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Foreword

This half-yearly report of the 49th Board of Directors of the GSb gives a picture of the past half-year. A half-year with its beautiful moments and also its setbacks. A period in which we fought against the loan system and short stay contracts. But also a period in which we dealt creatively with the circumstances due to corona. The GSb did not stand still and we were always available to the student who needed it.

With this half-yearly report, Board 49 wants to leave a nice foundation on which Board 50 can conclude a particularly tough 2020. This year has not yet come to an end and there are still surprises to come. We wish you a lot of reading pleasure.

With kind regards,
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1.Portfolios

1.1. Housing

Goal

The GSB will emphasise its views on housing and further to external partners. Where necessary, cooperation will be sought.

Means

- The board participates in all meetings of the Youth Housing Working Group.
- The board provides input to the Student Assessor of the CvB concerning the Youth Housing Steering Group.
- The portfolio holders make an active effort to sit down with the national housing working group of the LSVb as often as possible.
- The portfolio holders maintain contact with the Rent Team, the Housing Working Group and other student organisations and parties in order to exchange knowledge.

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The Board participated in all JHV meetings during the first half of the year. In addition, the board has had regular contact with the assessor to inform her about the state of affairs from the GSb. Three times during the first half of the year there was direct contact about the housing situation with her. The board also attended the meetings of the national JHV very often. Unfortunately, due to circumstances we had to miss one, but we were present at the other 5. The contact with internal bodies and external parties went very well. To counter short-stay contracts we wrote an addendum to the reporting of the RUG to the municipality together with the University Council parties. Internally, we included current topics in the meetings with the Housing Working Group and discussed legal matters with the Rental Committee. This was done in order to be sure of the legal issues. This is an ongoing goal, as the problems in the housing market are constantly changing.

Goal

Actively voice the opinion of the GSb against the use of 'short-stay' contracts for permanent housing.

Means

- Political contacts are informed of the GSb's position on short stay contracts.
- The board will enter into cooperation with the parties within the municipal council in order to counter the short-stay contract policy in the municipality.

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Short-stay was once again a hot topic this year and we were once again able to express our criticism of these forms of contract by means of regulations issued by the councillor. We had a meeting with the University Council about the forms of contract and their inaccuracy. They would very much like to look at a form that is suitable for the tenant and the institution, because otherwise there will be a lot of costs involved.

The SSH in Groningen has also expressed its frustration with this type of contract and the problems associated with it. We hope that on the national level attention will be paid to look for new forms of contract that all parties can be satisfied with. This is an ongoing goal as long as the use of short-stay contracts is present in Groningen.

Goal

The housing guide will be published annually.

Means

- The portfolio holder will maintain active contact with the Housing working group and the rental committee regarding the design and content of the housing guide.
- The board will investigate the possibilities of providing the housing guide with relevant information about wellbeing (see wellbeing) and information about facilities for students, and will apply this where technically possible. The board will report its findings to the GMM.

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The housing guide has not yet been produced due to ambiguities from external parties and this will have to be done in September or October so that it is ready in time for the second ESN week as the first priority. This goal has not yet been achieved.

Goal

The administration of the GSb will improve cooperation with the municipality and the police with regard to the licensing system in order to work towards successful enforcement of the licensing system.

Means

- The board continues to hold regular talks with the municipality (parties) about the licensing system in order to share information and knowledge and to steer the enforcement of the licensing system.
- The administration monitors how the licensing system is developing by monitoring current affairs and any legal proceedings arising from the licensing system.
- The portfolio holder will actively engage with the Housing working group to look at possible collaborations between the municipality in the GSb for the reasons for reports on the licensing system.

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The board discussed the authorisation system with the municipal council parties when there was an opportunity to do so. Unfortunately, this has not resulted in any direct action, but questions have always been put to the councillor about its functioning and efficiency. We also sat down regularly with the municipal policy officer to advise, where necessary, on the course of the process. This did not result in any actions to improve the system. Unfortunately, this goal has not been achieved.

1.2 Political

Quite bizarre. That is the only way I can describe politics in recent months. Nearly all the relevant topics have been postponed. Meetings have been cancelled, written and have not been open to the public for some time. It was therefore a difficult task to follow politics properly.

Goal

Increasing the visibility of the GSb within the municipal council so that municipal council parties can find the GSb for input on relevant topics.

Means

- The Board seeks at least one connection per municipal council party on matters of portfolios-holders within the municipal parties.
- The Board has regular meetings with municipal councillors in order to retain good contacts.
- The portfolio holder is present at all council meetings and also seeks contact with the councillors present. If this is not possible for certain reasons, the council meeting will be (re)viewed via the online portal.

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Much has been done over the past 8 months to ensure that we are and remain visible as GSb. Because of corona, the approach that was normally taken with intensive personal contact has become very difficult. Apart from that, strong progress has been made. The portfolio holder is now a familiar face with the municipal council. In the period prior to corona, regular appointments were made with the contact persons and normal council meetings were all attended. Some current affairs debates have been skipped due to a lack of relevance. A solid foundation has been laid here for the rest of the policy year.

