

General Assembly 20th of June 2018

Present:

Antonie van Hulst
Maureen Schepel
Jonas Jeunink
Nina Salomons
Tiziana Schopper
Emily Hiddema
Sezen Moeliker
Jesse Bolscher
Mees Kraaijenbrink
Gerben van Engelen
Lara Hendriks
Thom Ter Borg
Linde Reus
Eelke Vlieger
Thijs Barendrecht
Maaïke Dudink
Tommy Blomvliet
Daan Stoop
Lise Lathouwers
Lucas van Straalen
Piet Seidenberg
Mathilde Kamer
Bibi van de Laar
Evi de Rover
Alice Desmee
Isaya Wullings
Mitchel Sluis
Pepijn Molenaar
Luc Vorsteveld
Ewant Hashen (?)
Irene Kruijssen
Luuc Brans

Agenda:

17.30 Walk in
18.00 Opening
18.02 Submitted pieces
18.05 Agenda
18.07 Minutes of the last GA
18.12 Notices
18.15 Change in the Internal Rules of Procedure (HR)
18.20 Action points
18.25 Discharge members Advisory Council
18.27 Installation members Advisory Council

18.30 Installation Presidium
18.35 Discharge Presidium
18.40 Presentation 55th Nominated Candidate Board
19.25 Vote (+break)
19.45 Installation 55th Candidate Board
19.50 Presentation Annual Report 54th Board
20.35 Contract Athenaeum Bookstore
20.40 Any Other Business
20.45 Round of Questions
20.50 Closing (+ Borrel)

Submitted Pieces:

Saskia: We are starting with the submitted pieces. There is two of them: the contract with Athenaeum and the motion about the contribution fee. Both of them could be read on the website so I hope you all did, but I presume you did. Later on, Jonas will tell us more about the Athenaeum contract and I think Antonie will tell us more about the contribution fee. Jonas as well.

Agenda:

Saskia: Then we can go on to the agenda. We will have to set the agenda differently because there is the motion which will be discussed before the presentation of the annual report and after the installation of the 55th candidate board.

Jesse: Sorry, is it possible to discuss the motion before the other thing? Or just start with it because I have to leave?

Saskia: What do you mean start with it? Start with it now?

Jesse: As soon as possible. Maybe after the action points.

Saskia: Okay let's do it after the action points.

Minutes:

Saskia: I'd like to inform you on behalf of the audit committee that a few of the minutes from last GA will be retracted which will be the ones on the reserves. If everyone agrees with that then we can go on and the minutes will be changed.

Notices:

Merle van Laake authorises Linde Reus; Sam van Zuilen authorises Isaya Wullings; Joline van Driesten authorises Michiel; Sytze Ferwerda authorises Mathilde Kamer

Presidium: We'd like to inform you that we would like to keep this GA as brief as possible and we are going to be very strict when it comes to time because it always takes us ages and we think that it is best for us all if we take into account that we all want to go somewhere else. And we are trying to keep everyone's attention and therefore we are trying to keep it brief.

Change in the Internal Rules of Procedure (HR):

Saskia: So, we will show you what has changed. It is not a lot. The Advisory Council now exists of three to seven members. Everyone agrees with it?

No questions.

Action Points:

Jonas: During last GA there was an action point made regarding sweaters because this year we had quite some delay with our second delivery of the sweaters. And we started contacting Freshmakers (?). Eventually, we decided to order sweaters at Freshmakers. For next year we think it is wise to let the Freshmakers make our sweaters for the reason being that (other sweater brand/company) do not have complete control over the production.

Jonas: Next action point: the board and audit committee will discuss the reserves. We have discussed them a lot and others have also attended the board meetings. Better communication, improvement to last GA. In his opinion, this action point is fulfilled.

Discharge members Advisory Council:

Mara van ?

Lucas: Luuc do you wanna say something?

Luuc Brans: Perhaps, I do have a few words. There are currently seven members because it will help to connect every member in the board. This means that we will select two more new members of the advisory council, one replacing Mara and a new one. Shall I introduce the new one?

Saskia: Yes, we will discharge Mara first.

Luuc: So, Mara has been here for three years and she has reenergized the advisory council and made sure it is well working. So we have two new members: Jasper Goot; he couldn't be here because he had other obligations (2009/10 → secretary), now works for legal firm also member of alumni committee. Name of woman? (2007 as PAC) → active in interior design and advertisement → both looking forward to the task

Motion:

Jonas: I will try to keep it as short as possible. First thing I want to discuss is about the last GA and the discussion (see motion on website). The main reason why this argument was raised was because there have been budget cuts for de derde dinsdag. It is not sent to member's homes anymore. The book sales from athenaeum and the profits for the association have increased. Thirdly, Machiavelli had to advertise on Facebook and de derde dinsdag because of the lower income and a lower income would increase the ability for events. The audit committee advised against the motion. The arguments the audit committee made were that it was not necessary due to the increasing income from subsidies from the general institution and the book sales. Also, the reserves that Machiavelli has are currently

