

## **Minutes General Member Meeting: Change of the board**

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Date: Thursday 7 July 2022

Speaker: Anna Bos

Minute taker: Imke Janssen

Present: Quirijn Somers, Thijs Buisman, Renée Christophe, Lieke Verhoofstad, Sam Helmink, Niek van de Minkelis, Dylan Zeevaart, Marèl Theunissen, Klaas Kant, Michiel Copal, 33rd board, 34th prospective board

Total number of people present: 21

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### **Agenda**

1. Opening
2. Setting the agenda
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5. Results Annual Survey
6. Presentation Annual Report '21- '22
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8. Introduction of thirty-fourth prospective board
9. Vote on thirty-fourth prospective board
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### **Opening**

Anna opens the meeting at 7.08 pm and welcomes everyone to the General Member Meeting.

### **Setting the agenda**

The agenda is approved.

### **Approval of minutes Additional General Member Meeting 08-06-2022**

Total number of voters: 17 + 6 (24 in total)

Vote in favour: 17

Vote against: 0

Blanc vote: 1

Withhold: 6

The minutes are hereby approved.

### **Announcements**

Max Ploemen authorised Thijs Buisman to vote.

Elsze van den Wittenboer authorised Quirijn Somers to vote.  
Maud Weijers authorised Renée Christophe to vote.

The House Regulations have been updated and are now on the website.

### **Results Annual Survey**

I would first like to go over the results of the Annual Survey.

#### General

In general, members have responded that we were a fun board with nice people. We were interested in the members, inclusive, and open. Some points of improvement were to be more welcoming to new members, have a more professional attitude and do more collaborations with other associations.

#### Internationalisation

Members have mentioned that we have done a great job including everybody. They liked the Dutch language courses and the other activities that were organised for the internationals. Furthermore, it was a very good addition to have an international board member. This helped a lot with including the internationals within Babylon.

What we could have done better is that we could have organised more chill activities for the internationals. It has been mentioned that most of the activities have been in the evening and were alcohol related and not everyone was a fan of that. We only hosted two activities this year, we had one more planned (the trip to the Efteling) but this could not go through because of the weather. Additionally, they have mentioned that we could host monthly meetings and have more equal treatment.

Are there questions about this part?

*Niek:* What is equal treatment?

*Anna:* Equal treatment towards internationals and non-internationals from Babylon, so that all the members are equally involved.

[Anna continues]

#### Promotion

To Annual Survey showed that 88% of the members is aware of what Babylon can offer. We have also asked for some suggestions. Some suggestions were to have a proper introduction of what Babylon is, to highlight activities more often, and to offer more information on book discounts.

#### Activities

Regarding the activities itself, most people thought that the number of activities was sufficient (75.6%). The variety of the activities was also sufficient (70.7%). However, the communication could have been clearer (58.5%).

#### Confidants

This year the confidants were Sanni and me. The survey showed that 62.2% were aware of this and that they knew how to reach us.

#### General points of improvement

There were some general points of improvement that were mentioned in the Annual Survey. First of all, better communication and support. Furthermore, they would have liked to receive more information for going abroad, and more information on how to sell old textbooks. Additionally, members would have liked to see some extra activities like different formal activities, sports activities, free activities, more activities at the beginning

of the year, group games, more things with food, informal activities during the day, and more chill activities. In conclusion, they would have liked to see a little bit more diversity. Lastly, they mentioned that we could have been more open for everybody. This also belongs to the equal treatment.

Are there any questions about the results from the Annual Survey?

[Anna continues]

## **Presentation Annual Report '21- '22**

### **1.1 Strengthen the bond between Babylon and its members and attract new members**

#### *1.1.1 Bonding of members*

We noticed quite a difference between the different year layers. For example, the first-years were really involved with Babylon because of the Orientation Week in comparison to the second- and third-years. They missed out on the Orientation Week due to COVID-19. Therefore, they could not bond that easily with Babylon compared to the first-years. Furthermore, third-years were also a little bit harder to reach because in the last half year they did not really have to do anything with Babylon. Therefore, not everyone knows what Babylon can offer them.

#### International members

All the internationals have mentioned that it has helped to have an international member in the board. That has been received really well. We have organised a Get Together Event for the internationals and the Ice-Skating Event. We were also supposed to go to the Efteling, but this got cancelled because of bad weather.

#### Active Members

We have organised two activities for the Active Members. One Active Member Evening and one Active Member Activity. For the Active Member Evening we went to Boules Bites Bar where we played jeu de boules and we had a pub quiz. For the Active Member Activity, we went to Waalhalla where we had a graffiti and BMX workshop. This was a lot of fun.

We had some problems in the beginning of the year with Active Members quitting. This led to us having to puzzle and make sure that every committee was filled equally. In the end it worked out fine.

#### Babylon Festival

Another activity that was organised for bonding of the members was the Babylon Festival. It was the first time that we have organised it. It was a great success.

Are there any questions about this?

#### *1.1.2 Communication tools*

#### WhatsApp groups

We have used several WhatsApp groups for masters and pre-masters, international students, the first-years, the second-years, and we had created the Announcement Group Chat after this was suggested during the Semi-Annual General Member Meeting. We had to get used to the Announcement Group Chat, because it had some overlap with the other WhatsApp groups so it was hard to choose in which groups we would send the messages, so it was not too overwhelming. However, we do recommend keeping the Announcement Group Chat, but do make sure that more people join the chat.

### Lecture talks

We have used the lecture talks for activities that were new this year, for example the Babylon Festival. We also used it to promote the board year. Looking back, we could have used the lecture talks more to promote more activities. Especially since the members have mentioned that we should have had better promotion of the activities.

### Babylon magazine

The questionnaire indicated that 59.5% read the latest version; 37.4% were aware of pdf; and 29.7% preferred the magazine online. These results mean that more than half of the people till read it. Additionally, there is a part that likes to read it online but there is not one specific preference so that is why we choose to keep it on both paper and online.

#### *1.1.3 Recruitment of the new board*

We had extended the period to apply for a board year. We had two more applications during that time, which was nice. We worked with the Application Committee for the recruitment of the new board.

Are there questions about this part?

## **1.2 Strengthen the bond between the association and external relations**

### *1.2.1 Recruiting new sponsors*

We have found a new head sponsor, StageMax, which is really nice. That helps with the financials of Babylon.

### *1.2.2 Strengthen bonds with (sister) associations*

We went to as many Constitution Drinks as possible, if it was possible with what we organised ourselves. Furthermore, we had the NDC and the Sister's Day. Additionally, we have tried to contact RUIS, there has been contact but we still do not have a definite answer. We are now waiting for a response on their part. Furthermore, we had the blog with all the sister associations 'ToCommunicate'. I (Anna) was in charge of that. Every month there were two articles published.

### *1.2.4 Local pub*

Our local pub was the Stretto. In the beginning there was a great turnout but in the end it became less. That was a bit unfortunate. We have an update on that later on.

Are there any questions?

## **1.3 Improving the professionalism of Babylon**

### *1.3.1 Professional communication*

One thing we valued was professional communication towards all parties involved with Babylon. Most of the times that was successful. One incident that has to be named was the one with the Department Board of the university. Regarding the Study Trip. the communication could have been much better and we should have kept them up to date with what was going on. That is on us and a point of improvement.

### *1.3.3 The Babylon Room*

The room was not used that much because in the beginning of the year it was still closed due to COVID-19. Then it was opened and closed again with the regulations. It was difficult to get people there.

Are there questions about this part?

## **1.4 Improve and strengthen the image of Babylon**

### *1.4.3 SOFv & LETO*

We have visited all the General Member Meetings from SOFv and LETO. We have always tried to go there with two people. If someone was not able to go, someone else went or we authorised another association to vote.

### *1.4.4 Lecturers/professors CIS*

The contact with the lectures and professors went well. Sanni and I (Anna) went by all the teachers during the Day of the Teacher and gave them a thank you present. This was received very well.

### *1.4.5 Sustainability*

One of our focus points this year was sustainability. We had made all the Babylon Lunches vegetarian. It was nice but it was not always received very well. Furthermore, we tried to reduce plastic/paper use. We did this by using the whiteboards for activities. The Study Trip was also sustainable because we went by train. Additionally, we printed three versions of the Babylon magazine and next year we advised to only print two editions. Lastly, we have made the Cantus Codices which only needed to be printed once and can be used for every Cantus.

Are there any questions?

*Lieke:* How many codices are there?

*Rianne:* There are 80 codices.

[Anna continues]

## **2.1 Chair**

### *2.1.1 Lead and coordinate the board*

One of my tasks was to lead and coordinate the board. I think that throughout the year I have learned a lot and improved myself. Additionally, I even got more structured.

### *2.1.2 Supervise committees*

Supervising the committees went great. I was always updated about what was going on, except for the Study Trip. The communication could have gone better with Job and me.

### *2.1.3 Public speeches*

I have done multiple Bachelor, and Master graduation ceremonies and also during the Orientation Week I have given a presentation. Furthermore, I have given a presentation during the Master's Day. This went well.

#### *2.1.4 Confidant*

I was the confidant of the board together with Sanni.

#### *2.1.5 Babylon Bangers*

The band has had a long time without rehearsing and in the questionnaire, we have asked if there were people interested in joining the band. Unfortunately, 0% was interested in joining. Therefore, we do not think it will be continued. However, maybe there will be new members next year who are interested in joining.

### **3. Committees**

My committees this year were the Application Committee and the Publication Committee.

Are there any questions?

[Imke continues]

### **2.2 Secretary**

#### *2.2.5 Social media*

My main responsibility was the social media. For Facebook we did not use the private group that existed, because we had noticed that not many members were a member of that group. We only used the general Facebook page to distribute events. Instagram was our main communication channel, and this was received very well. We used our house style and we have communicated to the 34<sup>th</sup> board that they should also use this to make sure that the feed looks nice.

### **3. Committees**

#### *3.1.3 Graphic Design Committee*

As we have already mentioned, the Babylon magazine will only be printed twice a year. Furthermore, we decided to still do the magazine on paper because only 8% actually reads the magazine online.

Are there any questions?