Goal

Bringing the views of the GSb to the attention of the municipality (council parties) so that the views of the GSb are clearly highlighted to the municipality (council parties) and they can take this into account in their decision-making.

Means

- The board regularly goes through the agendas and documents of the committees and the council, so that it can respond properly and in good time to developments in the municipality.
- The board attends council and committee meetings if these are of importance to the GSb, where the possibility of taking the matter to court is investigated.
- The board approaches the municipal council parties actively on subjects that are important to the GSb

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At the start of the new year, the Municipal Council adopted a new working method, which means that there are now only so-called joint committees. Because they are no longer distinguishable in name, the former has become not only important but also necessary. Therefore, all of the agendas of all the committees and council meetings were looked into. Wherever possible, they have also been recorded. Because the physical municipal council has been at a standstill for months, the vast

majority of the meetings have been online without the possibility of recording. In addition, all non-corona related topics were moved to after the summer. As such, there were few 'acute' topics to approach city council members and/or parties.

Goal

To bring Groningen and the GSb to the attention of the LSVb in the field of national politics.

Means

- At least once every three weeks there will be a telephone conversation between a board member of the LSVb and a board member of the GSb during which the relevant points will be discussed and how both parties can help each other to resolve them.
- Where necessary, the board will read through documents and reports (such as SER and VSNU reports) in order to keep abreast of developments at the national level and to formulate and communicate points of view.

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There has been regular contact with the LSVb on national politics. At the beginning of the year on more standard topics such as housing and public transport. During corona, as a part of the #NietMijnSchuld campaign, weekly contact was kept with the LSVb on national issues concerning the income position of students, online education, fines for students in student houses and more. More recently there has been daily contact about the introduction periods for students (Kei-week/ESN-week/introductions of associations). In order to keep up to date, the ministerial notes have been reviewed where available.

Goal

Continue to build and maintain contacts and strengthen cooperation with political youth organisations.

Means

- The board is looking for permanent points of contact at the GPJK and the political youth organisations.
- The board approaches the GPJK and/or its member organisations to organise an activity and/or campaign in cooperation with them.

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With some PJOs the contact is good and has been strengthened. For example, the contacts with the JS Groningen are excellent. With ROOD the contacts have been somewhat strengthened through the connection of the #Nietmijnschuld campaign. Jan Willem also received quite a lot of information about the JD, although there may be more direct contact from the portfolio holder in the second half of the year. For the other PJOs there is still work to be done in the last part of the policy plan period. The chairman at Dwars next year is a former active member of the GSb, so hope pertains that relations with them can also be strengthened.

1.3 Action

Taking action in times of corona has presented an interesting challenge. The criticism that we are all 'couch activists' is only more true. Not out of laziness but out of necessity because of a pandemic. From this necessity other ways of taking action have been sought, more has been done with the media. On the other hand, ideas have been thrown off the table or postponed.

Goal

The board of the GSb will actively promote the interests of students by using the means of action.

Means

- In the case of current events, the board examines whether they lend themselves to action; if so, the board takes appropriate action. A current affairs lends itself to an action if it is of social importance, is in the interest of the Groningen students and is of added value to highlight our point of view.
- In principle, the Board will seek a connection with actions of other parties, if these are in line with the points of view of the GSb, are well organised and provide added value to the GSb in its work.
- The Board will inform its members at all times via its online channels (see Chapter 4) and will contact them directly and involve them in actions in which the GSb participates.

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It is difficult to take action in a lockdown. Fortunately, a number of things have happened, sometimes within the framework of the #NietMijnSchuld campaign. For those actions, see the relevant goal.

In February, together with the JS, a campaign was conducted for their campaign UITGEWOOND. The intention was that this was an action throughout the country to go 'camping' on the big market/other main squares throughout the country. In Groningen we ended up doing this with about 15 people.

The action and pressure we got by using the media against the enforcement of the alcohol ban in the Noorderplantsoen can be described as a partial success. By drawing up a petition and several press releases, the GSb kept the local media busy for a few days and was able to stop the ban for a large part of the park. This policy will be evaluated after the summer. The petition was signed more than three and a half thousand times within a few days.

Goal

Support and actively deploy the national student union with the #NMS campaign.

Means

- The board will set up activities and events to draw attention to the #NMS campaign and generate awareness and engagement to the problems of lending.
- The board will seek support and cooperation with study and student associations and other interested organisations in Groningen so that there is broad support for the campaign.

- The board will participate in meetings with the LSVb and FNV Young and United about the direction, content and actions of the campaign. The GSb brings its ideas to the attention.