very high and raising them more or having too much money might lead to the Department of Social Sciences to grant less subsidies. Eventually, the motion was passed. The audit committee and the board have discussed it and concluded to reverse the motion and lower the raise from 15€. The motion is organized just like the last one. The contribution fee should be lowered to 10€ and the second year of internationalization will lead to an increase in members. Considering that during the last motion the argument was made that Machiavelli had to cut down on de derde dinsdag. But instead we decided to do so because we thought it was not reasonable to spend 8000€ on the delivery of de derde dinsdag to member's homes. We decided to hand it out in person, actively throughout the year. Furthermore, the book sale profit was expected to be lower but it actually turned out to be quite high. Because of the increase in political science students, we will get more subsidies. More students mean more members which will increase the income through the contribution fee. And the book sale profits are expected to be increasing in the next few years. Lastly, another argument that was mentioned in the last motion was about the advertisements on Facebook and in de derde disdag. We have created an online career platform called the shortlist which will also decrease the other advertisements since there has been a lot of criticism from members. Concluding, the increase of income that we will be having next year is large enough for Machiavelli to remain the association that it is right now. The increase of the contribution fee is not necessary due to the increase of income. Lastly, an increase might result in too much money, unnecessary spending and maybe in the decrease of subsidies. Our income will be large enough to cover all expenses.

Audit committee: We strongly advise you to vote in favor because it is crucial for the budget of Machiavelli.

Gerben: The only thing that bothers me is the cuts of de derde dinsdag. can you please define what you mean with irresponsible spending?

Jonas: There is some sort of paradox behind reasoning of the motion: Because of all the arguments we made the of accessibility.

Gerben: We talked about ?

Jonas: We find it irresponsible to spend such a large amount of our income - 8000 euros is a lot - on delivery. And de derde dinsdag is mostly meant for members who are interested and active in our association. And the members who are interested definitely have a chance to get de derde dinsdag throughout the entire year at events etc.

Saskia: Is that an answer to your question?

Gerben: Yes, I think it is just a general disagreement on what the derde dinsdag is supposed to be.

Antonie: We are also promoting it on the platform so I think we also managed to bring the derde dinsdag to the members houses via their computers. So, it is not like we are agreeing on the point but we want the same thing for de derde dinsdag, mainly not to spend too much money on delivery.

Jonas: If it would be possible to deliver de derde dinsdag to everyone's home without spending 6000 or more euros then we probably would have done it. We just think it is way too much.

Vote on Motion:

Voor: 15
Tegen: 2
Blanco: 0
Onthouding: 0

- Everyone voted; Motion is accepted

Installation Presidium:

- Maaïke will be Chair now

Discharge Presidium:

- Saskia will leave the presidium

Lucas: Saskia, on behalf of the 54th board. We want to thank you for your efforts in the presidium, congratulations on being part of the nominated candidate board and good luck as board member.

Explanation:

Maaïke: We will continue this general assembly with the two of us, we're going into the presentation of the 55th nominated candidate board and I would like Sezen to say something.

Sezen: Dear all, today we are very proud to present to you the 55th nominated candidate board. Unfortunately, we have to do it without Nikki because she has to see Beyoncé tonight. Nikki told us to wish the nominated candidate board the best of luck and to tell them that she is already really proud. So, before we present you the 55th nominated candidate board we would like to quickly explain why we chose them. In the period from the last few months until now we made sure to provide the strongest team for the new board and during this process we have learned a lot about the applicants, about ourselves, and the difficulty of the process of finding the strongest team. We were stressed sometimes because during the administration procedure we had to make difficult decisions but mostly we worked really closely together and had a lot of fun, so after those months with pleasure we now present to you the 55th nominated candidate board.

Presentation 55th Nominated Candidate Board:

- Thijs Barendrecht – Chair

Sezen: So welcome Thijs, this is Thijs Barendrecht, he is our nominated chair and we chose him as our nominated chair because he is really accessible, very flexible he knows the uva internally and is experienced. He also knows how to work with external parties which is a plus for a chair and as you can see, he has a very professional attitude, he will also be very helpful to his fellow board members. And Thijs showed us that he is capable of leading Machiavelli and its members.

Thijs: I am a Thijs, third year science student, before that I did a gap year in Paris. I am experienced with Machiavelli for example, joined a lot of trips to and right now this year I have been faculty council member and worked together with the uva and the faculty especially. So, I am standing here in front of you as the nominated candidate chair of the 55th nominated candidate board. Next year will of course be a joy for me because I am the nominated candidate chair, because it is a really good nominated candidate board. There will of course also be some challenges next year. Next year will be the second year of internationalization which will lead to even more influx of students and to include them very well. This is the first time that the second year of political science will be in English which will also cause some difficulties probably and then of course there is also a lot of fun stuff because it is the lustrum year next year, the 55th lustrum and I will be the lustrum coordinator and I have a great trust in the lustrum committee. I think I am a very competent ... that can create a good atmosphere inside the board, and because I am common, I don't have a too big ego and can give a lot of autonomy to the coordinators and to the board. I'm looking very much forward to next year and I hope that you will vote in favor.

Maaïke: Considering the questions I have to remind you that the nominated candidate board hasn't written their policy plans yet. So they cannot answer specific questions about the policy, but are there any questions except for that?

Mathilde: We all know you are part of the vrije student am I correct?

Thijs: Yes.

Mathilde: The vrije student is like, a party at the UvA and its quite controversial considering some of their points so I wanted to ask how you plan to incorporate the stance inside of the vrije student with being chair of Machiavelli?

Thijs: Not.