[Job continues]

### **2.3 Treasurer**

#### Statement Ledger

As we have already announced at the Semi-Annual GMM. The ledgers of the 31<sup>st</sup> and the 32<sup>nd</sup> board are officially lost. We have no clue where they went, so we will put a statement on the website about this. We have looked for it, but we were not able to find them again.

### 2.3.1 Final Budget

The Financial Annual Report has been sent to the members. You were able to read it beforehand. There were some major differences with the Semi-Annual Financial Report. First of all, StudyStore. The book sales have gone great this year, so great that we have received 400 euros more than anticipated. We have only known this for a week so that will be adapted in the Financial Report and be passed on to the 34<sup>th</sup> board. Furthermore, for the committees, there were a lot of things that could have gone better and were very different than what we had initially expected. The Weekend Committee and the Study Trip Committee have spent way more than we actually thought. Therefore, we have made a loss on both those committees. A few other committees, such as the Career Committee, the Congress Committee and the International Committee, have spent way less money because some of their activities could not take place or the event turned out to be less visited.

Then we have the results of this year. We have spent a total of 59.622.20 euros. The expenditure was only 58.088.10 euros. This brings us to a total result of 1.534.10 euros. I will go over the budget quickly to show you where this large amount of money comes from, because this is also not what we expected to leave behind.

I will not go over everything in detail but just some of the major extra income. First of all, as I had mentioned, StudyStore. We only expected to receive 1400 from them but we have received 1800 euros. Additionally, the vacancy policies went very well this year. We have managed to gain 700 euros from those. In the first budget I presented there were more members, but as it turned out, a lot of members signed out or there were members of which the information was not complete or correct so we had to delete those.

Are there questions about this part of the budget?

*Niek:* Just a very quick question. In your initial budget, you have put in the remainder of the 32<sup>nd</sup> board. Where can we find it?

*Job:* It is not on here because it is not an official income. Therefore, it was already on the account, so it has not contributed to our year.

*Niek:* Okay, thank you.

Then for the subscriptions. This is quite the basic stuff. It only differs maybe a few euros for Conscribo. The prices have gone up and they will be even higher next year. The only thing that is good to mention is the Rabobank transactions. We thought we would have had to pay way more transaction costs than we ended up having to. This exact number is not the right number, because two more payments have to be made during the summer. I do not know yet how much they will be, but we expect them to be very low as barely any transactions will be made during the summer.

Furthermore, I will explain the contribution of the committees. If you are wondering why we have the committees on the income side, the Babylon contribution is not officially income; that is just money we spend towards that activity.

First of all, the Prom Committee, we ended up making a profit of about 55 euros which has been distributed among all three associations.

Furthermore, the Congress Committee. We had quite a lot of money for the Congress Committee, but because of the low turnout we did not spend all this money. Additionally, the speakers did not require any payment.

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The Committee of Informal Activities was a great source of income this year. We have earned a lot of money with the BaMyPo's. These were very well visited, and this created a lot of income for us.

The Committee of Formal Activities only hosted one paid Company Visit and the other activities were free, therefore we did not really spend much on the formal activities.

The Study Trip Committee is basically one third of what we have spent the entire year. Due to some problems within the committee, we have spent way more than we had hoped to spend on it. We lost quite some money on the Study Trip. Luckily with all the extra money we have been able to solve that. It is definitely a point of improvement for next year.

The Career Committee has spent what we thought they would spend. The Career Event needed barely any money which was interesting because we had a lot of money scheduled for it. This was due to a miscommunication that we had overlooked due to the Conscribo situation.

We have given the Orientation Week Committee 500 euros instead of the usual 350 euros because of our positive result this year.

The Weekend Committee was also a committee where we have made quite a big loss. This was due to the number of sign-ups. The location costs were for all 60 people, and we had less sign ups than we expected. A lot of the expenses were already made. Luckily, we could get some money from SOFv as a subsidy.

*Thijs:* If I looked at this and you count the money Babylon put in themselves. It is not a real big loss, right?

*Job:* No that is true. If we would not have had the subsidy, we would have lost way more money. We have covered it well.

Are there any other questions about the committees?

*Marèl:* Why is the Sports Committee not on here?

*Job:* It is on the next slide.

*Niek:* Were the business cards really 5 euros? How many do you have?

*Job:* Yes, we did not have to pay delivery costs.

*Rianne:* We have 30 pieces. My sister lives in Groningen so she could pick them up.

The Sports Committee also spent a little less than expected. This is because the Treasurer of the Sports Committee thought that the skiing teachers had to be paid out of the budget that we as Babylon give to the Sports Committee. However, this is paid by the income of the contribution that we ask from the members who want skiing lessons. We wanted to spend this money on the boxing activity, but this did not take place because of problems with the communication with the boxing company.

*Renée:* Should the price people pay for the Ski Trip be added to the contribution of the Sports Committee?

*Job:* No, we do not get any income from that; it goes directly to Totally Snow.



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The International Committee also did not really spend that much money, because the Efteling activity got cancelled. The only money we had spent was on the Ice Skating. For this we also got a subsidy from SOFv, because it was a bonding activity. Therefore, we did not spend that much.

The Education Committee did not spend that much either because of the low turnout of the Family Day. It was not that expensive, because there were barely any expenses. The only expenses were for the room and the borrel in the end. They did not host any other events so this is the only expense for this committee.

The printing of the Babylon magazine was also cheaper. In the initial budget there was also money for a fourth edition of the magazine. However, we had decided to only print three editions for sustainable reasons.

We had about 600 euros scheduled for our Constitution Drink. Even though it was very well visited, it was not spent after all. Unfortunately, I was not present at our Constitution Drink, so I have no idea where that went wrong. If you have a question about that I would ask my other board members. Furthermore, the invitations mostly went online so we only spent money on the invitation cards for the associations that we are really close with. Additionally, the accessories of the Constitution Drink were just a small expense.

Our first Active Members Evening could not take place, which was very unfortunate, but we have decided that the other two activities were going to be larger. We could use the money from the first one for that.

This is still copied from last year because the expenses for the new board have not been made yet. We still have to receive an invoice from the presents.

For the Till Committee, these expenses were only made today. That is not something we could have expected. This expense will be adapted before it goes on the website.

The flowers for the graduation ceremony were more expensive. The flower prices had gone up and there were more ceremonies. We have advised the next board to schedule more money for this.

Are there any questions?

Furthermore, for the 33<sup>rd</sup> board expenses we had the Board Interest Lunch, the announcement candidate board, and CB + PB Activity. The blog for the sister associations is a little more expensive because it only exists since this year.

As for the money for the board switch GMM, that is happening right now. We will make sure to get everyone drinks during the breaks.

The Committee Market was online, so we did not spend anything. For the room decoration, there were small expenses for the pictures.

We have put up the savings for the Lustrum year a little higher, so that it will be 5000 euros. It is a nice round number.

*Renée:* The name of SV Babylon was already cancelled right? Why did you pay for it?

*Job:* Yes, but we still had to pay for it one last time.

Then for the last part of the expenses. We have spent about 400 euros on unforeseen costs. This is a round number because it is all contributed to the committees. Furthermore, the Second Year Activity was a little more expensive than expected. For the

Committee Games we bought them a gift card that they could spend on their own account. Because we added new merchandise, we are left with some stock so that the next board can sell them. The Cantus Codex was a large expense this year. We thought it was nice and the university decided to almost completely cover our costs. We basically only spent a little for the printing costs. They thought it was a really good idea for sustainability. Lastly, the Babylon Festival. We have made a small profit on it. The DJ's turned out to be a little less expensive than we thought. It was hard to make a budget for this, because it was the first time that we were hosting it. We are very confident that even without increasing the ticket price you can make a larger Festival.

Are there any questions about the Financial Annual Report?

### *2.3.5 Bookkeeping*

At the beginning of the year, Conscribo was still a mess. Together with Sam Helmink from the Till Committee we have organised it and made sure that it looks better now.

### *2.3.8 FC Babylon*

There was a problem with FC Babylon because we had missed the first sign up. The second problem was that we could not get enough players. We hope that after the Orientation Week there will be some new members that would like to join the team.

## **3. Committees**

### *3.1.4 Study Trip Committee*

The Study Trip Committee has caused a lot of problems this year. I will clear up some things of where the losses come from and what went wrong within the committee. First of all, when we started organising, we still had another location. We did not consider all of the costs of going by train. The first plan was to go to Italy, but it turned out to be way too expensive. Then we had to turn the whole schedule around and start from scratch. This resulted in missing the first deadline for announcing the trip and hosting the first information session. We also had a lot of problems with booking the train tickets. It was very hectic, and it took way too much time. That is why a lot of activities were unsure up until close to the trip. This was very unfortunate because we could not inform anyone because we were still unsure. The trip itself went really well, even though the train ride did not go that well but that is out of our hands. We have asked for a refund from Deutsch Bahn. We could receive 50% of the money back. We did not hear anything from them yet. We hope we will receive this money and then this money will go back to the members who went on the Study Trip.

*Lieke:* Do you think it was worth to travel by train? It is indeed more sustainable, but it causes so much trouble.

*Job:* I think it was very unfortunate, but the thing is that other associations have travelled with a night train which had way less trouble. They booked the train earlier so for next year I would advise to still travel by train because it is sustainable and quite comfortable, but you should book it earlier.

Then for the Department Board. Because of all the uncertainties within the committee, the communication with the Department Board was neglected. This has caused a lot of frustration. Therefore, it was very uncertain if we would receive a contribution from them. Unfortunately, we did not receive it. We ended up losing a large sum of money that we had anticipated on. This was due to the fact that they thought the Study Trip did not have enough study-related events. This is of course a large loss that could have been avoided.

Are there any questions about this? I can imagine that this could cause concern for anyone. Hopefully next year we will have a committee with more experienced people. The fact that we did not have experienced members is also where a few of the mistakes come from.

### *3.1.5 Prom Committee*

The only problem that occurred this year was the collaboration with the other associations. There was one member that did not reply to texts. This caused some problems but luckily, we had a great committee and together we made sure that everything went well.

There is one more thing for next year. It is in the contract with the Waagh that we should host the Prom here. However, de Waagh cannot offer the full capacity anymore, so we cannot host it with three associations. This is something for the next board to consider when organising the Prom.

Are there any questions?