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The #NMS campaign has had a difficult time during Corona, but on a national level there has been a lot of attention for the position of young people. A hotline has been set up to report the loss of income and 2000 students have reported. As a result of this and by being in the press to an large extent, we managed to get compensation for people employed with a Zero-hour contract and a monthly income of EUR 400 or more. As such, the campaign strategy has now also been broadened to include the income position of students, i.e. 'studying is too expensive'.

Locally, we still held digital weekly meetings and came up with ideas for what we could do. For example, there have been twitter bombardments of the higher education spokespersons in the parliament, preparations have been made and promoted for the online consultation and actions have been devised for later implementation.

Thanks to the online consultation, the campaign team is expanding with interested parties. The group is now about 15 people of which about 10 are really active. In addition to the people who have already committed, there are also a few people who are interested but first want to come along and have a look.

Goal

The GSb will increase its visibility by ensuring that, in actions in which it participates, it is clear to the outside world that the GSb is participating.

Means

- The board will ensure that the association is visible in the form of banners, flags and clothing when an action is organized.
- When the GSb participates in an action, the board will make this clearly visible through the online channels of the association.
- When an action lends itself to a media outlet, the media will be actively sought out.

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If an action lends itself to media exposure, the media will be actively sought out. During the action UITGEWOOND in February, it was ensured that GSb members who were present wore a GSb vest and that a flag from us was present to show that we were present.

The communication about actions on social media should have been better in order to bring this to the attention. There is still a lot to be gained here. Wherever possible the media was informed to promote the event.

Goal

The board of the GSb will actively work to make the #IW campaign a success. This campaign was initiated together with ESN and aims to make landlords and students positive about letting international students move in with them.

Means

- The Board of the GSb is present with two representatives to participate in a partnership with ESN to shape this campaign.
- The board will remain active in the campaign for two years and will also provide information through an online and physical promotional campaign.

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The #IW campaign has been postponed to the next academic year due to corona. Many preparations have already been made and the plan has been thought out. At the time, we were of the opinion that there was little point in campaigning if fewer internationals would be coming to Groningen. The expectation at the time was that up to 50% fewer international students would come to Groningen, but now it is clear that this is not the case. For the next policy plan, this campaign will have to be taken up again.

1.4 MOV

Goal

Ensuring the quality and effectiveness of the M.O.V. in order to achieve enforcement of the licensing system.

Means

- The portfolio holder of the M.O.V. actively seeks cooperation with the municipality and the police.
- The portfolio holder will ensure that the information on the website is of good quality and clear at all times.

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The board has had a few contacts with the partners in this cooperation in order to reflect on the reports received and the follow-up steps that could be taken. Unfortunately, the goal has not been achieved and things have not yet come to fruition.

Goal

Increasing the brand awareness of the M.O.V..

Means

- The portfolio holder will enter into discussions with the municipality about a subsidy for promotion and campaign materials for the M.O.V..
- The board will set up a promotional campaign for the M.O.V..
- The portfolio holder will update the M.O.V.'s web page to make it easier to find.

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The board tried to lobby the municipality to receive a grant for a campaign to promote the MOV. Unfortunately, this did not result in support and therefore the board was unable to launch a campaign. This goal was not achieved.

1.5 Mobility

Goal

To represent the interests of students in the field of mobility.

Means

- Where possible, current developments in the field of mobility will be taken into account.
- The mobility portfolio holder participates in the meetings of the OV-Consumer Platform.
- The portfolio holder looks at the possibilities to realize an OV-connection to the Zernike site.
- Active contact is sought with other parties, such as the participants in the Consumer Platform and municipal council parties, in order to make the views of the GSb known.
- The portfolio holder is lobbying for better connections to the Randstad by, for example, deploying the Lelyline.

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In the field of mobility, the Board has taken part in all 4 meetings of the OV-consumer platform, the latter in digital form. Here, the points relevant to students on mobility have been tightened up once again. The lily line was not a top priority for all parties. They preferred to see these investments in a line via Winschoten to Enschede. The role of the GSb was therefore indispensable to clearly underline the importance of the Lelyline in this body as well. We have also seen a number of train connections with the Zernike pass by in the media. They are investigating this option and the board sees this as a very positive development to make it easier for students to travel to the Zernike. This goal has been achieved, however there is still progress to be made and there can still be new developments in the second half of the year.

Goal

Ensuring the safety of internationals on bicycles.

Means

- In order to improve safety in bicycle traffic, the board is going to create a moment of information to explain to internationals how bicycle traffic works, what to look out for in traffic and make sure that they do not end up on the motorway.
- The portfolio holder is going to look into the possibility of setting up one of the information meetings for safety on bicycles during ESN weeks and beyond.

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The safety of international students is a major priority this year and the aim is to help them do so. However, circumstances have also stood in the way of this goal. The board has looked at possible partners who share the same goal of making cycling safer. But because of Corona, this process has come to a standstill. This goal has not yet been achieved. However, there are opportunities to look with the Hanze or City Central where they are already actively helping international students get to know the city by bike.