Mathilde: But without sounding rude, I feel like when you're part of a party, that you identify with their point of view and I'm just wondering since you agree with them so much, are you able to divide your point of views with the party? With your responsibilities of being a chair and lead Machiavelli neutrally?

Thijs: Yes of course, Machiavelli is a neutral association and I know if I had a different opinion, you would not have asked me that question but I will be neutral of course.

Mathilde: Sure, since the party's quite controversial, it is a good point to keep in mind and ask you how you're planning to do that and it is of course nothing personal to you.

Thijs: No problem.

Gerben: One short remark is that Machiavelli doesn't have to be neutral, if it is not student interest, we can always take stances.

Piet: Of course, you are also the coordinator of the National public policy congress as well as chair of Machiavelli next year, so how are you going to combine the responsibilities?

Thijs: We worked on it this summer which will not intervene with the Machiavelli board year and of course, the congress itself...that will be very busy but I hope that I will get a lot of work done before.

- Emil Hiddema – Secretary

Sezen: So, we are moving on to the nominated candidate board secretary, Emil Hiddema. Emil was chosen because he is very enthusiastic. And for the people who know him well or also for the people who don't, he is a social animal. He is a very open person, he is very helpful to fellow board members, family, friends and other fellow Machiavelli members. And we believe he will be a good secretary because he is very proactive, creative and likes to come to results and he likes to write.

Emil: Thanks, Sezen for the nice words. My name is Emily Hiddema, I am 22 years old, one of the oldest of the members of the nominated candidate board but that doesn't matter in my opinion. I am from Amsterdam and I am very happy and excited to be in the nominated candidate board. I loved Machiavelli from the beginning I walked into the political science department. And because I studied a different study before this which wasn't very nice, and I am very much in my place right now and I am super excited for the next year, especially to write and to keep de derde dinsdag as great as its always has been. I also like short GA's so this is my speech.

- Maaïke Dudink – Treasurer

Sezen: The reason why we chose Maaïke as our treasurer is because she is really structured and precise but also critical. She could be a bit like Jonas, and of course Mees and Jaas (?). And we are proud to present her as our nominated candidate treasurer.

Maaike: Hi, I am Maaike, I am 20 years old and I am originally from Brabant but I lived in Switzerland for 8 years, so I have a very international background. I am currently a first-year student here and the first day I started, Machiavelli welcomed me with open arms and I felt very grateful which is why I applied for this position so I could bring that experience to other people. I am very much looking forward to it and I think we will be a good team.

Mees: Do you already have some plans what to do with the extra money Jonas told us about?

Maaike: No, not yet, because the policy plan is not made yet.

Mees: I know, but it's worth a shot, you can have ideas, dreams.

Maaike: No, I currently have no ideas.

Mees: What do you think your biggest difficulty biggest challenge as a treasurer?

Maaike: I think that it is a challenging function, as I have never been a treasurer before. But I think we will find a way to balance the budget and the money and find the best way to work together so that everyone is happy but still be firm. That's nothing I am going to struggle with but it is of importance.

- Tiziana Schopper – Education Coordinator

Sezen: Next up is our nominated candidate education coordinator, Tiziana. We chose Tiziana as our education coordinator, because we believe that she can be a binding factor between Dutch students and international students as Tiziana herself is an international student. As a first-year international student, Tiziana knows what the problems are in the internationalisation and she knows what's happening in the department. We have seen that Tiziana is really well in communicating, she can have strong opinions but can communicate it in a respectful way and we believe that is a very important skill as an education coordinator. As you might know, Tiziana is the only international student in the 55th nominated candidate board and we believe that is a positive thing, because of the second year of internationalization. Machiavelli is becoming more international, so it is important to also represent that in the board. And as I said before, we believe that Tiziana can be a bridge between Dutch and international students. Unfortunately, Tiziana has not yet achieved her BSA which means that she might not be able to be the education coordinator next year. However, Tiziana has shown us her incredible motivation for the board and therefore, we decided that we will choose her regardless of the study points and the risk at the time, because we believe that Tiziana will make it.

Tiziana: Hi everyone, my name is Tiziana, I am 21 years old and I am originally from Munich in Germany but before I came here I moved to Berlin. I came here for several reasons one of them given the reason that getting into university in Germany is nearly impossible. One of the biggest reasons I chose Amsterdam was that the quality of the education is really high. And then I came here and obviously as an international student, I didn't know anyone here. I moved to a completely new country, I don't speak the language. So, it was really nice to have a community that

welcomed me as a foreigner. That's something I really appreciated. The first year of internationalization has been a bumpy ride, it has been an incredible experience for me and I think everybody else agrees. But there have obviously been some problems and I was affected by these problems, so I would really like to address them next year and help to improve internationalization. But of course, although I am an international student it does not mean that I don't want to be here for the dutch students. It is important that they are not forgotten by the internationalization getting so much attention. It is true that I haven't gotten my points yet, thanks to IPres for that. Statistics is not my strongest skill but I went to the inspection today and I am sure that I'll get the points, so please have faith in me.

Isaya: Do you have an idea how you will still include the next third year students?

Tiziana: I do not only mean first or second year students but I want to include all years as well as master students more because I think Machiavelli should be an association for everyone. We have obviously not spoken about the realization yet but I am aware of this factor.