[Sanni continues]

## **2.4 Commissioner of Internal Affairs**

First of all, I would like to say that it is nice to be here in person today.

### *2.4.1 Consolidate the link between Babylon and the study programme*

This has been one of my main tasks. I have been in the Study Programme Committee. We have had quarterly meetings and it was a very nice group of people. Nothing really special came out. Maybe one thing that is interesting for you to know is about the issue with the diplomas for the IBC students. From this year onwards, you will actually have the IBC in your certificate, and you can also request it if you have already graduated.

Furthermore, the contact with the Study Advisor went great. I have been in contact with Jamie. Everything has gone quite smoothly.

### *2.4.4 Buddy System*

This is a new initiative we have started this year. We wanted to bring the Dutch and international students closer together, because it was stated in the Annual Survey last year that international students still experience a gap between the Dutch and the international students, which also turned out to be the case this year. It was a new system where we connected a Dutch student to an international student. However, we only had three international sign ups and three Dutch sign ups. The turnout was not that great. Furthermore, it could have had better planning. I can take full responsibility for that. We could have organised more things during the first semester. We had a lot of activities, so it was a bit left behind. In the next semester I was really sick, so I think it was a bit left behind. Next year it can be more present and be promoted better. There is already a frame for it on which you can build.

## **3. Committees**

### *3.1.6 Education Committee*

We have hosted the Family Day. It was really nice to do it in person after a few years of having it online. We are now working on CIS in the Field which will take place in September. We have 6 speakers. We still need some speakers. We will still have meetings with the committee to make sure that everything is set.

### *3.1.7 Committee of Formal Activities*

As Job had already mentioned, the budget was not spent. Some of the Company Visits had to be cancelled due to COVID-19 and some were hosted online. We are still looking for a company to visit in October. It is a bit too soon for the new committee to host this, so therefore the current committee will host this one. We had some struggles because the companies we have contacted were not excited. I have heard from Rianne that there were also companies that have reached out to Babylon so we can also contact them to see if we can visit them with Babylon.

### *3.1.8 International Committee*

Unfortunately, De Efteling was cancelled because there was a thunderstorm. Furthermore, some members dropped out. This happened within quite a few committees. However, there is nothing we can do about this.

Are there any questions?

[Rianne continues]

## **2.5 Commissioner of External Affairs**

### *2.5.4 Vacancy policy*

As has been mentioned by Job, the Vacancy Policy was sold really well this year. It has been sold 16 times. This was all Package B for 45 euros each. That was very nice.

### *2.5.5 Membership Benefits*

We have added a few Stickerdeals this year with Strandbar Stek, Boules Bites Bar, Cotton Elements, The Lobby (instead of Fresca) and De Professor. Furthermore, the deal with Dekker van de Vegt was prolonged yesterday.

The deals with the Escapeboot Nijmegen and Fresca were terminated. This was because these were not profitable.

### *1.2.1 New head sponsor*

We have found a new head sponsor. This was the main achievement for this year. Our new head sponsor is Stagemax. A few Babylonians are working there. It is very nice to have a connection with them. They are offering us more money than Rabobank is currently doing. That was the main goal to get Babylon more money. For the Rabobank we are still unsure if they will give us money next year.

Are there questions about this part?

*Niek:* So, you did not sell any package A? Would you advise to leave it out? And maybe raise the price of package B?

*Rianne:* I would keep package A as well because you have to offer different options. It is a bit of a mind game, so people have something to choose from. Yes, we could raise the price of package B but not too much because it has been selling quite well and it is extra money for not that much work. Especially since I have asked all the companies to make the material themselves. It was really great that we have added the number of followers from our communication channels so they could actually see how many people it would reach.

[Rianne continues]

### **3. Committees**

#### *3.1.5 Career Committee*

With the Career Committee we have hosted two Workshops. The first one was with Argus Productions. That was a nice workshop, but we could have organised a workshop that was more connected to our studies. Therefore, we organised a Workshop with De Gelderlander. We also advised to host more Workshops because the Annual Survey mentioned that we should host more formal events. We have advised them to host it during lunch time. Furthermore, we have hosted a new event the Alumni Speed Dating. It was not that well visited but still nice also from the part of the alumni. It was a formal event that was made more informal. We had made small groups and it was nice for people to talk with the alumni. We would definitely recommend to host this again next year, but then maybe change the name. Then the Career Event, the turnout was not that great. We arranged speakers that were from our studies, but some of the speakers were not because we could not get enough people from our own studies, since we already had the Alumni Speed Dating and the CIS in the Field. For next year we would advise to organise a Job Market instead of a Career Event because the Career Event also looks a lot like the Congress and companies have asked us if we host a Job Market, where they can promote their vacancies and company. Other associations also host these Job Markets.

#### *3.1.6 Congress Committee*

We have organised the Congress together with Mycelium. The theme was: "Out of the Box". There were about 50 people present, we had aimed for 100 people. The arrangement of the speakers was quite okay. However, a lot of speakers do not like to do it in English. We had managed to get enough speakers to host the event in English. Unfortunately, no internationals signed up, so we have arranged this much, and no internationals had shown interest.

#### *3.1.7 International Committee*

As Sanni has mentioned, we have done this committee together. For my part it was mainly the Dutch Lessons. There was quite a low turnout. By the end of the year maybe one or two showed interested in the lessons. However, people could not make it in the end. This was very frustrating, also for the teachers. For the last months we have cancelled the lessons until further notice. We have advised the 34<sup>th</sup> board to lower the number of lessons to only once a month.

Are there any questions?

[Nathan continues]

### **2.6 Commissioner of Activities**

As you can see, unfortunately I am at home because I have COVID-19. However, I am glad I can still be present online and tell you about my function within the board and highlight the most important things.

I was in charge of for example hosting an event for the RAGweek and making the Annual Planning, but the most important thing that has changed is the contact with the Molenstraat, so I will tell you something about that.

#### *2.6.3 Contact with Molenstraat*

In the beginning of the year the Malle Babbe was sold to an external party. Therefore, we had to move to the Stretto. After a lot of negotiation, we got a better contract and we have seen improvement in communication with the Molenstraat. Right now, we are discussing an even better contract than this one, my successor will explain everything about this.

Are there any questions?

### **3. Committees**

#### *3.1.11 Committee of Informal Activities*

During the year, two people have left the committee, but we also had two new members. The most important activities were the Borrels, BaMyPo's, and Inglorious. They could be organised like normal again. However, for Inglorious there was only one edition. I would advise my successor to organise more to gain more money as well.

#### *3.1.12 Sports Committee*

They have organised the Ski Trip, which I have already explained during the Semi-Annual member meeting. We also had the Batavierenrace, but I forgot to sign us up. It was a very busy period and you had to get 20 people, but it was too short notice. I have urged my successor that we should participate next year. If we cannot get 20 people from Babylon, we can ask the sister associations.

Furthermore, we had one free activity left but this one did not take place because the communication with the external party was not that great, and the turnout was low. After talking with the board and the committee we have decided to cancel the activity.

#### *3.1.13 Weekend Committee*

This time it was a physical Weekend again. We went to Eersel in Brabant. We had a really nice Weekend. The organisation could have been improved. Sometimes internal communication could have gone better. Either way, we have solved everything and hopefully we can even have a better weekend next year.

#### *3.1.14 Orientation Week Committee*

We are very busy with the preparation. We expect it to be a fully physical week. We expect to finish everything on time. This way we can present Babylon in a nice way to the new students.

#### *3.1.15 Babylon Crazy 100*

We have created a Babylon Crazy 100 this year. Normally we would have the weekly challenges. However, the 32<sup>nd</sup> board had mentioned that this was not that successful. In the beginning of the year, we have seen a lot of improvement. People were actually participating. However, the participation rate decreased a lot during the second half of the year. It was hard to keep people motivated. However, the Commissioner of External Affairs did do this by making someone a Crazy Member. This member would be on top of the list with the Crazy 100 challenges. We have advised to the 34<sup>th</sup> board that if they want to keep this, let them decide the Crazy Member, so that people stay motivated.

Are there any questions?

[Anna continues]

#### **4. Conclusion**

Then I would like to give a conclusion. Overall, it was an eventful year. We have made the Cantus Codices and the House Regulations, so these documents are ready for the next years. We have added the Alumni Speed Dating and the Babylon Festival as new events which were successful and also a recommendation for the upcoming board. Lastly, we have a new head sponsor which is also very nice.

Then I would like to thank some people. First of all, the Advisory Board and the Till Committee. We really appreciate all the advice you have given. In the beginning we were not always on one line, but we appreciated everything you have done during this year. Furthermore, I would thank all the external parties, the Active Members, thank you for all of your efforts, and also of course the regular members for being a part of Babylon.

Are there any questions or remarks?

#### Statement Advisory Board

*Thijs:* On behalf of the Advisory Board, I will say a few words about the past year. Over the year we have advised you on all board matters, and while communication did not always go flawlessly, this is of course nothing new. A board and Advisory Board always have their disputes. Although there have been instances where you could and should have listened more, of course. In the beginning of your board year, it was noticeable that some still had to make some developments and grow into their role. We were pleased to see that everyone grew into their role very nicely and that most of the initial hiccups disappeared. One thing we do have to highlight, which is something for the 34th to keep in mind, is the fact that some of the preparations for our largest events should have been more thorough. You guys could have avoided putting a lot of stress on yourselves this way. In your board year, you had to make the transition from online to physical again, which is not easy. Getting people to come to activities in great numbers again was one of the biggest tasks you had to deal with. This did not always work out, but we feel you put sufficient effort into it, and it was largely out of your hands. Overall, the Advisory Board thinks that the 33rd board did a good job, and we were pleased with the smooth collaboration in general between the board and the Advisory Board. You guys can be content with the state in which you hand over the association to the next board.

#### Vote on Annual Report '21- '22

Total number of voters: 15 + 6 (21 in total)

Vote in favour: 15

Vote against: 0

Blanc vote: 0

Withhold: 6

The Annual Report is hereby approved.