1.6 Education WO/RUG

In the field of education, the board has acted sharply on the issues within the Council. For example, we were given a supportive role in the issue of PHD students and we were able to offer support in the housing issue for first-year international students in Groningen.

1.6.1 Education WO/RUG organisation

Goal

The GSb lobbies for the participation in various councils within the RUG.

Means

- The board will intensify contacts with the participation council parties.
- The portfolio holder will maintain contacts with the University Council parties and other parties representing students at the RUG by periodically scheduling an appointment to hear what they are doing and vice versa. The portfolio holder will make the GSb's views on the matters discussed clear.
- The portfolio holder strives to be present at all University Council meetings in order to keep up to date with developments.
- The portfolio holder will be present at the Consultation Council (radenoverleg) meeting.

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In the past six months, there have been regular discussions with the council parties about education, mainly about the corona situation and its consequences at the university, for example the reopening of the ub. All council meetings are attended. The online council meeting was also listened to via a live connection. The portfolio holder makes an inventory of the possibilities for periodic contact with members of the Executive Board of the RUG. There was an introductory meeting with the Rector Magnificus, Cisca Wijmenga, in February. During this meeting, the board got to know Cisca Wijmenga and was able to tell Cisca Wijmenga what the GSb does and what the GSb stands for. There was a warm response to this. The last means/semigoal has not been achieved yet.

Goal

Intensify contact with student assessors and ensure that the GSb is known to all student assessors.

Means

- Periodically, an appointment will be made with the Student Assessor of the CvB, in order to gain an insight into what the CvB is doing and vice versa.
- An annual presentation on the GSb is given to the Board of assessors.
- The portfolio holder will make contact with the student assessor of the relevant faculty(s) if current events and/or developments so require, in order to discuss them.

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There have been regular meetings with the Student Assessor of the CvB. In cases where this was deemed necessary, contact was also made with the assessor, for example when it came to accommodation.

A presentation about the GSb was given to the CvA. However, the board does have some comments about the effectiveness of the presentation. There are doubts about the added value, it is desirable that the candidate board reflect on this.

The final means/semigoal has not been achieved because there were no direct points of contact with the assessors of the faculties.

Goal

Increase the expertise of the GSb in the field of employee participation.

Means

- The board maintains contact with LOF about developments in the field of employee participation and uses LOF's knowledge of employee participation in Groningen in our activities with regard to the participation of parties.

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This goal has not yet been achieved.

1.6.2 Education WO/RUG students

Goal

The GSb maintains contacts for mutual cooperation with study associations of the RUG.

Means

- The board seeks contact with the boards of study associations and asks for feedback, problems and supports the associations where they deem this necessary
- The GSb board sets up a contact structure in which the various portfolio holders maintain contact with the various associations and organisations within the faculties. In the longer term, the intention is that this will lead to general associations consulting within faculties.

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Getting in touch with the study associations on a small scale did not succeed this year. The board has noticed that it is too time-consuming to make contact with all the associations on a small scale. However, during the corona issue, the board did set up a partnership with all student associations, educational institutions, ESN, Kei, ACLO, Usva and the municipality (safety region). This contact has resulted in rapid action with regard to the problems with the intro periods of the students.

Goal

Collaborating with the study associations in setting up actions and campaigns.

Resource

- The person in charge of the board shall ensure that during campaigns and actions all study associations are approached for (in)direct support, or if the association does not wish to propagate itself politically, where possible, to increase the reach among members in other ways.

- The person in charge of the board ensures that the GSb is represented at the open days of the RUG.

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For the #non-mine debt action, for example, study associations have been approached to help. Some associations also helped with the campaigns. Because of corona, the open days were cancelled, so we were not able to stand on the open days.

1.7 Education HBO

Much progress has been made among our contacts at HBO. The portfolio holder and the GSb are becoming more and more familiar to Hanze University of Applied Sciences student organisations. This is only the first step towards becoming known among HBO students as a whole.

1.7.1 Education HBO organisation

A dynamic start has been made with maintaining contact with employee participation and the organisations within the Hanseatic League. However, it is and remains a difficult and closed organisation where it remains purely dependent on addressing people and making personal contacts.

Goal

Creating and intensifying contact with co-determination.

Means

- At least once a year an activity will be organised with at least 1 Hanze participation party.
- The portfolio holder will organise at least once a year a drink with at least 1 Hanseatic participation party.
- The board will try to establish and maintain informal contact with each Hanze party.
- The board will actively invite the Hanze participation parties to its events in order to strengthen the ties.
- The portfolio holder will make an inventory of the situation within the (de)central participation in Hanze University.

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At the beginning of the year, the employee participation New Year's reception was organised at which almost all the employee participation parties were present at a central level. The portfolio holder also attended many drinks parties and often visited associations in the office to say hello. The informal contact was made and the challenge now is to keep this up after the change of board on our side, but also on the side of the HBO parties. The new board members are mostly acquaintances from the board world or people with whom the new board has personal connections, so the expectation is that this will go well in the last part of the year.