- Saskia van Dalen – Political Activities Coordinator

Sezen: Next up is our political activities coordinator, Saskia van Dalen who is the presisum chair. We have chosen her as our political activities coordinator because she has a lot of experience in PAC committee, she knows a lot about how a political activity should look like and how to organize it. She has a lot of ideas. Also being in the presidium, she knows what it is about. She is in her third or fourth year already, so she has been here a while. Saskia is very serious and organized. And that's why we are were proud to present her as the nominated candidate political activities coordinator.

Saskia: Hey, so I think most of you already know me, my name is Saskia van Dalen, I am 23 years old. I am going to be 24 next year, so I am the granny of the board. I indeed have a lot of experience, especially in the committee but also with some events. I think as a coordinator it is important to know what kind of difficulties one may face, so I am sure I am well equipped and already familiar with some of the problems that the committee faces. I am interested in organizing a broad array of events, I would like to emphasize on that. Obviously, I can't go into my policy plan either but I would like to have the events as broad as possible. Also, I want to retract, I am actually a third-year student. I mean I am old but not that old.

Linde: Could you name one of the problems the committee is facing?

Saskia: I guess the problem we are facing as a committee is that not a lot committee members are committed to the committee, so I'd like to make sure that's not happening next year and we've got some plans for that already which you can read in Nina's policy plan or Nina's year report.

Piet: You said you want to make a broad array of activities possible, could you define broad?

Saskia: Well, I want to see as many parties represented as possible. I want to see as many thoughts or line of thoughts represented. I want to see that every voice is heard.

- Tommy Blomvliet – Social Activities Coordinator

Sezen: Next up is Tommy Blomvliet, our nominated social activities coordinator. Let me start by saying that we selected Tommy because he is, just like Emil, a social animal. He is super accessible, enthusiastic, he is super motivated. He has positive vibes and works together with different people, he is a team player, he shows that he is creative and he is really experienced. In his first year, he has already done a lot of committee work. Unfortunately, like Tiziana, Tommy has also not yet achieved his BSA and therefore, we are still waiting for the good news that he will indeed make it as our social activities coordinator next year. Luckily, Tommy, just like Tiziana, has showed us that he is super motivated and we have faith in him that he will do his best to achieve his BSA.

Tommy: First of all, thank you for the intro and thank you all for being here. Being here although you might be working on your thesis etc. shows how much you value Machiavelli and I also value Machiavelli a lot and that's why I am honored to be the social activities coordinator in the 55th nominated candidate board. For those of you who don't know me, I am Tommy Blomvliet, 18 years old. I am still living with my parents but in the next few weeks I'll move to the old ACTA building. I am very looking forward to being the social activities coordinator next year, I like to work very closely with my fellow board members and also with the committee that I will lead. Looking back at the internationalization of this year, it was very successful in my opinion and I plan to continue that. I am more than happy and very looking forward to organizing a lot of fun and interesting activities for other members, no matter their age, no matter where they come from.

Mathilde: General question. First of all, I think you'll do great. What is going to happen if you don't get your BSA? I know you are not allowed to be on the board.

Tommy: The 54th board made a couple of scenarios in which all the possibilities of me dropping out or me making are explained and also what will happen next. It is still between 55th candidate board and 54th but there are a couple of scenarios planned out if it goes wrong, which I don't think will happen.

Antonie: You can also look at Article 10 section 5 of the internal procedures which tells us that the new board will be responsible for looking for a new board member.

- Eelke Vlieger – International Coordinator

Sezen: We are very happy to present Eelke Vlieger as our international coordinator. He is very professional and calm. He has leadership skills, he is very experienced in leading a group and keeping a group motivated. We think those are very important skills when it comes to being the international coordinator.

Eelke: Thank you Sezen for the nice introduction. My name is Eelke Vlieger, I am a first-year student, I am 20 years old. I am from Amsterdam and I love the city. Most people think that people from Amsterdam think there is no other world but I do know that there is a world outside of Amsterdam and I am really looking forward to exploring this world with Machiavelli and a bunch of students, to locations we haven't explored with Machiavelli before. We already have a few ideas for next year, the first trip is already planned. I am not going to tell you where it is going to yet but I can tell you that it is a location that we have never been before, so I am really excited to take Machiavelli there. And overall, I am very honored and happy to be the next International Coordinator. And I think I will do well and I can lead a group, as well as think of solutions if there are any problems.

Sezen: So, looking at these seven people, we are very proud and happy to have constituted such a good and team which will do everything in their power to provide us with an unforgettable lustrum year. Today unfortunately, it is one of the few times in the 55 years of Machiavelli's history that we presented a board with little uncertainty in regard to their completeness after the summer. We apologize to you for this and we are aware of the risk of selecting Tommy and Tiziana. But they will do everything to make it.

Gerben (?): It is not one of the first times, Mees' year as well.

Sezen: Yes, one of the few times. So for this reason, in the transmission for the next application committee we will emphasize the importance of actively taking into account the study points of first year applicants. In order for this uncertainty to not happen again. In worst case scenario, if Tommy or Tiziana, against all expectations, do not achieve their study points, we as the application committee and the 54th boards together with the 55th nominated candidate board have an overview of the measures and procedures needed to provide you with a complete board for the upcoming year. But for now, we want to end by saying how happy we are with the team we presented you now. They already started forming a really strong team. Therefore, we are proud and are looking forward to seeing them in their positions.