#### Introduction of thirty-fourth prospective board

The constitution of the 34<sup>th</sup> board is as follows:

Lloyd Hoogwinkel – Chair

Sven Drosten – Secretary

Daniël Heijboer – Treasurer

Coen Esselink – Commissioner of Internal Affairs

Daan van Velzen – Commissioner of Activities

#### Vote on thirty-fourth prospective board

Total number of voters: 10 + 11 (21 in total)

Vote in favour: 10

Vote against: 0

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Blanc vote: 0

Withhold: 6 + 5 (33<sup>rd</sup> board + 34<sup>th</sup> prospective board)

The thirty-fourth prospective board is hereby voted in.

### **Resignation of thirty-third board & thirty-fourth board taking office**

The thirty-fourth board takes office.

Speaker: Lloyd Hooghwinkel

Minute taker: Sven Drost

Present: Quirijn Somers, Thijs Buisman, Renée Christophe, Lieke Verhoofstad, Sam Helmink, Niek van de Minkelis, Dylan Zeevaart, Marèl Theunissen, Klaas Kant, Michiel Copal, Anna Bos, Imke Janssen, Job Coehorst, Sanni Granqvist, Nathan Miango, Rianne Zwarts, 34<sup>th</sup> board.

Total number of people present: 21

### **Resignation of Till Committee '21- '22**

Lloyd: welcome everyone from the 34<sup>th</sup> board. You might notice that we do not have any jackets yet, because of some problems with the delivery.

### **Introduction of Till Committee '22- '23**

Lloyd: We will begin with the introduction of the new Till Committee. Sam and Job are the prospective Till Committee. We will now vote by hands.

### **Vote on Till Committee '22- '23**

Total number of voters: 10 + 11 (21 in total)

Vote in favour: 12

Vote against: 0

Blanc vote: 0

Withhold: 9

### **Resignation of Advisory Board '21- '22**

Lloyd: We want to thank Dylan Zeevaart, Niek van de Minkelis, Thijs Buisman, Renée Christophe and Maud Weijers for being the advisory board of the 33<sup>rd</sup> board.

### **Introduction candidates Advisory Board '22- '23**

Lloyd: This will be the candidates for the next advisory board: Anna Bos, Sanni Granqvist, Imke Janssen, Nathan Miango, Sam Helmink and Lieke Verhoofstad.

Sanni: Can u unmute yourself for Nathan?

Lloyd: Of course. For this vote, we use a Mentimeter, so please get out your phones. During the vote you have to vote for at least 3 people, and maximum 6 people.

### **Vote on Advisory Board '22- '23**

Total number of voters: 10



Sanni Granqvist: 10  
Sam Helmink: 8  
Lieke Verhoofstad: 9  
Nathan Miango: 7  
Anna Bos: 8  
Imke Janssen: 10

A minimal amount of 6 votes is necessary to be voted in favour for the Advisory Board of '22-'23. Therefore, the Advisory Board of '22-'23 will consist of 6 people.

Lloyd: So, our results conclude that everyone has been voted in. I would like to congratulate them all.

*Applause*

### **Presentation Concept Policy '22- '23**

Lloyd: Now we start with the most interesting part, the presentation of our Concept Policy plan for the next year of the 34<sup>th</sup> board of Babylon. First of, we would like to say that we have chosen some words to signify our board for the next year, those words are Inclusivity, Innovative and Involvement. Inclusivity means that we want Babylon to be open and accessible for everyone. Quirijn, do you have a question?

Quirijn: Well, Elsze had a question, why have you chosen these words and not inclusive, involve and innovative, why not just announce it?

Lloyd: To be honest, I think that it flows out of the mouth really well and that is why we chose these. But we can take this into account. Because how would you like to see it be announced?

Quirijn: Well, whatever you like but you could also choose to use adjectives.

Lloyd: Next up is innovative, because we are a relatively young board, and we strive hard to have innovative ideas and bring new fresh energy into Babylon. And involvement because we want to increase the involvement and show them how much we care about them.

### **The bonding of members.**

Lloyd: Then we go to the first point of our Policy plan, which is strengthen the bond between Babylon and its members, especially new members. We have noted that bonding is hard because of COVID-19, we want to bond more. We have thought of several ways to do that. First the local pub. We have been at Stretto for a year now, and we have noticed that being at the Stretto is not particularly that great, and people are not happy going there for Borrels. To combat this problem, we have negotiated with the Molenstraat, and we have come up with a new deal that moves us to the El Sombrero, which has a better atmosphere and we hope that attracts more members to come to our Borrels. Fun thing to not is that the El Sombrero has been renovated this year and we hope that also adds to this.

Renee: Maybe you should promote the move to El Sombrero because I have heard that people are not really looking forward to moving there. I think if you promote the way it looks now that people will be more optimistic for this move.

Lloyd: That is actually a really good idea, thank you.

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Anna: This also needs to be changed in the policy plan because there it still says that the Stretto is our local pub.

Lieke: How do you deal with the size of the El Sombrero, because it is way bigger than the Stretto and we could not even fill the Stretto. This meant that the Stretto never felt like a filled pub and I think that with the El Sombrero that feeling will stay.

Lloyd: New in the El Sombrero is the fact that the back can be closed, so it can be made bigger and smaller when it needs to be. Which will make it more cosy and taking that into account is actually the same size as the Stretto.

Daan: It is actually the same size as the Stretto now, and the back can be opened when there is a bigger activity and we need more space. That space is really big so it can also be used for example for a BaMyPo, but also the front for the Borrels.

Lieke: And how do you think that you are going to get the feeling of a local pub?

Lloyd: Well, for one every Babylon member can get inside at any time with a Babylon sticker. We know that it is a 21+ bar but there an exception is being made for Babylon members.

Niek: Maybe you are going to explain this further on and we will be fine, and I know that you have had other options, but why choose a pub that is open only three days a week? Because it would be only open for our parties. So what is the reasoning behind that?

Lloyd: Daan, would you like to elaborate this?

Daan: Yes, so it is actually a combination of multiple factors, the other party that offered us a Stamkroeg or Local pub, they could not meet the Molenstraat prices offers right now, and they also could not offer us mixed drinks we use during the Borrels and we would not have inclusivity. Because if we would have picked another pub like for example Bascafé or Tappers, the pub would still be open for other people and associations and not only Babylon. Bascafé also told us that we would not fill that up, and that they would open for everyone else, so it would not be a 'Babylon Borrel' anymore. Also, the contract Molenstraat gave is very good, and that is why we chose to stay there.

Sam: Why would you want to make it exclusive for Babylon, because bonding is nice thing right?

Daan: It is nice to bond with other associations, but that is better to organise so that you know beforehand which organisations you will have the Borrel with. The thing is that if they want to open up regardless to all associations that might show up that it gets to be a mixture of all kinds of associations. It is a good idea to have a Borrel with multiple associations, but we should plan that and not grab it out of thin air.

Lieke: I do not think that it is that big of a problem to have multiple associations there because everyone from Babylon will get their own space in the pub and will still be together and the Babylon Borrel kind of feeling will still be there.

Lloyd: We will try and see if we can do that in the El Sombrero as well.

Dylan: I think I agree with you guys that just having one association is better, and you guys made a good decision. But I think that if you say you cannot fill Bascafé that you cannot fill up the half of the El Sombrero as well.

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Daan: Have you been to the renovated El Sombrero? I have been there and it is actually not that big anymore. I think that the Stretto and the El Sombrero are about the same size now.

Niek: Is the Stretto during the week also 21+?

Lloyd: No that is not the case.

Niek: Is then the only reason you choose the El Sombrero over the Stretto the size? Because why choose the El Sombrero then because there will be an age gap that might stop younger members going there in their free time. I get the Stretto does not look that great, I have not seen the renovated El Sombrero, but this question popped into my head.

Lloyd: We saw the dislike of the Stretto and that is why we wanted to change things up. We took that into consideration and our goal was to find a better atmosphere and focus on the bonding within Babylon. So if the atmosphere is better more people come to the Borrels and the bonding will improve.

Sanni: Are you considering any specialties in the El Sombrero like a banner or a competition?

Lloyd: I will come back to that later, but we want to bring back banner and create a sort of a game were different year layers compete and they have a reason to come to the El Sombrero.

Lieke: One last question, is the contract with the Molenstraat already signed?

Lloyd: No, we are in the process of having it signed and it will be done within a week. Does anyone still have a question?

Dylan: What I want to say is that a decision like this affects all members so you should look at what members want instead of choosing what you guys want. Just take anything that has been said into consideration and think about it one more time.

Anna: I think it is a personal preference as well, because there are people that like for example like Bascafé more or like the El Sombrero, so it is difficult to make a decision that makes everyone happy. Personally I like the El Sombrero better, but there are different opinions of course.

Dylan: I do not want to nag but I am just saying you should get feedback and make it a decision by the association and not only you guys.

Lloyd: Okay, are we done with the questions about the local pub?

### **Festival**

Lloyd: Then we can go on with the Babylon Festival. The first edition went very well, thanks to Rianne. We noticed people liked it a lot and there were more people that wanted to come than there were tickets. We have been looking at expanding and we will look into working with other associations.

Thijs: I do not know if this fits into you planning buy maybe you guys can move it up the year, because later in the year you have a better change of the weather being good,

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because this year it was a bit rainy. So if you would be able to move it to May or June that would be better I think.

Daan: It is on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May for this year.

Thijs: Oh yeah than you should be fine, perfect.

Lloyd: Any other questions about the Festival?

Rianne: You guys talked about the bonding of the Babylon members, but then in the same sentence you mention that you want to organise the Babylon Festival with other associations, how does that fit into the prospect of bonding with your own members.

Lloyd: Well, I think it might increase their experience and to give them an opportunity to bond within and out of Babylon.

### **Babylon room**

Lloyd: Than next up is the Babylon room. We want to make the Babylon room more homely to have people spent more time there. This has been tradition for the last couple of years but that tradition of lunching in the room has died down because of COVID-19. To help increase this we want to introduce some things. First off, we have made some budget available to buy a TV there, and on that tv we want to promote our monthly planning and our stickerdeals and other events. Next to that we want to buy a WII system there so people can play Mario Kart together for example.

Nathan has left the zoom meeting

Sanni: He could not hear anything so he left the meeting.

Anna: How much have you put aside for the TV?

Daniël: For the TV only we have 250 Euros. That is only for the tv and there is separate budget for other improvements such as the Wii.