Taking stock of (de)central employee participation is a challenge for the last part of the year. The connections have been made, now it is important to further explore, write down and solidify this.

Goal

Creating and strengthening the link with the Hanseatic administrative bodies and thus the influence on the Hanseatic League.

Means

- The portfolio holder makes an overview of important contacts within the Hanze University of Applied Sciences in order to be able to obtain information easily.
- The portfolio holder tries to schedule a periodic appointment and/or to have contact with the Board/CvB chairperson.

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A start has been made on this overview with a few important people such as civil servants secretaries and CvB staff. This part needs more work in the second half of the year. At the end of February an e-mail was sent asking for an interview following the one in October. Before a response was received the corona crisis arose and eventually this did not happen again. A new attempt will be made in September.

Goal

Increase the expertise of the GSb in the field of participation.

Means

- The portfolio holder maintains regular contact with SOM about developments in the field of employee participation and to use SOM's knowledge of employee participation in Groningen in our activities.
- The portfolio holder gathers input from other higher professional education institutions in order to gain good ideas.

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From Nijmegen there has been contact with AKKU about their participation in the HAN party. Input has been gathered here on how the participation is progressing. Contact with the SOM has been extremely difficult; it appears that quite a few things are going wrong there in the organisation. In addition, an inventory shows that the employee participation at Hanze University maintains virtually no contact with the SOM since they are also members of the ISO.

1.7.2 Education HBO students

Goal

Increasing the share of higher professional education students in the support base, while also looking at the students' demands with regard to interest representation.

Means

- Contacts are made with student associations and student organisations to increase contact with higher professional education students.
- The portfolio holder(s) write down their views and experiences on how the GSb can be more accessible to students at universities of applied sciences and actively involve these students in its activities and its supporters.
- Promote the GSb among higher professional education students in order to increase the familiarity of the GSb among higher professional education students.
- The GSb is shown on the SSA board calendar.
- The board aims to be present with a stand at the open days of the Hanze University of Applied Sciences.
- The portfolio holder(s) will try to organise at least one activity together with the SSA to increase the visibility of the GSb.

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During the first months of the year, a great deal of effort was put into contact with HBO student organisations, which has so far borne fruit in providing much more insight into what is happening at Hanze University and among students there. A number of members who are students at the Hanze have also been added and during the year the familiarity with the GSb has increased noticeably. At the beginning of the year, the SSA promised that we would be allowed on the board calendar and that if we continued in such a way that we could once again be seen as an association for Hanze students rather than as an external organisation. In concrete terms, this means that we will be more involved in Hanze student organisations in terms of social bonding and that we will be able to follow training courses and workshops organised by the SSA.

Goal

The GSb maintains contacts and seeks opportunities for mutual cooperation within institutes and study associations of the Hanze.

Means

- The board seeks contact with the boards of study associations and asks for feedback, problems and supports the associations where necessary.
- The portfolio holder visits the General Assembly Organisations (AVO) of the SSA.

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All AVOs of the SSA have been visited and actively participated. A lot of input was given at the beginning of March about what the corona would look like and this was also included in the approach of the Hanze. Given the informal nature of the contact with associations so far, it has been difficult to maintain contact during corona. A large part of association life has come to a standstill at the Hanze. Our expectation is that this will pick up again in September.

Goal

The board will cooperate with the study and participation associations in setting up actions and campaigns.

Means

- The portfolio holder ensures that during campaigns and actions all study and student associations are approached for (in)direct support, or when the association is apolitical to reach their members through other means.

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During the year it was noticed that there was actually relatively little need for this from associations, in general they are quite comfortable in their own bubble. The first experiences with this were quite good within the framework of the NMS campaign, but many associations see themselves as 'politically neutral' and do not want to interfere in this kind of activity.

1.8 Diversity

Goal

The GSb is committed to the interests of the LGBTQ+ student.

Means

- The aim is to organise an activity in cooperation with an LGBTQ+ interest group.
- There will be cooperation with LGBTQ+ interest groups on relevant themes, including the provision of information.
- At least one day will be organised under the theme of LGBTQ+.

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The portfolio holder has been present at several events organised by Ganymedes, the LGBTQ+ student interest group. No activity has been organised yet due to the Corona crisis. There has also been continuing technical support from the GSb for Ganymedes for some financial matters (read subsidies). Our ties with Ganymedes have been maintained for next academic year 2020-2021.

1.9 internationalisation

Goal

The GSb supports and facilitates the process of integration among international students.

Means

- The internationalisation portfolio holder attends GISP meetings to obtain relevant information about the status and interests of international students in Groningen.
- The internationalisation portfolio holder builds a stronger bond with ESN for information and issues relevant to the GSb and the interests of international students.