Vote (+ Break):

Voor: 16

Tegen: 1

- Board accepted

Presentation Annual Report 54th Board:

Maaïke: I would like to mention beforehand that this is a change which has been discussed in the last GA, the change in the statues, so now only the annual report will be discussed and there will be a concept of the final report. This will be accepted in the next GA.

- Lucas van Straalen

Thank you, I will start with the first part of our annual report. Maaïke mentioned it already, this is the first time we have done this since the statutes changed. Today we received the official, new statutes. We have also decided to make this short, so I will talk a little less than you are used from me. If you have any questions in the end, please let me know. So, our first bullet point is the successful internationalisation. We formally and informally internationalised, we switched everywhere to English, activities etc., only social media like Facebook is still bilingual. The biggest challenge was however to keep also older years involved in successfully internationalising. We think this improved in the second half of the year, we reflected on it in our half year report. We tried to involve them more face-to-face by also organising activities – which were already planned. The second aspect was the professional study association, we wanted to continue to deepen our events and to add something extra – so deepening 2.0. We did this by offering career tips and speakers, signing sessions on books that speakers wrote but also the dinner to the prom. However, our agenda was sometimes too full and this led to the fact that not every event had something added to it. This is something that we will give to the next board during transmission. Working on the policy script for events worked really well, so we will advise the next board to continue with these script for events. Our third point was the cohesion between the members of the board, the members themselves, members and staff and Machiavelli and our alumni. We figured that in the first three categories we succeeded quite well, we had the impression that we were an open board to all the members and also their relationship with the department is really good. Important to mention is that the fourth category is the relation with the alumni committee has improved and our activities might increase together. The fourth goal was the lustrum, the 55th candidate board has chosen the lustrum committee last Tuesday. We had more applications than necessary so we are very happy with that. Thijs will become coordinator and they will appoint a separate chair, secretary and treasurer inside the committee to levitate some work pressure off Thijs as the chair. Concluding, there are always things that could have gone better and will be included in the transmission period, for example our committee cohesion, committee structure but I think that we achieved our general policy goals.

First of all, the internal policy. My main goal was to create the best environment possible for all my fellow board members and I think it exceeded. We have an excellent atmosphere, open atmosphere, constructive atmosphere and I am very happy with the result of that at the end of the year. Our agenda was sometimes too full, so during the Christmas holidays we looked at how we could improve internally. Unfortunately, the second half year did not become any less busy but we managed to cope with this working pressure. I am very happy with the result of my internal policy. Externally, my main goal was to represent Machiavelli's interest as best to all partners Machiavelli works with – the faculty, other associations, etc. – and I will highlight the most important ones. I've been very active in the relationship with the department, together with Daan, the entire time and I think that the relationship is very good. Also with the new chair Thom (?), which is a little bit more distant but he still works really hard for political science. So we have improved our relationship with him as well. Then I've been very active in the faculty association, as the chair, as the last three chairs of Machiavelli have been as well. And I kept myself busy with the most important change this summer, the move of the board rooms. We will move one

floor up to B1, just like all other student associations. The faculty student council will be next to us as well and the common room will move. Machiavelli has a good room, 27 square meters, a window and we are very close to the common room and the faculty student council. We have one of the two largest rooms of the quarter. The hardest part is to increase the knowledge of the members about this move. We have great faith that the move will be finished in the last week of August so that it is accessible for all study associations already during Intreeweek. The third goal was one education, one association and it was to make sure that Machiavelli in the changing times of internationalisation and changing department, remains a social organisation for all the members – first year, second year, third year, Master students, wherever you're from. And we are happy to see the results, active and inactive members as well. We've seen that Machiavelli is doing very well with cohesion between its members but the relation with the department could be improved. Lastly, Machiavelli in the long term was my fourth goal and that was to ensure that Machiavelli continues to stay ever active in the education, that borrel remains a place where members can see each other, and Machiavelli is still a social network. We are also really happy that next year, the lustrum committee has been formed with a wonderful team. To conclude, I am very happy about this year; I am both happy, sad and proud. Happy because I can hand over the guidance to the new candidate board chair, sad because I enjoyed this year so much and proud because reflecting on it was a very good year. Machiavelli is still one of the vivid, beautiful and active associations at the UvA and I think it will be even more beautiful this year but this is mainly up to you to decide.

- Antonie van Hulst

I really appreciate that I could take part in this board. In my annual report, I reflected on four major pillars of this given function. First one is the administrative task and in general I think everything went well. One thing I want to highlight is that we are working on a new website, and it is a bigger project than what I expected beforehand. We are trying to finish it before Intreeweek and we will see if it's going to succeed. I think that I can say that it will be a nice and good-looking website and I am looking forward to this. Secondly, de derde dinsdag, I am really proud with the editions published this year. We are still busy with the last edition and we will share it on the online platform and print it as well for the new students, so that they know what de derde dinsdag is. I am more critical about my role as chief editor. I could also talk about the pros and cons of the secretary being the chief editor, because we could keep the high quality but we need to focus more on time management. So, this is my reflection on de derde dinsdag. So, promotion wise we did a good job, especially with Instagram; we already have a lot of followers. Last GA, Gerben asked a question about our educational system at the UvA, which is called Canvas. The faculty knows about our wishes to be represented on the page, so we will pick that up in summer. Lastly the organizational tasks, in the policy plan I described three events that I organized: the CoBo, the committed members activity which took place on Monday and of course the GA and I am really satisfied with the turnout at the GA, the average. The attendance of the last GA was really high and I am also happy about the inclusion of the new students. We achieved the informational task of the GA by giving you a lot of information on Facebook. We saw this year that the duration of the GA is sometimes too long, especially the last one so that's why we chose to change the statues. So, we are trying to keep the GA short and accessible.

