be used to display pictures of events that have taken place or promoting events that are going to take place. 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.

SE: Regarding promotion and communication, the website, Facebook and Instagram have been frequently used during the first six month of this academic year. This was mainly for the purpose of promoting events. In the future, the Board will strive to post pictures of events sooner and more regularly. The Board can focus more on the proper use of Instagram for this matter. The Acquisition Committee has recently acquired access to the LinkedIn account as well, which will hopefully stimulate the beneficial side of this medium.

Note: Jesse Schipperjin and Julija Filipovic enter the GA.

2.3.6

The SES highly values the collaboration with other study associations as it offers our members the possibility to become familiar with people from other study associations. Thus, the SES will continue to collaborate with other study associations.

SE: In the past months, SES has collaborated with other associations on several occasions. Together, we have hosted events such as the Welcome Back Borrel, the screening of a documentary and our Introduction Party. Furthermore, the Event Committee has been very busy with the preparations of our next party with Kleio and KallioPPE. Additionally, SES-members outside of committees have organised a football match against our colleagues from AIM. All these events contribute to the network of our members and give the Board insight into other systems.

Note: Mona Metsaots enters the GA

2.3.7

The Board will continue the sale of the SES merchandise. As the current stock is almost finished, the board is considering redesigning the sweater, most probably with a connection to the Lustrum year.

SE: As the current stock is selling out, the Board is still thinking about introducing new merchandise. We were motivated to do so at the start of the year, but we had problems along the way because we had a hard time finding the right print shop. But now we have established good communication with a company in Leiden that also printed the current committee hoodies. A new merchandise will be a project for the second half of the year.

2.3.8

The Board highly values communication with the European Studies department in order to use their network and knowledge to improve the quality of - educational - events. It is the task of the Board to maintain an overview of the contacted persons throughout the year, in order to extend the network and establish easier communication. The Board should make the committee members aware of this possibility.

SE: Through this method, the Career Committee managed to find several guest speakers and guidance. The Board urges the Conference Committee to follow this example, as these connections have proven to be really successful. This way, we hope that the relation between SES and the European Studies department will improve even more.

2.5 Internationalisation

2.5.5

Being aware of the decline of interest of students within the Dutch track for the study association, the Board is committed to making the SES equally accessible for everybody. The Board will strive to maintain an association that is appealing for the Dutch track by offering them events that are more engaging within a group of SES members.

SE: Events should always be inclusive and attractive for every single member regardless of his or her nationality. However, at this point of the year, the number of active Dutch members is relatively high considering the international environment of SES. However, this might not be necessarily related to SES events, since they became members during the Introduction Period. Overall, the amount of Dutch active members has increased. Although we could have focused on the integration of Dutch members more specifically, events such as the Ajax Borrels proved to be an attractive format for Dutch members.

Note: Cliodhna Cotter and Jette Kok enter the GA

2.7 Committees

2.7.1

The committees, excluding the Hitchhike Committee, Introduction Committee and the Board Selection Committee, should be formed as soon as possible. In line with this, the applications for the various positions within the committees can be submitted from the start of the Intreeweek. The application period ends on the 29th of September at midnight, since this marks the end of the Introduction Weekend. This does not apply to the Lustrum Committee. This committee will be formed earlier. (see 3.12.2) This gives sufficient time for the new committee members to be familiarised with what being in a committee entails before they start operating and for the committee functions to be assigned.

SE: The Board will take measures in order to increase the quality of events and improve the experience of committee members next year. We noticed that we keep repeating events and so lose quality, that's why we want to change the current committee structure so that SES will come up with more original events in the future. This will be achieved through certain members, who will do a committee for more than one year. So far, we cannot present an official procedure for this change of structure. However, the second Think Tank will serve as a platform to elaborate on this idea in cooperation with our members.

2.7.3

Due to the restructuring of the committees this year the Board considers the possibility to increase the number of committee-members in certain committees.