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Since January, the GSb has been working in different ways to support the integration process of international students, at the ESN week we gave new students the Housing Guide and explained how to make use of it. Steps have also been taken to achieve the goals set out below. The ties through GISP have been strengthened by contacting some national-specific associations and the contact with ESN remains strong as it was before.

Goal

Increase the number of international students in the association.

Means

- The GSb promotes itself and its working groups among international students, especially during the ESN introduction weeks.
- The portfolio holder looks at the possibilities of recruiting members from international student associations, and reports this to the ALV.
- The GSb organises one internationalisation activity per year in cooperation with at least one international student association (e.g. Clio, SIB, AEGEE, ESN, etc.).
- From now on, all communication from the board to members will be bilingual where relevant.
- The internationalisation portfolio holder writes a document on the interests of international students and a long-term vision on how the GSb can actively involve international students in its activities and in its supporters.

Semi-annual report

Both on the KEI-week and ESN-week (February) there were more international registrations at the GSb. This goal has therefore been achieved this year in the strict sense, but the number of international members does not yet reflect the Groningen international/national distribution. During Galant Gala (preparations) some attempts were made to get closer to study associations with a large international following (TEIMUN, Clio) and to recruit more members here, due to the Corona crisis this was unfortunately prevented because events where the GSb could have spoken or introduced themselves were no longer taking place or were digital where the effectiveness was considered minimal.

Communication has changed considerably and since 2020 the primary language of use from the board to the members has been English, with Dutch as a secondary language.

The multi-year document is as good as finished and can be viewed by all members if they wish.

Goal

The GSb is committed to accessibility for all who wish to enjoy higher education.

Means

- The board uses its online channels and contacts to highlight problems relating to the accessibility of higher education.
- The board will actively promote the interests of groups that experience problems with access to higher education.

Semi-annual report

This year we have been working on improving the accessibility of higher education, among other things by means of research conducted by the Research Bureau (more about this at Research Bureau), and by giving international students an opportunity to speak out against the university's policy during the Corona crisis by the Corona Complaints Bureau. Our commitment to provide a platform through this crisis cannot be denied, but at the moment factors such as racism towards Asiatic peoples and others play a role in accessibility that will need to be addressed.

Goal

Combating discrimination against international students on the housing market.

Means

- The board sets up the #IW Campaign as described in chapter 1.1 in cooperation with ESN.
- The board will actively seek out the press to draw attention to the abuses in the housing market for students, which take place particularly during the peak months of August through October.

Semi-annual report

Under the covenant, a campaign was set up last year to support international students in their search for a room. This was done with the #internationalswelcome campaign that we are carrying out together with ESN. We made great progress with the preparations when, unfortunately, corona came our way. We were going to film on location for the campaign and due to the circumstances we were no longer able to do so. However, all plans are ready and we have a film team, a presenter and designer who are actively participating in the campaign. When it will again be possible to film in the student houses, the campaign can be continued.

1.10 Well-being & Health

Goal

Provide information about the various care facilities that are relevant to Groningen students.

Means

- The portfolio holder will create an overview for social media and the website on which the care routes of care providers used at the University, Hanze University and external parties are mapped out.
- This overview will be distributed and promoted via the GSb channels.

Semi-annual report

No progress has been made on this and this goal has not been achieved.

Goal

Increasing the familiarity with mental health services among students.

Means

- Informing students about the aid facilities offered by higher education.
- Active lobbying with the Hanze University and the RuG to make student psychologists more accessible, advocating the hiring of sufficient student psychologists at both the Hanze University and the Hanze University of Applied Sciences.

Semi-annual report

No Progress has been made on this and this goal has not been achieved.

Goal

Promoting the interests of students in the field of sexual health.

Means

- Approach Sense to organise an activity about sexual health.
- Raise awareness among students about the importance of sexual health through an online and offline campaign.

Semi-annual report

At the beginning of the year the board tried to contact Sense. Unfortunately, we did not get a response and the goal was not achieved.

1.11 Sustainability

Goal

Making the GSb sustainable.

Means

- Establish and maintain contacts with organisations in the field of sustainability to ask for advice.
- Regular talks will be had with the Green Office at least once every quarter.
- At least once a year, the GSb will participate in a Green Office initiative.
- The Board will develop a way to minimise the amount of paper used at GMMS and internal meetings.

Semi-annual report

The GSb has become largely paperless by means of the Google Drive, electronic distribution of pieces and the new GMM page on the website. In this way, we have reduced the use of paper internally.

Contact with the Green Office has been made on a quarterly basis, unfortunately the Green Office is not a very adequate body in addition to the Green Label award. An objective view on the communication is therefore difficult to give because they give little input on changes in addition to what directly connects to the Green Label.

Due to the Corona crisis, the Green Office did not organise many events with the exception of the presentation of the Green Label, where we did participate.

Goal

Raise awareness of sustainability among students.