Isaya: Why did you choose today if you want to keep the attendance high?

Antonie: In the beginning of the year, we did not know about these deadlines. We forgot that last year was a practicum and this year it's different with the exams.

Isaya: I mean for me it is not really a problem but if you want to make it accessible think about the first years because those are the people you need to attract.

Antonie: Yes, that should be considered for the next GA, or next year.

Gerben: Maybe not so much as a question for you but for the new board. Last year we looked a bit into using blackboard as a platform for people to share for example summaries and other study material, notes and stuff. That hasn't happened yet because the UvA will change to Canvas so it might be useful to look into that because I think it is a very easy thing to do which might help a lot of students.

- Jonas Jeunink

I can say that this has been the most wonderful year of my life and it has really been the beautiful experience that I thought it would be. First of all the communication between me and my fellow board members. The new goal I set for myself in my half year report was to be a bit more invested in the plans for bigger events and I can say that near the end of the year it is always quite impossible to arrive at 0 and that required me to work together with the coordinator to arrive at the 0 point. I am really proud to see how our communication and team work has improved. There are always some bumps on the ride but overall, I am glad how the communication between me and my fellow board members went. Then the acquisition, it is part of my function that I started to enjoy it more, mostly because I had more time for it and the potential of Machiavelli. First of all, I want to start by explaining the deals that we have made in the second year, those were two connections on the career platform, the seafood bar and astrea (?). Furthermore, two consultancy firms (names?) and they were present during the masterclasses. I've been involved in a new deal with Internal (?). And we have also made some deals with statistics and the groen amsterdammer (?) and with Amsterdam doctors which is a general partitioning thing which is really interesting. And I've been thinking a lot about restructuring the committee as we have been doing as a board together and in my opinion, we look at restructuring within the committee. Maaïke and I will look into it during transmission but we have also discussed it with the committee. Then the book emissions, the second emission went in my opinion a lot better and very smoothly compared to the first one, administratively but also origination with the board and less editions were missing at the second emission. I am really glad that turned out so well. Furthermore, the income was higher than expected and of course during the last few months I've been very busy with contact negotiations. And we will present the new contract after this presentation. Then the sweaters, as I already told you about, there were quite some issues with the delay and the idea to order multiply throughout the year did not turn out so good as we thought it would. That's also why we have decided to change the supplier which I think will solve the problem we had this year. To conclude, I am more than proud to have fulfilled this function and I think I have done so to the best of my abilities.

- Daan Stoop

I like to start with a big thank you to my fellow board members for this fantastic year. And to you the members for coming here to this GA while the weather outside is so good and so warm. I will present you my annual report of my position as education coordinator. Same points as in my policy plan and half year report. First of all, the quality of education and the new dual language bachelor. Let's start with saying that this year was quite difficult, we had a lot of new things. I tried my best to represent the student interests to the department within all sorts of meetings and I can proudly say, just as Lucas already mentioned, that Machiavelli internationalized quite successfully and that the influx will be around 400 new students in the first year. One of the things that came up were the budget cuts and I worked on this in a few different ways. First, I tried to facilitate the demand as much as possible by for example sharing Facebook posts. I showed my face a lot and talked to a lot of people about this and I discussed these issues with the department and program committee meetings. I have organized some events throughout the year, you might have been there or not. The attendance of the pub lectures was really high, especially the first one. The open evening, I also organized this together with the first year's council, however I recommended my successor to find a solution for the problem that unfortunately parents of international students weren't there yet. Trips for the Master students and for all of you were both fully booked, both full and both really interesting. I got a lot of good feedback on that. We changed the master classes to a two-day event, something I really liked. The program was of high quality and the speakers at the master classes, 90% of all people that spoke, studied political science. It was really nice working with my committees, however I regret a bit that I had two less meetings with my education committee throughout the year. With the first year's council, I really valued their influence and that they could bring complains to the department. And then with the master class committee, something I changed this year was the committee structure with a chair, secretary and treasurer because it takes some work off you and increases the quality of the events. Concerning the academic society, it was hard to improve the content between teachers and students partly because they are on the 9th floor and we are on the ground floor but also because the second education dialogue (?) didn't take place, mainly because of bad planning. A lot of master students were doing field work already or were really busy with other things. And I really liked the small bureaucratic process around the award for the best teacher. A lot of people voted and the winner really deserved the prize. Then the master students, we created a masters Facebook groups in which we actively promoted events but also vacancies. And there was some contact to the study advisor for the master students to think about the promotion of master students. I think next year has quite some opportunities for masters students, for example the national public policy and governance congress is coming to Amsterdam, ? and we are going to organize the first masters tour of the year. Then I got something special for you concerning the exam trainings. This year we had a partnership with the ? but they couldn't handle our demands which resulted in some exam training that didn't take place but that's why we decided to look for new partners next year. And I signed a new contract with ? , they will offer training for all courses in the first and second year, both in Dutch and in English, all members of Machiavelli receive a 20% discount and if you do not pass the course if you follow their training then you will get your money back. That's something I really like and I hope you do too. Throughout the year I tried to be as open as possible and answer all your questions, I tried to update you as best as I can via de derde dinsdag, my

education update together with the program committee. And we went all over the country to speak to high school students to promote political science and Machiavelli. Then vice chair, same as in my half year report, I don't have that much to update you on, except for the fact that I took over one complete board meeting but besides that my role wasn't that big last year. I want to wish my successor Tiziana good luck, she is going to do really well. And last but not least I want to thank my advisory council and buddy Luuc.