SE: Although 2.7.3 only states the possibility to increase the number of committee members, the Board made the decision to decrease the number of committee members in one case. As the location for the annual SES Conference was already fixed at the start of the year, there was no need for a Commissioner of Location in this year's Conference committee.

2.9 Methods of payment

2.9.1

The method of pre-authorized debit will be completely replaced by payments through iDeal and the portable pin machine. For larger amounts, bank transfers will also be possible, as it can be more suitable for some members.

SE: So far, this payment model has been successful. Additionally, the method of Pay Pal has recently been added as a payment option, which makes it easier for international members to pay for events.

2.9.2

The method of cash payments will be maintained throughout the introduction period, as it is more suitable for some international students during their first weeks in Amsterdam. However, the method of online payment is preferable. After the introductory period, the treasurer will strive to reduce the number of cash payments.

SE: That's a rather shot point, but for your information, SES has completely abolished cash payments.

2.10 SES Office

2.10.1

The SES office is open every weekday between 11am and 1pm. Members are welcome to come to the office during these hours and at other times when a board member is present. Members are not allowed in the SES office if there is not a member of the board present.

SE: During the first semester, the daily board shifts were an integral part of the SES office. People always annoyed me when I wanted to study but that's okay, keep on drinking tea in the SES office. Unfortunately, in the second semester, all Board members have class on Mondays between 11am and 1pm. Until further notice, office hours on Mondays are moved to between 13pm and 15pm.

2.10.3

The aim of the Board is to promote the existence of the SES Office and make it more accessible for its members in general. Most promotion will be through social media and signs within Bushuis.

SE: In general, quite a high number of members are visiting the office regularly. We are really happy with this development and will keep on encouraging members to spend time in the SES office. At the beginning of the year, the Board wanted to make the route to the SES office more visible by using signs within the building and through the use of social media. After all, this idea did not go as planned and we sometimes had to pick people up as they couldn't find it. The Board strongly advises its successors to pick up this idea at the beginning of their Board year for the new incoming students.

2.12 Environmental policy

2.12.1

In light of the ever-growing awareness about climate change, the Board will strive to adopt more environmentally friendly measures in order to contribute to a more ecologically conscious association. Therefore, the Board will strive to establish a cooperation between the SES and the UvA Green Office to organise educational events.

SE: We switched from RABO to Triodos, but that already happened at the beginning of the year. We have not achieved anything concrete yet, but we have not forgotten about it. So far, the Board tried to get in contact with the UvA Green Office to see what the best options related to educational events and environmentally friendly measures are. This did not really work out as well as we hoped since they are quite busy with their own projects. One of these projects is the Green Commitment, a document that can be signed to show your commitment as an association to green measures. SES will sign this document as well. Besides that, there have been some minor changes to express the awareness for the environment in the form of the reduction of printing and the brainstorming about educational events. However, the Board and the association as a whole can do so much more within this area. This will definitely be a topic for the Think Tank on the 27th.

3. Committee Specific Policy Plan

3.2.2

The Acquisition Committee should consist of a chair, a secretary, and two general members. The committee with the Commissioner of External Affairs will maintain a database of all the external communications and contracts made by the committee.

SE: The Board is trying to expand the tasks of the Acquisition Committee by giving them the possibility to host their own events as only finding sponsors can be a bit boring. The Board and the committee are looking forward to the committee specific acquisition trainings as well as the recently conducted plans of an event in cooperation with AISEC or other partners of SES. There is no concrete plan for this event yet, but the acquisition committee aims at using its network in order to engage more in the educational side of SES.

3.3 Activity Committee

In this year, the Board has decided to dissolve the Activity Committee. The Board has made this decision due to the restructuring of the roles of certain committees. The events organized by last year's Activity Committee will be taken over by the Event and Educational Committee (see Article 3.7 and 3.9).

SE: In our opinion, dissolving the Activity Committee for the year 2019/2020 was preferable because of the emergence of the Lustrum Committee and the increased number of events for this specific year. However, the Board would highly recommend the return of this committee or restructuring the current committees for the upcoming year. The next Board has the ultimate decision regarding this matter, but we either recommend the re-establishment of the Activity Committee or restructuring the Educational, Debate and Event Committee as these are partly overlapping in terms of event categories.