Means

- An activity on the theme of sustainability will be organised at least once a year.
- The portfolio holder will approach other organisations in the field of sustainability and draw their attention to ways of making their association more sustainable.
- In conversation with the Green Office, the portfolio holder will draw their attention to the interests of small study associations with regard to subsidies in order to make them more sustainable.

Semi-annual report

There was a plan at the end of February and the beginning of March to set up a number of talk shows from the GSb with a few players within the sustainability circuit in Groningen, unfortunately this had to be put on the shelf due to the Corona crisis, but the moment things get better it can be picked up quickly. The successor to Sustainability has all the plans and contact details of relevant people. The activities committee will also organise an activity with sustainability as its theme at the beginning of the academic year so this goal will be achieved shortly.

With the exception of a few discussions, the role of the GSb to more actively promote sustainability at other associations had been relatively small, apart from the attempt to actively start separating waste with other parties on the wall street. The Green Office was also insufficient in talks about smaller associations and what they need to do to become more sustainable.

Goal

The board will try to obtain the best possible Green Office sustainability label.

Means

- The portfolio holder writes a plan based on recommendations and checklists from the Green Office where the GSb can further improve sustainability.

Semi-annual report

Unfortunately, the target was not achieved this year; in March a checklist was filled in with all developments and the GSb did not achieve the Green Office's Bronze label by 0.5 points out of 100. The plan for further sustainability has been incorporated into the multi-year plan based on recommendations made by portfolio holder.

1.12 Acquisition

Goal

The portfolio holder will raise € 2700 on acquisition.

Means

- The Portfolio holder renews the current contracts in consultation with the sponsors where possible.
- The portfolio holder actively approaches companies for acquisition in, among other things, the housebook, the website and the Nait Soez'n.
- The portfolio holder investigates other ways of acquisition, such as a logo on T-shirts or a work campaign.

Semi-annual report

€1827.50 has currently been collected, due to the Corona crisis we can only print 30% of the regular amount of Housing Guides, which meant that €1225 of the collected acquisition had to be renegotiated, which has become €427.50, which given the circumstances is relatively more. This means that €775 was lost immediately, which means that of the €2700, €2600 would have been made under normal circumstances, never mind the regular smaller expenses we didn't have to make (e.g. printing business cards of almost €100 have now been gifted by a call to the printer). With this I would dare to say that the target has been reached from a theoretical point of view, but of course a target has been set and at the moment more than €850 will have to be raised by the new portfolio holder.

Due to the Corona crisis there has unfortunately been little enthusiasm among advertisers to advertise for the Nait, this will remain so for a while but there was interest so this must continue. Other actions have hardly been feasible, also because of the Corona crisis.

1.13 Friends of the GSb

Goal

Annulling friends of the GSb.

Means

- In order to annul the VvGSb, the plan is implemented as drawn up by the VvGSb board.

Semi-annual report

For full explanation see: 3.12

Goal

Tasks of the VvGSb must from now on be organised and carried out by the GSb.

Means

- An annual reunion is organised.
- The board ensures that the Nait Soez'n is sent to alumni.
- The VvGSb will keep the same name in the new structure as alumni.
- When someone unsubscribes as a member of the GSb this member should be alerted by the secretary to become an alumni/Friend of the GSb.

Semi-annual report

Due to the circumstances with corona, the event for alumni did not take place during the first half of this year. We also send the Nait Soez'n to the alumni and every time we unsubscribe as a member of the GSb we have nominated to become alumni of the GSb. This goal has partly been achieved.

2. Internal organisation

2.1 Embedding candidate boards

Goal

Standardizing the embedding procedure of the candidate board.

Means

- The board shall ensure that an up-to-date and complete embedding document is made available for each position, portfolio and other tasks.
- The board shall ensure that embedding documents and embedding procedures are coordinated with each other.
- Old boards and the supervisory board are included in the standardisation of the embedding process.
- The board draws up a comprehensive document about the standardised procedure.

Semi-annual report

These have been made and have been received by the candidate board. As part of the programme, the RvA has also provided training on the position of the GSb in Groningen and on Press and Media.

Goal

Embedding of the new candidate board by the current board.

Means

- At the start of the embedding procedure, the board gives the candidate board an overview of the course of the embedding procedure.
- The board discusses its policy plan and budget with the candidate board on the basis of the semi-annual report.
- The board plans a weekend in which the candidate board is thoroughly familiarised with all portfolios and tasks. The practical tasks are taken into account.
- The board arranges for possible training and knowledge transfer by former boards.
- The board takes the candidate board to meetings as much as possible and involves the candidate board in activities as much as possible.

Semi-annual report

The candidate board has been guided by the current board on an extensive embedding process with two embedding days and one embedding-weekend. During these moments, training and transfer moments were set up to ensure that the transfer took place as quickly as possible.

2.2 Embedding of coordinators

Goal

Ensuring that knowledge is transferred to the coordinators in the best and most effective way.