Lloyd: Furthermore, we would like to provide cookies and lemonade, were you mix water with ranja, so if people come to the Babylon Room they get a homely feeling.

Niek: What is the budget for the cookies and lemonade? Because we did it two years ago and we probably ate 2 packs of cookies each day. You need to have a plan so this is not going to be too much.

Daniël: I do not know that of the top of my head but it is quite a generous amount.

Dylan: Last couple of years for some activities you had to sign up in Babylon room, you could do that to get people to the Babylon room.

Sanni: We decided last year not to do that, because some of the big sign ups such as for the Ski Trip are around the holidays and most internationals are in their home country then and then they do not get the opportunity to sign up. It also costs a lot of paper which is not sustainable.

Niek: I think you have to find a balance for the activities during the year, for example during the lunch.

Lloyd: Furthermore, we want to introduce a monthly meme in the Babylon room, so every month there is a new meme which will only be displayed at the Babylon room. This is another reason for members to visit the room.

Sanni: Is the meme then going to be on the television or is it going to be printed out? Sustainability?

Daan: It will be displayed on the TV for sustainability.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> years bonding**

Lloyd: Then we have another idea for the third years from Babylon. Since the 3<sup>rd</sup> years have not been around that much due to COVID-19, and now most of them are starting to go abroad as well. We do not want them to lose contact with Babylon, so we want to introduce a rubric for students abroad.

Rianne: It is a great idea, but have you already reached out to some people for this?

Lloyd: Yes, we have approached several people and we have had positive responses and we have people lined up already. What we want to do actually, because people are going abroad to different places and we want them to film their days abroad and show the countries there are going to.

Sanni: Making Instagram reels are a lot of work? Who will do that? Maybe it should be an easier approach to make a story and then you have less work for you and also for the people that are abroad, because they have their stuff over there as well.

Lloyd: That is a good idea, but I think that one could not film everything in one day, because one day of school is not enough to show people what the life abroad looks like.

Quirijn: In the Policy Plan it already says that it is either going to be a reel or a story, so you could go both ways with this.

Anna: In the Policy plan it says 'creating higher participation via a blog', is this the blog?

Daniël: It is not a blog, it should be a vlog.

Anna: Okay, but that has to be changed in the Policy Plan then.

Lloyd: We will do that, any more questions?

### **Member scripts**

Lloyd: Then we move on to the Member Script. We have been told that as a board must leave something tangible behind, and we want to introduce the member scripts. We noticed that new members do not always know what an activity is about, and when asked why they were not present at that activity, they say that they do not know what it is about. We want to make some sort of script to explain what Babylon does and what an activity withholds.

Quirijn: Which activities will be included in the Member Script, new ones, or also old ones?

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Lloyd: We want to include some new and old activities, and also explain things such as dicing, because new members might always not know what that means.

Lieke: I have a general thing I want to comment, maybe it is more convenient for you and also for Sven if you first tell your story and then people can ask questions, because now everything goes really quick.

Sven: Thank you very much.

Lloyd: One last thing to mention about the Member Script, we want to begin with the Orientation week booklet already, so new members already have access to all the activities and are ready to go.

Niek: One thing that is unclear to me, are you planning on making a script for the entire year or whenever an activity takes place will you add this?

Lloyd: We are planning on making it for the entire year but we will see how that goes with our planning.

Dylan: It is a good idea, but it can be quite a big deal for a new member to read a whole script. Maybe giving a good presentation during the Orientation Week is more powerful.

Daan: We want to do a lecture to explain it all and later give them the availability to the script if something is unclear or they want to know more about it.

Sanni: It could be a bit hard to let them read a whole script when not that invested, you could also include it to the Instagram when promoting that activity so they can read only about that specific activity. Because maybe students use Instagram more than they visit the website.

Anna: You say that you want to promote during the Orientation Week: but have you already started writing the Script then?

Lloyd: We have not yet but it is something we have planned to finish before the end of the holiday.

Quirijn: You say you want to include it into the Orientation Week booklet but does that mean you are going to print it? Because that does not sound sustainable to me.

Daan: The Orientation booklet will be online and so will the Member Script.

Quirijn: Okay and then a second question, most of you are first year or second year now, do you think that you have enough experience to write the whole script by yourself, because there might also be some activities that you have not been to yourself. So will it only be the five of you writing the script or will you ask other members?

Lloyd: We can for sure ask other members or the RvA when there are things that we are unsure about.

Rianne: I think the committees also write a little bit about every activity they do, so you can use that as well.

Lloyd: That is a good point, we will take that into consideration.

### **Communication to new members**

Lloyd: Then onto the next point. We want to try and make them excited about Babylon. We want to be active and energetic to get them to be enthusiastic about Babylon and become Active Members. One of the important things is that we provide the right energy to lure people in.

### **Strengthen international**

Lloyd: To strengthen the bond with our international members, we want to make every activity where there is an international present, to try and speak English during that activity. To help and make them less uncomfortable we want to big up the use of English. If people keep talking Dutch and we notice that an international is uncomfortable, we will try and reach out to that person to help him. We also want to help internationals to make them feel at home, and we want to help them with practical things such as helping them set up a bank account or help them if they have to fill out a form or such. We want to be able to come at us for help at any time they need it. About the Dutch lessons, we have said that before, they were not really well visited last year. We will see how much interest there is, but if that interest is really low we might have to consider dropping the lessons.

Anna: How are you going to measure that interest?

Lloyd: I think we could post a story with a survey on the Instagram about it and see how many people would like to participate.

Sanni: Is Sven going to do the classes if you decide to give them?

Sven: Yes, I will.

Quirijn: How will you reach all of the internationals?

Lloyd: We currently have the international member chat. We want to put all the new members in there as well.

Daan: It might also be an idea to send an email to all the members to let them know about the buddy system and both parties can set up, because we will also reach out to all the Dutch people that want to help.

Lieke: I know that the umbrella association, Kompanio, from the social sciences also work with a buddy system, and that seems to be working fine, you could ask them for help

Lloyd: That would be a good idea. It is introduced last year and we want to try and improve on to make it bigger and better. We also want to try and have some casual hangouts and have them more involved in a more casual style to make us more approachable. We have made budget available for a trip.

Job: Will this be organized by the International Committee or the Board?

Lloyd: This is going to be done by the International Committee.

Anna: You were wondering what to discuss during the vacation. These are the things you want to talk about. What you want to do, how you want to do it and who is going to do it, that should be discussed beforehand.

Lloyd: We will make sure that is all clear.

### **Communication tools**

Lloyd: Then we move on to the Orientation tools. We want to make an announcement chat with most involved Babylon members, because we think that is a good and easy way to let the members know about the new activities. A WhatsApp message is an easy way to let everyone know. Because via Instagram a message or post might get a bit buried into other posts. We might need to make two because of size. Cognac does this and it works very well. We want to make a QR code and give them to the first years during the intro week.

Anna: We also tried to make an announcement chat, but we found out this was quite difficult. Why would you do this?

Lloyd: We thought that getting rid of chats is not very nice, because year specific things are still a thing. Also the international chat should of course stay. For everyone that is in Babylon, active or not, everyone should have easy access to all the activities.

Sanni: So how will you promote the chat for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> years?

Lloyd: We can put a link in the Instagram stories so people can join their specific chat. And we will also put the links on the website, so that when people visit the website they can see the link to the announcement chat.

Rianne: Will you put the QR-code in before or after the login page?

Lloyd: They will be put after the login page of course.

Rianne: If I am correct you will only use the layer chats as a facilitator chat, or will you just make the chat and then say, hey guys, here is your chat good luck with it? And only the announcement chats for Babylon stuff. Who is responsible for that? Why would you make a chat in Babylon's name?

Sanni: Most year layers already have their own chats I think.

Rianne: So if you do not want to communicate in trough that channel for Babylon, why make the chat in the name of Babylon?

Lloyd: That is a great question, we will take that into consideration of course.

Niek: I had a question about what Rianne said, we are a study association so we want to help people with their studies. So if we help people by creating layer group chats for people to find each other that should be nice. In our time it really worked to drop messages about activities in different chats. This worked really well for us. And you should not put it in once and in one chat. Maybe people will look over it so you should approach them via multiple ways.

Dylan: You could also let a Committee Member post something in the chat so it is not only you guys spamming them.

Daniël: Our was always to repeat and reproduce the announcements more, because we saw like last year, the post of the activity was there and the reminder one day in advance, but we really want to spread the message more frequently and put it in people's heads.



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Lloyd: What you said Niek we will take that into consideration, but on one hand it is nice to keep reminding them, but on the other hand it should also not be too much because that will be annoying. It is a good idea to have a Committee Member promoting that so it is not us the whole time.

Quirijn: Do you want to use the chats consistently, so not only post the activity and then the reminder but also more chats about the activities and updates about them?

Lloyd: Yes we are going to use them frequently and consistently.

### **Magazine**

Lloyd: Next up we have the Babylon magazine. We have cut the number of magazines down to 2 magazines, mainly because of sustainability.

Quirijn: In your Policy Plan you mention a QR-code in the first Babbel to sign up for the online version of the magazine, why not add it to every Babbel and maybe put it in the magazine as well?

Sven: Yeah we should do that. It is a great idea, yes.

Sanni: Something else from the Policy Plan about the communication tools, you say the social media is being coordinated by the secretary and the chair. Why is the division like that? Because in the past it has been only the secretary.

Coen: That is actually a mistake, Sven and I are responsible together.

Sanni: Why is that?

Lloyd: To reduce the workload for Sven.

Lieke: This is not right in the Policy Plan because it says two different things, you should be more consistent about that.

Lloyd: We are going to fix those before the next GMM.

Quirijn: In the Policy Plan it says that a list of every activity of that month. Were on Facebook will that be? In the group or the page in general? Because I believe that right now we are still in April... No shame to the old board, but... Because if you use the group you need to add new members, that is all I am saying.

Lloyd: We will take that into account.

### **Premaster and master students**

Lloyd: Moving on to the pre-master and master. We want to keep them close to Babylon, so we want to organize an activity to introduce them to Babylon and get them excited about Babylon.

Niek: You say you want to get them excited, but Babylon is more than only that activity for them. Maybe you could combine an activity with another activity to get them to get in contact with people that are already more active.