Lucas: I want to add on Daan's vice chair: Daan says he didn't do a lot but what he missed is was the informal discussions we had within the board and the discussions we had with the two of us.

Isaya: About the new exam training: how does that contract work? What if no one passes then they get no money? Do we pay as association for the ones who do not pass?

Daan: They are so sure about the quality of the trainings they are offering that they grant this warranty. If they do not pass they will receive free training for the resit if not they will get a refund. That's an incentive for them to offer high quality trainings and make sure students pass.

Isaya: If you don't want to take another training for free because you think it sucks, will you get your money back immediately?

Daan: No, I think the terms and conditions say that if you don't pass the midterm and the end term, you only get your money back if you also take the training for the resit.

- Nina Salomons

The last year was really stressful for me, and I want to thank my fellow board members for always being there for me. I categorized my presentation into three categories: things I succeeded at, things I think I failed at and things that have to be taken into account for the future. Starting with the success, this is the variety of events. I organized multiple events about for example the municipal elections, North Korea and also one about the European Song Contest. These three together show in my opinion, the variety of the events we had this year. I am very happy with that. This also ties in with the actuality of the events, I think I succeeded in having discussions about popular topics at the time when they were relevant. I am also very happy about the quality of the events, they were always very informative and when the people left the room, they always left with more knowledge. And besides, I got a lot of compliments from speakers who said that our events are very professional. Lastly, the internationalization. My goal was it to have all the events in English. This was the case, except for one event. Besides, all my events were in English. Now the things I feel like I failed at. Firstly, the committee cohesion, I said that before in my half year report, this has always been an issue for the political activities coordinator. This was a problem for me as well, so I started a document proposing changes that can be made to keep this energy within the committee as well as thinking about the committee structure. The second part is the attendance at the events. The attendance has been very low which was surprising to me because of the

internationalization and the growth you would think the attendance rate would increase too. Unfortunately, this was not the case and one of the reasons might have been the internationalization which also has to do with things we have to take into account in the future which is the framing of topics. I think there was a shift in interest, there is more interest in international themes and not per se in Dutch themes. So, I think it is still important to keep those themes, it is important to frame them more locally or internationally so all of the members think: this is important for me. Another example is to give more information about speakers because the international students might not know the Dutch speakers. And the last aspect concerns the committee structure, we set up a document per person about this. We do think it is important to change the committee structure in order to also enhance the committee cohesion and to give members more responsibilities. As a side note, I also handed in the appendix for our annual report which is about my last event.

- Lise Lathouwers

Thanks, Nina. I didn't prepare as well as the rest but as a social activities coordinator you improvise a lot so that's what I am going to do today. I want to reflect on a few big events we had in the last six months. I also want to reflect on the borrel because it's been a rollercoaster ride. And my possible changes for committee structure. So, let's talk about Niccochella, I think a lot of you went last week. In my opinion the location was great, it was original, it was something new. Unfortunately, the weather was not that good but it worked out well with the location. Program wise, we had a lot of live music and I think that is always worth the money. So for music we had funky music, funky tunes, etc., so that worked out well. Promotion wise I could have started a bit earlier, I think in the last months there were quite a lot of events so we had to find some gaps which was not always easy but I think in the end a lot of people attended so that's great. For the second weekend, I especially wanted to improve my communication to my committee members and the board. I think that worked out quite well and I think everyone knew what was expected from them. We had two new events this year Machialympics and Live Music Night. For Machialympics the program was new so there were some child deceases in there so the attendance was really low so we had to skip some games that we initially had planned to do. But I think this will be growing in the next years. Then the Live Music Night was a great opportunity to test De Heeren van Amstel. We had some nice bands and I also think that this will be growing in the next few years. For the other events, I advise to read my annual report. Then for the borrel we had a bumpy ride. We were kicked out of the cinema because of renovations, went back to the Havelaar but it was closed. Probably they are going to open again next year but we want something that guarantees us safety. We do not have a borrel location for next year yet but for the first couple of weeks we will go to De Heeren van Amstel but later on it will become too big and also too expensive. Right now, we are looking at all the other options and in about two weeks we will discuss it together with the 55th candidate board. Then for committee structure I saw that for last year I couldn't really keep my standards with meeting every six weeks because people are busy. So, what I tried to do was to get more freedom as a coordinator to actually organize. And the idea is to still have the committee for maybe a weekly meeting but at the beginning of the year to also set up subcommittees such as a sport, culture and party committee and within these you have a chair, secretary and treasurer so everyone has knowledge about the subjects. I think that will improve the quality of the events and gives the coordinator free time to

organize other things and for the members as well because they can divide their time.