3.8 Eurovisie

3.8.6

Awareness about the existence of the online version and the Facebook page should be raised. This will be done by means of highlighting the online version on the website and other social media channels. Moreover, older articles might be posted if they become relevant for an upcoming SES event or applicable to emerging news.

SE: There has to be more emphasis on the existence of the Facebook and in general increase the awareness of the magazine. The Eurovisie Committee has the responsibility to keep posting and promoting the magazine. The Board tried to share their posts as much as possible, but they could raise a lot more awareness for the magazine. Also, other members could be encouraged more to submit articles for the magazine. This is the responsibility of the SES Board in cooperation with the Editorial Board of the Eurovisie.

3.12 Lustrum Committee

3.12.1

This year the SES will celebrate its 35th year of existence. For this occasion, the Lustrum Committee will be formed, whose task will be to organize a series of events throughout the year. The framework of these events will be decided by the committee and has to be approved by the board.

SE: The Lustrum Committee is functioning really well and organized several unique and larger events. The freedom they got to work with their own ideas made this committee is great success so far. The Board did experience though that it is really hard and complicated to approve events that never happened before since we do not have experience with these specific activities. We experienced that sometimes taking a small financial risk is worth it in order to really grow and establish something special like the Gala. It is important though that these kinds of decision are made together with the Advisory Board and communicated to members, as we for example did during the first Think Tank. This is a really important way to gather the opinions of our members on these matters. The last think tank we discussed the Gala, and we had no clue how our members stand to this event. However, with your opinions and AB we took the financial risk and we will have the Gala, there are only a few spots left so sign up. Even alumni and former European Studies students are joining, so it will be a great event

3.12.3

It is necessary that the Lustrum Committee will be formed as soon as possible. Therefore, the Board has decided that the application deadline ends on the 15th of September at 23:59. Interviews will be held the following week.

SE: Although the Lustrum Committee was formed earlier than usual to get a head start, the Board proposes a different procedure for the next Lustrum. Instead of forming it at the beginning of the year, the Lustrum Committee would begin with the preparations during the year of the 39th Board. The committee would be formed at the same time as the Introduction and Hitchhike Committee. This way, the Lustrum year can successfully start in September with an official opening event. The Lustrum whitepaper will be attached to Chair whitepaper, thus, the 39th Board will be aware of this issue at the start of their Board year. At the beginning only meeting and ideas but because of aforementioned problems we could not come up with any events until January. So, we would leave it in the policy plan so we can start the next lustrum properly.

3.12.4

In order to make all members aware of the Lustrum year, the Board will use social media to promote its existence and the upcoming Lustrum event.

SE: This worked very nicely in the form of special Lustrum newsletters. These newsletters have been sent to both current and former members and reached a lot of alumni specifically for the Lustrum Gala.

SE: That was the last point of the SAR at the moment. Are there any comments and or questions?

VS: Comment on the Green policy, next to commitment, tonight's borrel will also be dedicated to Bishfore, so this also contributes to the Green

JF: From ASFA to Aisec (the trainings)

VS: They were not changed but expanded, AISEC is for the committee itself, and it's for the event not the training.

SE: Any comments from the advisory board?

BH: Good evening, (*slams hammer*) The Advisory Board and I read the report and discussed and edited it with the board, same as all other things such as minutes and decisions, so we know what has been going on in the board. So, the board has come up with this final edition of the semi-annual report, and we double-checked it. We liked it, thumbs up, no reason to vote against it!

SE: Thank you Bela!

SE: We move on to the voting procedure. Does everyone know how it works? You can vote in favour or against. In case you do not agree with the whole system in general you can also vote blank. Everyone who wishes not to be part of the voting at all can also withhold.

Pro: 24

Against: 0

Blank: 0

Withhold: 6

Set the semi-annual report with 24 votes in favour. (*Hammer slamming*)

5.2 Financial Update

SE: Now I would like to precede to the financial update. Can I please ask Ruben, our Treasurer to step forward and present the budget?