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Daan: It is a very good idea to do that with the Borrel.

Job: How are you planning to reach the pre-master and master students? Because we have been having trouble with those last years.

Coen: So, there will be a welcome week where we want to introduce them to Babylon with a Babylon speaker and we also asked a current Babylon master student, Imke, to talk about her experiences with Babylon.

Anna: I would maybe ask a pre-master student that has already experienced that, and not upcoming pre-masters like Imke.

Coen: Yes we have thought about that as well.

Daan: I have already had some contact with someone that is wanting to do that.

### **Recruitment of new board**

Lloyd: Onto the next slide, the recruitment of the new board. We want to make sure that everyone that is interested in doing a Board year to be able reach out to us. We want to let everyone know that they can be Board. We will probably do the same thing as last year, where the board posted some videos about what they do and what their job withholds. We want to reach out to everyone that is abroad as well because they might not know about the changes.

Sanni: How do you make sure you get enough applicants? It was very hard last year and we struggled to get the lot of you here. Especially because the year after you is the Lustrum year, so you really need people that are willing to work hard for that, do you have any special plans about getting those people in?

Lloyd: I think it should be our own energy and enthusiasm to get people to be active and to get them to join our activities and via that way reach out to people that would be interested in becoming a board member.

### **Speed dating**

Lloyd: Then the contributing graduates alumni. As you might know, last year the Board organized an alumni speed dating event, which was very well received and it is a good informal way to bond with alumni, but also ask formal questions about their career path. We have noticed that the name of the event might lead to some confusion, some people thought it was actual speed dating. That is why we want to change the name.

### **Merchandise**

Lloyd: Then we have the merchandise. We have thought of a t-shirt contest for the new t shirt. This is a great way for members to connect with Babylon, and for all members to have a change to be involved in the association.

Job: Do you want to vote yourself or do you want Babylonians to vote, because I think you should do this contest via social media, and let the members vote via the stories. This

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because it will create more involvement with the members, and I think that is nicer than the five of you picking who won.

Lloyd: I think we as a board can choose the best ones, and then we can indeed do a competition via the stories. We will give some guidelines about what has to be on there.

Anna: You should also talk to DressMe before because they need to have the capability to produce the shirt.

Lloyd: I have looked into it with a friend of mine that has done it before and it should be possible.

Sanni: What time of the year will this take place.

Lloyd: We want to do it right after the Orientation Week because the excitement about Babylon is at the highest point we think.

### **Dices**

Lloyd: Furthermore, we would like to introduce the Babylon dices. Dicing has become a part of our association and it is a nice way to promote Babylon.

Marèl: What will be the price of the dice?

Lloyd: Right now we are unsure about it.

Renee: I would recommend not to combine it with a shirt. Or maybe both can be possible. Because personally I would rather buy dices than a t-shirt.

Anna: How will you make sure that it is a Babylon dice?

Lloyd: It will of course be orange and the Babylon logo will be on there on the 'one' side.

### **Break**

Sven had some technical issues but a charger has been found.

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Lloyd: I am going to speed up a bit because of the time.

### **Keeping contact with the sponsors**

Lloyd: I will be keeping up with the current sponsors. Because we do not have an external this year, we are not looking at new sponsors but we want to maintain the current sponsors. For strengthening the bond with our sisters, we have the ToCommunicate blog,

and Sven is going to write the blogpost for that. For the business gifts, the 33<sup>rd</sup> board has purchased a lot and that is still in our storage. We will keep using them as gifts.

Anna: How are you going to make sure that speakers that have already spoken at our events do not get a double present?

Lloyd: We have a contact file, and we know which speakers have already spoken. We will deal with that problem when it comes to the surface.

### **Local pub**

Lloyd: We have already told you that for the local pub we are going to the El Sombrero, because it has a nice atmosphere. We will promote this on the Instagram, and we really want to give it a Stamkroeg vibe. People will always be able to enter with the Babylon sticker. We also want to hang our shield in the El Sombrero. We have had contact with the Molenstraat about introducing a new contest. It will be between years, and it will mean that every time you buy 5 drinks, you get a point, and this will run the whole year. The winner will get a great prize at the end of the year.

Quirijn: So it will only be a point if they buy 5 drinks at once?

Sven: Yes, but it is drinks, which means that it can be non-alcoholic as well. We have taken that into account so everyone can participate, also people that do not drink alcohol and this also loses the image we have of being an alcohol association.

Thijs: Who is going to keep track of this point scoring system? The bartenders? Because I think it will be really hard if they have to do so.

Daan: I have had a meeting with Boy, and he said it should not be a problem.

Quirijn: You should really make sure that is not a problem. Because we tried this and it did not go that well.

Daan: You make a good point; we should communicate with the Molenstraat and the bartenders.

Job: Maybe you could consider asking them that it could be a whiteboard to make sure the turf list is maintained.

Lloyd: That is a good idea, we want to do that yes.

Daan: I will have a meeting with Boy about this.

Rianne: How are you going to make a difference between the year layers?

Daan: We will make a list it from year 1 to 4 and for alumni.

Niek: I have a question about the time the Borrel starts, because I do not think people do not come in because of time but because of emptiness. I think starting a bit earlier or keeping it this way so you keep the borrel vibe more and not a party vibe. That can come later in the evening but I think you should start with a Borrel vibe. I think if you start at 10.00pm you could achieve this.

Daniël: But you should also keep in mind that almost no one shows up in like the first half an hour.

Niek: People just come late because they do not want to be there at the start of the Borrel.

Renee: I have a question about the location, I was talking to Frank and he told me that he is now the contact person. I heard that one of the reasons you did not want to go to Bascafé is because Marcel is the contact person, but he is not anymore it is Frank now. I am not saying that you should go to Bascafé, but you should meet with him and discuss what he can do.

Daan: I have already texted Marcel and we are going to have a meeting with him this week.

### **Improving professionalism**

Lloyd: So, improving the professionalism of Babylon, this will mostly stay the same and we want to keep the current professionalism with external parties. For the privacy rules, Sven is going to be the supervisor of that, so if there are any questions whether something is appropriate or not, he can answer those questions. The board will wear the appropriate clothing to keep this professionalism intact. The committees will oversee this themselves. We will also order business cards, mostly for Lloyd because he is the Chair and acting as External. His contact information will be on there.

Rianne: You should keep into account that the blouses are more expensive than t-shirts, so please watch out for committees that do not need blouses.

Lloyd: Thanks, we will look out for that.

Sam: I also have something to say about the blouses, because I think last year blouses had the Babylon logo on the back, but I think it is more formal when you do not do that because that is less formal and it might look a bit cheap.

Rianne: I think that it is part of the Policy Plan, but I agree with you that it should not be too big. So I think it should be on there but in a different way.

Lloyd: Thanks, we will look into this and see what our printer can do.

### **Strengthen the bond with other organisations**

Lloyd: We really want to stay connected with other associations, our sisters and others in Nijmegen. We will try and visit all the important CoBo's to keep or rebuild the bond with other associations that has faded away a bit because of COVID-19. We also want to keep our contact with other more formal associations such as Ruis, we want to increase the contact with them.

Quirijn: What is your plan with contacting Ruis, because we have tried that a couple of years ago and that did not work out.

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Anna: The last board tried to get in contact with them as well, and I thought I had reacted to them and we waited for a reaction, but then I realized that I forgot to respond to them so I would contact them in person next time.

Lloyd: We will do that next year.

### **Lunch workshops**

Lloyd: Continuing, for members and students we want to organize career lunch workshops to increase the professionalism. This will be with speakers so students can talk about their careers in a more informal way of contact. This will help the members get in contact with some alumni. As for 34<sup>th</sup> has made a lot of sustainable progress, and we will continue with this.

Sanni: You also mention that you want to keep the lunches vegetarian, but have you thought of some variation, because we received some negative feedback.

Daniël: We have had this discussion, and the final decision was to keep it as it was.

Lieke: I have a question about the professor activity because I think that you should come up with another activity. It has been the same for the past years so teaches might get a bit bored about it.

Lloyd: We can certainly think about a new activity.

Anna: How were you planning on keeping the codices clean? I would advise a cleaning schedule because it is a lot of work.

Lloyd: We will look into this.

Daan: Dylan, you said something about a pub lecture, what do you mean by that?

Dylan: I would suggest letting them do a pub lecture and have them do it about something they like. Not per se on their course but about something they personally like.

Quirijn: How are you going to keep this more sustainable?

Lloyd: We have not yet come up with realistic ideas, but it is about maintaining the course the 33<sup>rd</sup> have set out for us.

Rianne: You could use the tv screen to show the pictures if you want to reduce more. But that might take the fun out of it.

Thijs: You can also take it too far Rianne.

Niek: I think printing the pictures has more value. I think it is better to continue the course of the 33<sup>rd</sup> and when you see something that could be improved then you can optimize that.

### **Parts per function**

#### **Chair**

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Lloyd: We will then continue to the parts per function. Well, I will be the chair next year, and one of my tasks will be supervising all the committees. I will lead the board and I will maintain the image of Babylon. Furthermore, I want to mention that it just to be the task of the chair to be in charge of the Babylon band, but after last year's annual survey, the band will likely vanish.

Marèl: Have you thought about new members that want to join the band?

Lloyd: We will see about the first-year interest. But as the survey showed there was literally no interest. We will see about the first years. There is also the possibility to not per se be a band but just jam together, so they can just chill and meet up.

Quirijn: Do you want to attend one meeting of every committee? Should not a confidant do that because they are a confidant?

Lloyd: I think on one hand, if there is a problem with a coordinator it does not have to be a confidant that a Committee Members turns to. We will discuss this once again. Furthermore, I am in charge of the Application and Congress Committee. Because we have one less board member, we have to shift a bit and take some extra tasks on our hand. I will also take on the Lustrum Committee in the second half of the year.

Quirijn: How will you form an Application Committee? Are you going to ask some formal board members or are you just going to contact some random people?

Lloyd: We will ask the RvA to help us with this, because they have done it before and they know what to keep into account.

Sanni: How are you going to balance this out because you are quite busy already.

Lloyd: I think I can manage this all. We have already scaled my workload down to 3 committees, because Sven is now in charge of the International Committee and the ToCommunicate blog.