- Maureen Schepel

Thank you all for coming. Tonight, I will reflect on the trips that took place in February and I will share my experience concerning the international organization of political science students. I will only highlight the most important aspects. First the second small trips to Berlin and Riga. I am very happy that I introduced this parallel trip this year, it worked out very well and I think it can be continued in the coming years because it really helps with the trips being less overcrowded and maximizing the amount of participant that can enjoy the trips. The only remark that I want to make concerns the Riga trip. Our flight hours had changed and this caused a situation where we wouldn't be able to come back at to Amsterdam on the planned day. Afterwards, we worked on a solution together which was hiring a bus which will bring us back to Amsterdam before Monday. The big trip is usually known as the hardest trip to organize but it was very exciting. I had very committed and motivated committee members. There were less international students than I hoped but it is quite understandable considering that for international students it might be a bit harder to join such a trip. We had to take quite a lot of taxi rides in especially Oman because the public transport there is not like in Amsterdam and this lead to the situation where people had to spend a little more money than expected which is a shame but I couldn't have done it differently. Then King of the Road, again a very committed committee. We decided to introduce a slight change by having a whole day and night in Paris. It should be mentioned that at the end of it, there was quite some money left because we wanted to host a BBQ but the weather was pretty bad and therefore, we granted a refund of 20€. Then my last point IAPPSS. We visited the congress in Paris which in itself was not too interesting but we were prepared for this considering Machiavelli's history with IAPPS. The General Assembly was quite unprofessional, considering that we weren't really content with the situation I am quite positive about future cooperation and think that it will improve. It also has a really big network that we can make use of. When it comes to my view, they need to work really hard on their professionalism and quality. I've written a document about my findings and I also recommend staying critical about IAPSS but I definitely think that the discussion about staying or leaving is quite unnecessary because we do not lose anything by staying.

Piet: Are you planning on changing the committee structure?

M: I have thought about it as well and we have had a lot of discussions about it. I think for the international committees it might be a bit harder but especially for the other trips it might actually be a good idea because then the international coordinator can focus more on organizing stuff and it is also nice for members to have a say about the trips. Because committee members sometimes do not have as much to do which is a shame, of course everybody should be given that chance.

Thom: What will be your involvement with Machiavelli next year considering your new position at the IAPSS board?

M: My involvement with Machiavelli will mostly stay the same unless you will of course come to IAPSS then I will also be there but it is not like I will be some person that will distance themselves from Machiavelli.

Vote by acclamation: accepted

Contract Athenaeum Bookstore:

Jonas: So, as I have mentioned in my last presentation. I have started negotiations with the Athenaeum bookstore where our emissions take place. And I did this alongside five other associations of the faculty and we had the negotiations with the delegation. With the four of us we had several talks and we have been able to come to an agreement which will be signed very soon by all the involved organisations including Machiavelli. I want to keep it short so if you are really interested in this, please read the contract. The main points of the contract will be that part of the process of the book emissions will be centralised, this involves handing a list of literature to Athenaeum and it includes the arrival of the books and the emission itself. One important one is that we used to have a bonus of 7.5% last year which increased to 8%. For us it is only an increase of 0.5% but for other associations it's an increase of 3%. Furthermore, we have agreed with them that the promotion of the member passes is done correctly and making sure that everyone will have a member pass. Machiavelli has a large responsibility to achieving this next year. Also, Athenaeum started sending emails to our members during the year which was kind of weird and we did not feel comfortable with that which is why we want to work on the promotion together. We have included as part of the contract that the promotion of every association will include a reminder post to use the member passes. Furthermore, the discount for members will stay the same. And last thing I want to say is that I am very proud of the way the delegation handled the negotiations. We also had help from the faculty, a director sat next to us during the negotiations to ensure some sort of continuity between the study associations and the book store. We are very glad about that. And within that contract, we had to put a lot of attention to the new privacy law of the Netherlands (AVG) and we discussed it a lot. And we tried to include everything to make sure that this contract is AVG proof. There are still some adjustments that need to be made, this is not the definitive version of the contract. The judicial part of the faculty has also looked at the contract and advised us to include some other minor things. And the contract is for three years, this is the reason we are presenting this to you right now. Overall, I think this contract is a large improvement and the communications have improved a lot. I think this is also a good way to work together with the faculty and to have more people working on the same thing. Some new stuff has to be done next year, it is the first time that there will be centralised sales. And because of that next week already, Maaïke will meet the successors of the other members of the delegation and will ensure that the process will work out well.

Any Other Business:

Maaïke: We will talk about the Presidium for next GA because there will be some changes, I am going on exchange to Manchester next GA which means I cannot make it. That's why we decided to install a new Presidium member as vice chair who will take my place during the next GA and that will be Isabel Willemsen, so please come forward.

Installation by acclamation: accepted

Round of Questions:

Isaya: Can you explain why we vote for the whole nominated candidate board and not for individuals?

Maaïke: I think that has to do with the application committee.

Antonie: Yes, it is in the internal rules and it is about the team and not about the seven individual persons. That's why we are presenting you the nominated candidate board as a whole.

Lene (?): What happens if the GA vote against nominated candidate board?

Antonie: Then we have to plan a new GA with an explanation of the nominated candidate board.

Lucas: How it works when you vote against the nominated candidate board you can also request a new candidate board with seven people. They all need to be present and they all need to introduce themselves. But there would usually be a second round of votes at the GA.

Closing (+ Borrel)