5.2.1 From our Treasurer

RW: Hello, thank you that you are here, and I am very pleased to stand here in front of you. First of all I want to emphasize that this budget just represents all incomes and expenses that we had until now in this study year and that some of numbers do not represent the end number which we will reach when the event is over or when the study year is over, this is due to funds that we did not apply to yet or because of payments/funds that we did not receive yet or payments that we did not do yet.

RW: So, before I get to the single committees, let me talk a bit about the general incomes and expenses until now. First of all, we have the membership contributions and extended memberships, our goal was to get 110 new members and 20 extended memberships, so far, we got 121 new members and 21 extended memberships. So, we are doing quite well on this matter, furthermore we can see that most costs stayed pretty much inside of the predictions except the Board Hoodies and the Bank costs. The board hoodies were 129 € more expensive than expected which was also due to a mistake in the order, due to which we had to order a new hoody for one of the board members.

GB: Looking at the amount of money, how much was each hoodie?

RW: It was € per hoodie, and we had to reorder one.

GB: Okay, and the first hoodies were generally more expensive right?

RW: Yes

SE: This is also why we changed companies. There was no contract, the cost was 50€ instead of the expected 30€. In the end we ordered Ruben's hoodie together with committee hoodies from the company in Leiden.

Note: Maximilian Lehmann enters the assembly

RW: Okay, moving on. The bank costs are higher than expected, because the switching of the banks took longer than expected so for a certain amount of time, we had to pay double bank costs. This lets us end up with an amount of 4520 € for general income and 2661,71 € for general expenses and a general plus of 1858,29 €

RW: If there are no further questions, we are continuing with the budgets of the single committees.

RW: First of all, we have the Acquisition Committee.

The committee did not get any new sponsorship deals until now. But we got 108,88 euros through selling summaries and promoting Dutch courses.

Furthermore, we have the book sale from Athenaeum, which brought us 326,11 euros so far, so guys keep buying books using the SES discount code!

RW: Furthermore, we have the Career Committee. The career dinner was a successful event, but until now it looks like we will have a deficit on the event, but that will change because we will still receive 350 € from College of Humanities and for the rest, we will also apply for the ALPHA fund but the deadline is at the end of the month so we do not know yet if we will get it.

At the moment the committee's budget is at -550€, but we are waiting for the College of Humanities funds, same with the Alpha funds.

RW: For Conference, we got so far 500 € from the Amsterdam University Fund and for the Debate Committee, SES did not spend any money until now.

RW: Moving on to the Educational Committee. On the Maastricht Day, we also did not ask any money from participants and did not spend any money either. The committee spent 9.50€ on the Halloween Pub Quiz, which happened at the end of October. This results in a deficit of 9.50€ so far for the Educational Committee.

RW: For Eurovisie, we have paid until now the monthly payments. The monthly payments from January onwards are lower than expected. Furthermore, we paid 235,95 € for Adobe, which is also less than expected. Furthermore, we received 500 € from KES, which is the Alumni Association for European Studies. That leaves us at -572,04€. Last Friday was an ALPHA fund deadline, which we applied for and if we get the money this would later on let us end up with no deficit.

RW: Then we have the Event Committee. From the Alpha Christmas Gala, we got 172,20 €, 80€, which is less than expected.

Furthermore, we have the numbers of the Safari Party, which was last Thursday, but as KLEIO is at the moment in Marrakesh, we were unable to do a realization until now. But so far it is expected that we will make a profit on the party. The numbers are on my budget because we did the ticket sale and the payments for club and DJs over the bank account of SES. We expect a profit of 80€.

RW: The next committee is the Introduction Committee, so far this is the realization. On the Introduction Weekend we made a loss of 238,67 €, for the Karaoke Bar we paid 220€ and on the Boat Tour we made a loss of 105€, while on the introduction party we made a profit of 139,53€, this results in a general loss of 424,1 €, but as we will still get a refund of 664 € from the Introduction Weekend Accommodation, we will not end up with a final deficit, but with a profit of 239,86 €. Furthermore, we have the prepayment for the accommodation for the next Introduction Weekend, which was 500€.

