

POINTS OF DISCUSSION

11.8 of the Rules of Procedure states: If the voting ceases, the subject will be challenged again. With this, amendments can be brought forward. After sufficient discussion, the Presidium can enter the subject into a vote again. The votes will be counted and calculated again as explained in Articles 11.3 - 11.6.

This point is however not fully being done in practice. During presentation of documents from the Board (i.e. policy plans or budgets), this point is adhered to. The presentation of motions however does allow amendments to be submitted before voting on the motion. That is not technically allowed according to the Rules of Procedure of the GA, so a change could be made to allow amendments for motions.

Motion Advertisement Committee (SAGA 2023)

The motions asks that a committee is created to “be responsible for making the online announcements for events in collaboration with the board and the event committees, but also figuring out other ways to popularise events among members and non-members, again with cooperation and guidance from the board.”, taking promotion largely out of the Board’s hands.

Although the Promotion Committee was created, and has existed, since this motion, its role and character have been fundamentally different from the requirements described in 2023. Further, the existence of the committee has not been formalised within the internal rules (though this is true for almost all other committees as well).

The Secretary has structured and managed the Promotion Committee according to the Policy Plan in the years since. The choice to not have the committee produce (all) promotional materials has been largely a feasibility one, as coordinating communication between different board members, their committees and members of the promotion committee would delay the (already difficult) promotion timelines.

Motion Mathilde

Remains ambiguous on whether only international Chairs are to receive financial compensation. Could be specified on different scenarios (Dutch chairs not receiving compensation, non-Dutch Chairs with free transport).

Code of ethics

What do sustainability, diversity, reliability mean? The Code of Ethics, which as a document serves guiding principles for (financial, but also event) collaborations, presents some broad points of consideration, but leaves their interpretation up to the External Relations Committee.

There are several value-judgements within it that could benefit a further discussion and specification:

- At the 2025 NoGA, a motion was passed requiring Machiavelli to comply with the BDS list. In the Policy Plan 2025-2026 this was translated into a particular attention onto issues of corporate responsibility (although this is still broad), but there is no space for this in the Code of Ethics
- Under the diversity section:
 - a. Sex or gender?
 - b. What does “as inclusive as possible for our members” mean in our changing programme? Dutch and English language, etc
 - c. What concrete measures do we take?
 - d. We are not in a focus group to reduce institutional racism, and it would be a pretty small measure for such a big topic.
 - e. How can we ensure that our committees are representative of our member base? Committees are open to all members, but this does not automatically translate onto equal representation of the membership. In the past few years there has been a trend of lower Dutch involvement in committees, even though Dutch students comprise a significant percentage of Political Science students.

Most importantly, however, the mechanisms of measurement and power specified in the Code of Ethics do not reflect the current practice within the association. The document asks for the values it outlines to be evaluated by “a minimum of five members of the ERC”, with a system of voting. The ERC has not however had this task in the past few years, nor has it had five (active) members. The document also specifies that the decision could be taken by the Board through a vote. Although the Treasurer represents the Board in this, whether internal decision are made through voting has typically been on discretion of each Board, and each Chair.

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