Sanni: That is going to be a tough 2<sup>nd</sup> half year. Because most of your committees have activities then. So is it not busier then?

Lloyd: Yes that is also true.

Renee: Is there a reason that you start with the Lustrum Committee at the half of the year and not just at the start? Because I knew last time they started at the beginning of the year.

Lloyd: In the script I received it says that it starts at the half of the year so that is why we chose to keep it that way. But we can take into consideration starting a bit earlier.

Quirijn: Are you planning on using the external email account?

Lloyd: Yes, I will try to keep account of both the external account and the chair account. I will now give the word to Sven Drosten.

### **Secretary**

Sven: So, as a secretary, I will be keeping track of the member file via Conscribo. We have a lot of applicants that were bots and Imke has started to clean them out, and I will

continue to do so for the secretary after me. I will also be in charge of the website and the social media: the Instagram and the Facebook. There I will post updates about all the activities that are important for members to see. We think Instagram is our main communication channel because most of our members are active on Instagram, I think everyone has it. Besides that the website is also very important. We will of course keep the same house style as Lieke and Imke have used. It will be the same colours and same format. For the Babylon magazine, I will maintain the contact with BladNL. We have cut down to two magazines, but they will be a bit longer so the same amount of information will still be in the magazine.

Sanni: The board emails get a lot of spam, would you do the @ between brackets, it helps with spam.

Sven: Thank you Sanni, that is a good addition.

Niek: There is a spam threshold that you can add as well.

Sven: I am a bit of a digibeet, so if you want to help, please do so!

Sven: I will be managing the Graphic Design Committee and the International Committee; I took that on because Lloyd is really busy already. As mentioned before, we are going to look at the Dutch lessons. If there is enough interest we will organize the classes but now we are not sure. We also want to organize some casual meetings. This to make us a bit more accessible as a board and help them when they need to. Also the Graphic Design Committee will be managed by me. It speaks for itself, they mostly make Instagram posts or banners. There are 2 software programmes that the members need to control, SOFv has some workshops for the GDC, and I will take those with the rest of the committee.

Job: How are you going to make sure that everyone will send their requests for the GDC on time? Because this has been a problem the last couple of years.

Sven: We as a board have enough authorization to make clear people must send it in time. Every one of us is in every committee, so we as board members need to communicate in time about these things and make sure that the notice will be on time.

Job: Yes that sounds great, but once you are really busy with something sending out that request can be buried in other work, which means that you will get a lot of short notice design requests.

Sven: Yes, I know that, but since we as the board are at every meeting, the fastest way of getting the request through to the committee is via me, so they can just text me and I can pass the request to the committee. I think that is the most efficient way. If there are no more questions, I would like to give the word to Daniël.

## **Treasurer**

### **Income**

Daniël: So, as a Treasurer I will make sure that Babylon stays financially healthy this year. As Job said, I have a lot of money to spend, so it should be fine. I will also be in charge of the vacancy policies because we do not have an external in our board this year. Because I manage the finance anyway, I was the best choice for that task.

Rianne: Do you also then do the social media part of the vacancy? Because they also have to be posted on the social media and the website.



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Daniël: To be honest I have not thought about that yet. But I think that I will do everything, also the social media.

Sanni: Do you plan to keep the same vacancy packages?

Daniël: Yes we are not going to change them.

Marèl: Is it then not a good idea that you and Sven work together and communicate really well to that there will not be like two posts at the same time.

Daniël: I think Sven and I have to work together very well. We have done that before for with university projects so that should not be a problem. But you cannot really plan the vacancies ahead so that is why it is a bit uncertain whether someone has time for that or not. We will just communicate very well.

Sven: I will keep an eye on him.

Daniël: Then I will continue to my initial budget. I have made an initial budget, but these numbers might change before the Financial GMM. I have taken an example in Job's budget plan. Member fees I have kept the same as last year. We expect the same amount of people to be member next year. The remainder of the 33<sup>rd</sup> board will be very nice to work with. We will have a meeting with Rabobank about the sponsor money they will give us. The contract with the Molenstraat is €1500, we are planning on signing that next week. The StudyStore has been put down on advice from Job, to €1350, because people are not really buying books anymore. The vacancy post I am going to change a lot, because €275 is not enough, looking back at last year. And then Stagemax who gave us €1800.

Dylan: Would it not be better to just leave out Rabobank then?

Daniël: It might, but we will keep an eye on it because we do not know what is going to happen yet. There is a lot of space in the budget plan to cut down on some things, so it should not be a problem.

Rianne: I would advice to keep the vacancy policies the same right now. And if you notice that it should be higher than you can do that.

Daniël: Yes that is true, but we do not want to end up with an extra surplus.

Rianne: I get that, but you can also say that can go to the Lustrum Year.

Daniël: We have talked about this, but I want to play even, because you cannot make profit on a non-profit organization.

Daan: I wanted to add something to this plan, the Molenstraat contract will be the same regardless, it will always be €1500, that does not change.

Quirijn: I think you should not give up on the contract with Rabobank and keep in contact.

Job: I would now recommend putting study store up a bit, since they had more profit then expected.

Daniël: Yes I know, a lot of things are going to change.

## Expenses

Daniël: As we said, we had a lot of extra money. Some of these posts are not very accurate, they are taken from last year, but some things like the gifts can still be used from last year. This because we have not run out yet, and that is why we do not need new stuff.

Anna: Why is it on there then?

Daniël: Because I want to have a bit of a buffer for everything. I understand your point, but I only realised it after I made the table so it will be changed for the Financial GMM.

Rianne: I noticed that the Career Event is still in your budget, but that does not take place anymore right? You have to make sure that everything is correct.

Daniël: Yes I know, I have not changed the name yet, but I will change that. Furthermore I have put €150 for new Babylon stickers. Niek has bought stickers the last time when he was a treasurer, and only now are they running out.

Sanni: Do you have a contact in Groningen that can pick them up for you?

Sven: Maybe one of us can go there on a road trip.

Daniël: I have also put more money in all the committees, except the Education Committee, because we want to make every event cheaper to attract more members.

Job: I was wondering where the specific €500,10 came from?

Daniël: Because I want the result to be exactly 0.

Job: I get that but maybe consider not rounding up at the committees, maybe pick something at the office part, but I understand that you want that.

Daniël: Yes thank you.

Quirijn: I understand that you want to give more money to the committees to keep the ticket prices down, but you should also tell them that so they do not spend the money on other things and then the entry price stays the same.

Daniël: Yes, that is mostly for big events like the study trip.

Dylan: You should also consider that a lot of things have things have gone more expensive because of inflation, so do not forget to take that into account.

Daniël: Yes, I understand that and I will look into that. That is why the unforeseen costs are a bit higher this year with all the insecurities that are in the world right now.

Dylan: Are you not going to up the price of the membership fees? Because I think that it is justified.

Sven: We do not want to do it this year, but we want to do that next year for the Lustrum. We have talked about €17 already.

Niek: There is no need for it now, but it is justified for next year.

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Rianne: Are you guys planning to organise the Festival yourself? Because I would not do that in May. I would advise against that because it is a very busy time then for you as a board.

Lieke: I think if you plan in front then it should not be a real big problem right?

Rianne: Yes but I had some things with external parties that costed me all the time in the world. So you could maybe consider asking the help of the Committee of Informal Activities.

Daniël: We are maybe planning on working together with another association as well. But that is not certain yet and we are still in the beginning phase of discussing that. Are there any more questions about anything considering the budget plan?

Anna: I think that put you should also put a bit more money in the AMA's, because €500 is not enough I think to organise a nice activity, but it is a very nice way to connect members with each other.

Daniël: Yes, I know we should, but this is still the same amount Job has put in there. It will be changed. We wanted to put a bit more money in the lunches to make them more attractive. And we also upped the Festival money because we want to expand it a bit, because of the security costs being higher and such things.

Sanni: Why is the amount for flowers so much higher? Is it also for the masters this year?

Daniël: Job advised me to put more money there. And indeed the name of the post should be changed and it is not only bachelor anymore.

Anna: What is the budget for sustainability for?

Daniël: As I said, if we must invest in sustainability we want to be safe that we have something for it.

Anna: I do not think you need that post to be so specific.

Job: You can consider moving that and just put it under unforeseen costs.

Daniël: Okay I will do that.

Quirijn: Why are the room decorations so high, is that for the TV and the Wii? Because why is there a separate post then for decorations.

Daniël: Yes it is for the TV and the Wii. And the separate post is for actual decorations for like around the holidays. That could be merged together next time.

Klaas: Can the post of the domain name for Babylon not be scraped, because that has been paid now right?

Daniël: I think yes, but I did not know for sure.

Job: That might be my fault for not telling Daniël.

Anna: I see that you have a welcome back third year activity, but then for the board year you also specifically mention people applying for a board year then. But I was wondering why that is still a thing, because not a lot of people are abroad in the second semester. I think you can remove those.

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Daniël: No, we want to do an activity such as you guys did the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year activity.

Sanni: Why is the amount for the GMM higher?

Daniël: It is for renting the room because that got more expensive.

Lieke: I think that you can get rid of WPML, because we do not use that anymore since they are not really good and we have decided to do it ourselves.

Job: Yes, I think you should reconsider that, because it does not make sense anymore.

Daniël: I will look into that. Are there any more questions about this part? Then as I said, the balance is €0, so we have the same amount of income as the amount of expenses. The final result is €17609,10 expenses and income.

Renee: Are you going to use Ideal for all the sign ups?

Job: I totally agree, because then you kind of force people to pay up front and it makes your job way easier. You should definitely look into that.

Daniël: I will look into that, thanks for the suggestions. Then I will move on to my committees. I will manage the Prom Committee and Study Trip Committee, because they are the biggest expenses of the year. We will organise the Prom here at the Waagh. During the prom, the upper Waagh is not available. However, Postelein has a Lustrum year, and we took into account that they maybe do not want to work together with us this year, so then we will only have the Prom together with Mundus. This works perfectly because there are now only 350 places available. So it should not be a problem.

Rianne: Have you considered moving to another place? Because the contract with the Waagh has not been signed yet. You will maybe receive less money then but the Prom will be nicer.

Daniël: I will look into it.

Renee: You could also work together with more associations like 5 or 6, so you can come up a better location and have a really nice Prom.