RW: For the Hitchhike Committee, we did not spend any money so far, and did not receive any money.

RW: Next up, we have the Lustrum Committee, the Ski Trip is going fine, at the moment there are just some expenses missing, for example tourist taxes for the accommodation, extra

fees for the bus and groceries. At the end, the ski trip should leave us with a loss of around 300€. The Lustrum Borrel cost us 686,94€ and the prepayment for the castle of the lustrum gala was 1345€, which we will get back in the end. So, at the moment the lustrum events cost us in total until now 271,89 €. However, Ski trip will add to this and in general, we are aiming for a loss of the lustrum committee.

RW: The last committee, that I am presenting today is the Travel Committee, until now we did not receive all the participation fees, but the travel committee is working on it, furthermore, did we not pay the hostels yet, and some of the hostels are doing rather slow with sending invoices, therefore we just have paid the Bucharest hostel until now. Furthermore, we did not include anything for the activities, as nothing is paid so far. Last but not least the buses were a bit more expensive than expected, but that is fine, the flights also are not completely paid yet, but in the end the travel committee should break even.

RW: Also, we have the payments for the European Studies Master Trip, which is always paid over the bank account of SES. We got 5500€ from the University of Amsterdam and until now we just paid 2043€ for the flights to Rijeka. This project will break even.

RW: As the second last point we have the SES merchandise, until now we just sold twelve sweaters out of the old stock, which leaves us with a profit of 240€. We are expecting to get more profit here, as we are planning on releasing a new SES collection this year, so we expect more income within this year.

RW: In total, we have had an income of 37.098,72€ and expenses of 25.684,38€ and in total we have a plus of 11.414,34€ until now. But this will change until the end of the year as we still have a lot of payments to do, but it looks good that we will meet the predictions done by the beginning of the year. At the end we should end up with a loss of 2000€.

RW: Are there any questions?

FW: Yes, you said you will end up with around -2000€, did you expect that to happen at the beginning of the year?

RW: Yes, because of the money our previous boards have saved for us for the lustrum. We will end up with this number but not any higher.

FW: Okay thanks.

RW: Any more questions?

OH: Why is the debate committee blank?

RW: I didn't get any number from the debate treasurer and so far, we neither spent nor received money. Anything else?

SE: Doesn't look like it.

5.2.2 Comments of the FCC

SE: Thank you Ruben. Now I would like to invite the Financial Control Committee to the front to tell us their take on this budget.

FM: Cameron, Faas and I have checked the budget and seems well organised and well ordered. Everything makes sense, Ruben is doing a good job and we urge you to vote in favour of this budget.

SE: Thank you very much. I would like to continue with the voting on the budget.

Pro: 20

Against: 0

Blank: 0

Withhold: 5

SE: Hereby, the budget is approved! (*Hammer slamming*)

Note: Rory Leonard-Morgan, Mona Metsaots, Eliza Meijer and Marlon Grützner leave the GA.

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SE: Welcome back everyone, let's move on.

5.3 Board Selection Committee

SE: Lets continue, after we have been looking back at this year, we will look forward with the election of the Board Selection Committee. The four members of this committee have a really important role regarding the association since they will be the ones holding the interviews and selecting the new board for next year. Everyone who applied will have a few minutes to present themselves. Based upon these speeches, all members are allowed to vote on who will be part of the committee. The voting will go in three rounds.

SE: Article 9 of the Standing Regulations and Articles states that four people take seat in the BSC including one Board member and ideally one former board member. Moreover, it states that the Board determines who represents it in the committee via Board resolution. This year the Board decided to nominate Leonard for the position as representative of the board. He will still present himself but is secured a spot in the BSC. Since Leo is representing the current board, the rest of the board is withholding their votes considering all the other candidates.

SE: Are there any questions on this procedure?

