



## General Assembly March 9th Discussion Subject: Committees

### Current situation

Our association currently has 10 committees. These have all been established at different times according to what suited the association at those moments. We currently have 42 members active in committees. At the start of this academic year, 33 people signed up who were interested in joining a committee. Some had indicated that they would like to be active in multiple committees and some we have approached later about this, next to that there are also 9 committee heads.

### Our Aim

Today we want to start a discussion about possibly altering our committee structure. We think that having less committees would be beneficial for the working of the committees. That would mean more members per committee and less overlap between the possible events that could be organised. We also hope that this will make the committees feel more freedom in regard to what kind of events they can organise, due to the less specific nature of the committees.

### After this GA

We will take into consideration all points raised during the coming GA and we will use these when reimagining the committees. Before we as a board come to any conclusions, we also want to involve the next possible board in this decision. If after these steps, we deem the changing of the committee structure to be beneficial for the association, we will put in a proposal to do so in the next GA.

### Covid consideration

We find it important to keep in mind that due to the covid restrictions that were in place this academic year, the functioning of our committees has been altered. Still it is important to look at what each committee has been up to. Therefore to place our events in context, below is a list with all events organised this year, separated per committee.

#### *Academic:*

There have been two mind matters events. The first one had death as a subject and the second one was focussed on human modification. The format of the event is a discussion evening where thoughts are exchanged, similar to the salons that Extra Muros has done before.

Committees

- Academic Committee
- Creative Committee
- Educational Committee
- Internationalization & Culture
- Outreach Committee
- Public Relations Committee
- Social Activities Committee
- Social Party Committee
- Study Trip Committee
- Yearbook Committee

### *Creative:*

Creative started the year with a 'get to meet the creative committee' event. Around Halloween time they did a pumpkin carving event. They also organised a paint pouring workshop. Next to that, there was an arts & crafts idea. In the Blackbox theatre there was a reading of the Antigone play in the week that the first years had to read it for Imagining Justice. They also held a photography competition, for which there also was an optional meet up on campus to take pictures together.

### *Educational:*

In the first semester they organised two crash courses for thinking about science, for the midterm and the endterm.

### *Internationalisation & Culture:*

They have organised a cultural film night which was accompanied by culturally appropriate snacks. In the spirit of Saint Valentine, they put up a box in the common room where love letters could be dropped in.

### *Outreach:*

Around Christmas time there was a Secret Santa event which was accompanied by a film afterwards. They have also organised a LAS cafe with Michiel Bot.

### *Party:*

A hybrid cocktail workshop, where groups would meet up in person and then join the general Zoomcall, combined with a pubquiz. The cocktail ingredients were delivered to the houses of the participants. They are busy with planning the Gala, which has been postponed due to covid restrictions.

### *Public Relations:*

This committee is not involved with organising events.

### *Social Activities:*

First event was a quiz night in the Common Room with a Halloween theme. Their next event was a cycling dinner where groups of people enjoyed courses in each other's homes. They also organised a scavenger hunt walk. Moreover, they have also organised a series of cooking workshops via Zoom where a lecturer would cook a dish and students could follow along. They have a brewery tour coming up.

### *Study Trip:*

In the first semester they organised a museum and ice skating trip to Amsterdam. On this trip they visited Foam and the ice skating rink on Museumplein. They will soon take on a trip where they will visit Maastricht and its caves.

### *Yearbook:*

This committee is not involved with organising events, but are working behind the scenes creating the yearbook.

## **Concluding note**

We are very proud of all the events that our committees were able to organise so far this year. We look forward to seeing you in the GA and discuss together what is best for our association.

Sincerely yours,

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