Job: It is a great idea, but planning will be way harder, because we found that it is hard to plan with 3 different associations already, so 5 or 6 would be hard to find a date that suits everyone.

Sam: I think that if you start early that you must be fine, but you will have to work hard then.

Daniël: Thank you guys, I will look into that. For the Study Trip Committee I will make sure to start on time, learning from the last study trip. And I will make sure that the communication with the department is better. Any questions?

Thijs: Yes I have a suggestion, I know that the train is the most sustainable way of traveling, but most airlines give the option to neutralise the carbon footprint when you go by plane. Of course this means that your options for a destination are much bigger then. Because our trip to Colombia I will never forget. It might be something to consider, even though I know that it is not really sustainable.

Job: And you could maybe consider the SOFv subsidy because we get only €150 euro's if we go by train.

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Rianne: I would not do that, because SOFv is considering not giving any subsidence when an association travels by airplane.

Thijs: Maybe you could discuss it because of the neutralisation.

Daniël: I will look into all of that and I will look at what SOFv does. If there are no more questions, I will give the word to Coen Esselink

### **Internal**

Coen: Well, not a lot has changed from the previous years. My biggest task is building a bridge between Babylon and the study programme. I will do this through the Study Program Committee, so it will be easy to have contact with all the study advisors. I already have a good relationship with the main study advisor, so that will be okay. I will go to every LETO GMM together with Lloyd. I will also be the confidant inside of the board, and we also asked Sanni Granqvist to be the confidant. She is a known face within Babylon, and she was a confidant last year as well. She is an international and a woman, which makes her more approachable for members than the 5-man board. I will also go to a meeting of every committee to talk about the confidants and what we do.

Rianne: Are you also planning on following the confidant training? And have you also considered asking someone outside of the board?

Coen: Yes I will follow the training. And we decided not to do that.

Daniël: We think both of them are really approachable, and that is why we decided to go for Coen and Sanni and it is not necessary to have someone outside of the board.

Coen: All right, then the Education Committee. Not a lot will change from last year. However, I have been approached by mycelium to do a company visit together, so I will look into the possibilities of that. I will also be in charge of the Career Committee and the Lunch Workshops. A couple of companies have already said they want to participate in those so that is nice. I am also in charge of the Weekend Committee, which might be a bit strange, but we did this because of personal preferences and skills. I have had the idea for a Lift Weekend, but I will look into the possibilities for the Lustrum year.

Sanni: I think you should be really careful because now you have two activities that are very close together.

Coen: I will watch out and maybe pick some experienced members that can help organising me.

Job: Do you guys still think about having the Lustrum Committee to take care of the Weekend in the 35<sup>th</sup> year. Because I think that would release a lot of stress in the months April and May.

Thijs: I think you should consider a warmer period in time for the Weekend because it was quite cold the last time out.

Daan: It will take place in April this time out.

Coen: I will take all your comments into consideration. If there are no more questions I would like to give the word to Lloyd to say something about the external.

## **External**

Lloyd: For the external point I will say a few words. I will take over most of the external tasks. We want to divide the tasks a bit more as well, but I am the point of contact for that function. I will also manage the sticker deals.

Renee: I had a question about the sticker deals. I saw that you were cancelling one sticker deal. For Bijleshuis? And why are you not going to look for more sticker deals?

Lloyd: We have decided to still keep the Bijleshuis deal in place after some feedback from the RvA. Because we are with one less board member, we want to try and maintain the current deals and not try and get new ones. This because it will take up a lot of time, and we simply do not have that.

Dylan: But are you not going to have it very busy then? With all those activities.

Rianne: I think that most of the contracts will be signed in the start of the year, so that will be out of the way soon, but you should really look at how you are going to manage.

Lloyd: Yes, we know, and that is why we chose to go for maintaining instead of searching for new deals. We will take it into consideration.

Dylan: I think that you should look at your more important job, and then maybe ask the committees for help if you fail to manage.

Lieke: Yes, are you still going to use the email address of the external?

Lloyd: We will still use that for things that actually regard regarding the external function. If there are no more questions then I would like to give the word to Daan

## **Activities**

Daan: My throat is really killing me today, so I am sorry if I have to take a sip of water every once in a while. So, I will be the Commissioner of Activities next year. I have already made the annual planning, one of my biggest tasks this vacation. It is finished, but Nathan told me that I still have to look at the LETO and SOFv annual planning to make sure there are no overlaps, so it might change a bit. Then, the Committee Market has been planned already and will take place on 12 September in the EOS. I have texted members already to speak and promote the market.

Dylan: Have you made a location reservation already?

Daan: Yes I have done that, it will be in the hallway of the Elinor Ostrom building.

Anna: Are there 13 stands? Have you thought about the Lustrum Committee?

Daan: It has 14 stands.

Quirijn: And how about the Almanac Committee?

Daan: It has 15 stands.

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Sanni: How will you find people to manage the stands for the Almanac and Lustrum Committees?

Daan: We do not know yet, we might ask Quirijn, and maybe Lloyd can be there since he is the coordinator of the committees.

Sanni: You mention videos posted to Instagram, have you communicated with them yet?

Daan: There will be two people at every stand and one of them is going to film a video that can go on Instagram. Also, I have had a lot of contact with Boy from the Molenstraat already. The contract is about to be signed. The sponsor money will be €1500, and the El Sombrero will be open for us on Tuesdays to organise the Borrels. The price of drinks is lower than at the other party that made an offer to us. And I will meet with him this week and I will make sure that the Diesweek Cantus can be there.

Job: It might be good to mention that the sponsoring for the Ski Trip and Study Trip clothing will also be arranged?

Daan: Yes, I will make sure that is arranged.

Niek: What will be the price of drinks in the El Sombrero?

Daan: The price of beer and soft drinks will be €2,30 and the price of wine is going to be €1 below the import price.

Niek: I do not think that it is really necessary, but have you considered lowering the sponsor money that you get, and then arrange better drink deals for the members? You have some money left so it would not hurt.

Daan: I will ask Boy about the possibilities and whether that is possible. I will also be responsible for organising the events during the RAGweek. We will be participating at the hallway lunch and the agenda. We will also be on the calendar, very sexy. And we will also be present at the Cantus that will take place.

Job: Are you guys on the Rag Market as well? Because then do not forget to organise an activity.

Daan: Yes, we will participate in that.

Daniël: The RAGweek activity we want to organise is a benefit match with soccer to raise money for the RAGweek. People can then participate or watch it by donating money.

Sven: That is my idea by the way.

Daan: Okay Sven....., I will also be the vice chair next year, and I will look at everything that is happening within the association. This means that whenever Lloyd feels that it gets to much for him, I will support him when needed. Then, my committees, I will be leading the Committee of Informal Activities, and we are lucky, because the CIA has space for one more activity. Besides that I will also manage the Sports Committee, and I can tell you that the Ski Trip has already been booked.

Sanni: Does it collide with the resits?

Daan: Yes, but that is normal unfortunately, that was the case last time as well. This will take place in the first half of the year and the second half of the year there will be an extra activity.

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Job: You also should not forget to sign up for the Batavierenrace

Daan: I have had contact with Nathan, we will do that indeed. Someone has already said that if we are unable to fill a team of 20, we could maybe work together with other associations such as Mycelium.

Sven: Again, my idea.

Daniël: Sven, stop flexing.

Dylan: Does not the Batavierenrace maybe collide with the Study Trip?

Daan: We are going to look into it. Any more questions about the Ski Trip? Then I will continue. I also have the Orientation Week Committee, I am in the current one as well, so I think it suits me very nice. I will also be in charge of the Publication Committee because I like writing. We think that right now the division of committees is right, and it fits well with everyone's preferences. But I will work together with Sven on this. If there are no more questions I would like to give the word back to Lloyd.

Lloyd: I just want to mention real quick that since COVID-19 is not really out of this world, we want to consider that we have to be flexible with restrictions and we feel like we want to just mention it.

Dylan: Have you started planning on creating alternatives already then?

Lloyd: No, but we are going to look at what other boards did in previous years and then have an idea what we can expect and what our options are.

Sanni: We have created a document with some info, so you could use that to.

Lloyd: Thanks, we will take a look at that document. If there are no more questions about COVID-19 then we can continue on.

### **Question before voting**

Lloyd: Are there any questions before voting?

Quirijn: There were quite some uncertainties in the Policy Plan. Please fix the easy mistakes that are in there because it is really unprofessional.

Anna: This also counts for the PowerPoint because there are some mistakes with for example capitals that are really easy to fix, so watch out for that.

Dylan: Unfortunately, I cannot vote but I want to let you guys know that I would have voted in favour. I think you guys make a great team, but please make sure that everything is fine and know that everything you from now on represents Babylon, and I want to wish you good luck.

Whole board: Thank you very much.

Niek: I also wanted to say this. Even though you guys do not have a lot of experience inside Babylon, I think that you still manage to think ahead and take everything into consideration, so big ups to you guys.



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Whole board: Thank you very much.

**Vote on Concept Policy '22- '23**

Total number of voters: 16 + 5 (21 in total)

Vote in favour: 16

Vote against: 0

Blanc vote: 0

Withhold: 5 (34<sup>th</sup> board)

A minimal amount of 67% of the votes are necessary for the Concept Policy Plan to be voted in favour. The Concept Policy Plan has received 100% of the votes in favour. Therefore, the Concept Policy Plan is accepted.

Lloyd: Then I think that we all can acknowledge that the Policy Plan has been accepted.

*Applause*

**W.C.T.M.**

Lloyd: Is there anything that comes to mind now where during the GMM there was not time for?

Dylan: What is the biggest goal you guys want to achieve this year within Babylon?

Lloyd: I think that the bonding with the members is the goal we want to achieve. Especially after COVID-19 and social distancing, we want to rebuild the association and make sure that the members have a good time during their time at our association.

**Question round**

Lloyd: Are there any questions that still need to be asked.

Anna: Are you thirsty? Because we have a little tradition within Babylon.

Lloyd: Ah yes, should we do that now or should I close the meeting first?

Anna: You can close first.

**Closing**

Lloyd: I want to thank you all for coming and we hope it is going to be a great year.

Lloyd closes the meeting at 23:50 pm.