Article 9: Board Selection Committee

1. Members of the application committee may not apply for a seat on the Board. ^[1]_[SEP]
2. No later than two weeks prior to the General Assembly at which the candidate board is presented, the application committee shall notify the Advisory Board of their choice. The Advisory Board then has a week to approve or reject the application procedure. The Advisory Board shall announce its decision to the Board Selection Committee, which will then notify the candidates in the case of approval. If the procedure is rejected, the Board and the Advisory Board shall meet to discuss a suitable solution. ^[1]_[SEP]
3. Four people take seat in the Board Selection Committee including one Board member and ideally one former board member. The Board determines who represents it in the committee via Board resolution. ^[1]_[SEP]
4. Voting on applicants shall take place by rounds of voting. Applicants can participate in voting. From the moment, an applicant wins a round of voting he/she becomes a candidate for the Board Selection Committee. Candidates are to withhold from voting in the following round(s). When the GA votes on the Board Selection Committee as a whole, all candidates must withhold from voting. ^[1]_[SEP]

5.3.1 Presentation(s)

SE: I would like to invite all applicants to present themselves in alphabetical order:

Cameron Kennet

Finn McCartney

Jette Kok

Julia Gieseck

Julija Filipovic

Leonard Kersting

Maximilian Lehmann

SE: So, Cameron we start with you, the stage is yours.

CK: The reason why I am applying for the board selection committee is because I would like the current boards legacy to thrive and be replicated by a new board which would be devised hopefully by myself and the colleagues that I will be working with. Together we shall scrutinise through the applications to find suitable candidates for the individual roles of the board and whittle this group further down by conducting interviews. Lastly, I want to mention a certain aspect, that the current Board is aware off, you guys know what I mean. I do not want to give any more details about this, but I believe through the process that I was involved in regarding last year's board selection I know what to look for and make sure that the chosen applicants are truly motivated yet dedicated to the role.

SE: Thank you Cameron, next up is Finn.

FM: Hello everyone, my name is Finn McCartney, I'm 21, and I have been a member of SES for four years. In those years I have seen each part of the association and have seen each board's approach to managing, planning and executing the many events the association plans every year with the help of the various committees. From my short experience as chair of the introduction committee, to my yearlong roles as part of the activity committee, the advisory board and the financial control committee I have had exposure to what qualities make a successful board and what each member's role entails, both in the short term and the long term. Having conducted the interview process for the current advisory board and playing a minor part in confirming the current board, I think I can make a well-formed judgment of who

the next board should be. I hope you consider voting for me as part of the board selection committee. Thank you very much.

SE: Thanks Finn. Then we have Jette.

JK: I am very much interested in joining the board selection committee this year as this is for me the first year of being actively involved in SES. As a first-year I only went to some parties and borrels, but this year I have become much more active. I have been able to witness from up close how difficult the tasks of a board-member can be and how much work it actually is by having a roommate on the board and personally knowing and being friends with all the other board-members. I think I would be a good addition to the selection committee, because I have seen all of you guys work so hard and as a member of the lustrum committee I have also been able to share a tiny proportion of the responsibilities and worries you face. It is first and foremost very important to have a well-organised board that is also social and motivated to influence the newer years; it has no use to have people on the board who only care about their own year. Especially after talking to several board members about their specific tasks I have a good idea of what it entails to be in the board. For me personally, it would be great to join the selection committee as I would love to do something back for SES. After all the amazing memories I have gained, I think it would only be appropriate if I would contribute a little to that by selecting a just as amazing new board for the upcoming years.

SE: Next, I would like to invite Julia Gieseck to come to the front.

JG: I am Julia and in the third year of European Studies, and hopefully the last one as well. I would like to be part of Board Selection Committee because I am part of SES since my first year, I care a lot about the association, and I would like to do my part in making sure that we will have a great board next year.

My experience from the last years has shown me what can go right and wrong in the Board and in the association in general and I would take these experiences into account when choosing the new board. I would be a suitable candidate because I participated in many activities and have been part of several bodies of the association, which gives me a good idea of how SES functions and what it needs. In my first year I was the treasurer of the Travel

Committee, then in my second year I was the Commissioner of Internal Affairs of the Board 2018/19, during which I coordinated the Conference and the Activity Committee. Due to the last year, I have first-hand experience of the tasks of a board member and coordinator. Having been on both sides of interviewing, so my own interview for the Board but also the interviews I was holding for the committees gave me a good idea of which qualities to look for during this process. As the Commissioner of Internal Affairs, I was always interested in social side of people, so I would very much enjoy getting to know the applicants and help SES once more. Thank you.

SE: Thank you Julia, then Flip, or Julija, you're up.

JF: Hi, I'm Flip, I don't know most of you as I have been in Moscow for the past few months, but in the years before I have been a very active SES-member.

I apply for the Board Selection Committee as I am part of SES for four years by now, I was chairing the Board in my second year and learned how SES works, what you need as a board member, the potential risks that each Board has to take and also which things work or don't work out. As the chair of the board it was my task to get into everyone's business all the time so I know the tasks of each member and can think of each position's qualities and tasks I also think that since the last years in SES, during which I was in the Advisory Board, I learned what we can do better to be more successful. We have to have a clear vision and I have to stay ambitious, as SES holds great potential.

As a member of the Board Selection Committee, I will be able to stay objective, listen to everybody's interview and analyze their ideas and statements critically, which is a crucial part of this process. I probably won't know most of the applicants, so I can be shamelessly critical and ask the right questions. I hope I've given you a good idea of what it takes to be in this committee, and please, I would love to do this, I promise it will be the last thing I do for SES.

SE: Thank you Flip! Ruben will represent our Board for nominating Leonard.

RW: Me and my fellow board members would like to see him in Board Selection Committee. He has done a decent job until now as our secretary and we trust him in choosing a good board for next year. He has shown that he is objective, both with people he knows and doesn't know. He has a lot of experience from his committee interviews and his own Board interview of course. We think Leonard would be a very good candidate, please vote for him.

SE: Thank you Ruben, and up last, Max.

ML: Hi Guys. last, but maybe not least, I would like to present my motivation for this year's Board Selection Committee. At the moment, I believe that SES is on a good path and I personally have made memorable experiences with the association, especially as part of the Travel Committee last year and I would like to see where SES is going in the future and contribute my part to this process. At the moment I have very good insights into the life of a Board member, as I am good friends with many former Board members but also live with Leonard, who I heard has done a decent job, and with him I often discuss the difficulties and challenges you will encounter as a future Board member. Although I cannot look back on such an impressive career in SES as some of my colleagues as so far, I've only taken the position of the secretary in the Travel Committee, I believe I would be a suitable candidate for the Board Selection committee. All I can say is, that it would be very nice if you would vote for me, but if you feel like there are more suitable candidates then that' also okay.

Thank you.

SE: Super amazing speeches, thanks to all of you. Any questions for the candidates? No, then moving on to the voting.

5.3.2 Voting

SE: Based on the presentations, I would like to ask everyone to vote on whoever they feel like would fit best for the committee. Leonard as representative of the board would preferably receive the first spot, because we need someone from our Board on there so if anyone has a problem with that, you have to say so.

The rest of the Board will withhold their vote.

Round 1: Leonard Kersting (SE: thanks everyone for making our life easy.)

Round 2: Julija Filipovic

Round 3: Maximilian Lehmann

Round 4: Julia Gieseck

SE: Once again, thanks to everyone for applying, and congratulations to the new Board Selection Committee. Now the GA only has to approve you, so please vote in favour, against, blank or withhold.

Pro: 21

Against: 0

Blank: 0

Withhold: 8

SE: Hereby, we have officially elected a new Board Selection Committee, again congratulations!

6. Any Other Business

SE: Is there any other business that anyone would like to discuss? No, okay then moving on.

7. Questions at the end of the meeting

SE: Are there any questions? No, then seems like we can close this off.

8. Closing

SE: Then is second GA is closed at 20:41 I hope to see everyone at the Valentines Borrel tonight! Thank you for coming!