Means

- The Board shall ensure that a new coordinator has an introductory document and that the new coordinator receives an explanation from the former coordinator and/or manager.
- A schedule shall be drawn up and provided to the coordinator in which the relationships between the board, coordinators and staff are clarified.
- If it becomes clear that a coordinator needs this, a training course shall be made available by the board to the coordinator in question.
- If a coordinator indicates that he or she wishes to stop, the coordinator shall be asked to adapt and, if necessary, supplement the familiarisation document in order to ensure continuity of knowledge.

Semi-annual report

All new coordinators have been trained according to the above procedure and have received a transfer document, which has also been updated each time. No further details.

2.3 recruitment of members

Goal

The Board shall produce a comprehensive document setting out a multi-annual strategy for the recruitment of members.

Means

- This document will give a general line in the recruitment of members and will be used in this recruitment once it has been compiled.
- Through an intensive focus on the internationalisation and inclusion portfolio, opportunities will be explored for involving internationals in the association in a better way.
- At events, the board takes an active attitude in recruiting new members by telling people about the benefits of being a member of the GSb.

Semi-annual report

The board has included this objective in the plan for writing the multi-year plan. At the time of the presentation of the half-yearly report, this has not yet been completed, which means that the target has not yet been achieved.

Goal

The board is looking for opportunities to recruit members from the people who have sought help from the Rent Team and the Legal Support Centre at the GSb.

Means

- The committees will contact those who have sought help to join the GSb by means of a disclaimer at the bottom of the mail contact.
- The disclaimer is better highlighted at the bottom of the mail to make it as conspicuous as possible.

Semi-annual report

The disclaimer under the mail contact has been revised and greater emphasis has been placed on informing people that they can become a member of the GSb. This goal has been achieved.

2.4 retention of members

Goal

Strengthen and maintain the bond between the members of the GSb and the association.

Means

- On the second Friday of the month a 'vrijmibo' will be held, unless this falls in the tent period, then another Friday of that month will be chosen. During the holiday period there will be no freemibo.
- Once a month, with the exception of June and August, drinks will be organised by the board.
- Activities are regularly organised for the members of the association (see activities overview).

Semi-annual report

Membership retention was, of course, a sticking point due to the corona crisis. Drinks and other activities could no longer take place. However, two more online get-togethers were held.

Goal

Increase the bond between the members in the working groups themselves and between the working groups themselves.

Means

- The manager and coordinator of each working group are committed to encouraging working group members to participate in the activities of the JSB.
- At least once a year a teambuilding activity is organised per working group.

Semi-annual report

See the report above. Almost all activities have been cancelled. They have yet to be organised. It is customary to do this at the beginning of the new academic year when a new batch of committee members has been recruited.

Goal

Increase the motivation of the voluntary working group members by showing extra appreciation for their efforts.

Means

- At the farewell of an employee, a certificate and a gift will be handed out.
- There is always an offer to endorse qualities on social media. The board offers to write a reference.
- The board will organise a thank-you activity for the active members.
- The board will offer a Christmas present to all its working group members and supporting bodies.

Semi-annual report

The above has been done. The goal of an active member thanking activity has only not yet been achieved. The board considers it wise to organise this if the corona situation is a little more under control.

3. Working groups and committees

3.1 General information

Goal

The responsible board member looks at the possibilities of strengthening social cohesion within the working groups and committees.

Means

- The responsible board member and the coordinator of the working group/committee ensure that the introductory activity will be organised to improve social connection within the working group/committee.

- The responsible board member and the coordinator of the working group or committee shall encourage the members of the working group to participate in the activities of the JSB.

Semi-annual report

No introductory activities have yet been organised for this year. These will take place from the beginning of the coming academic year. There are also links between the manager and the coordinator.

3.2 Activities committee

Goal

The board involves the AcCie in facilitating social bonding within the association.

Means

- The AcCie organises the social activities listed in the activities overview (Annex II), including the Sinterklaas activity, Christmas dinner and pub quizzes.

Semi-annual report

Among the fun activities, the AcCie organised a very successful board game evening and a pub quiz in combination with a drink. Due to the corona circumstances it was not possible to continue the activities physically. Two more digital drinks were organised.

Goal

In addition to the social activities, the AcCie also organises substantive and in-depth activities that the supporters of the GSb can see as an enrichment of their knowledge.

Means

- The AcCie organises lectures that can be found in the activity overview (Annex II).
- The AcCie thinks along with external parties about the content of the activities organised by the Board.

Semi-annual report

The AcCie has had a major focus on social activities in the first half of this year and the corona has also had a negative impact on the organisation of physical events. Also, no external activity took place due to the current circumstances with corona. This objective has not yet been achieved.

Goal

Involving the AcCe in the promotion of the GSb.

Means

- The AcCie organises the GSb-week and is supported in this by the board.
- The Board involves the AcCee in organising a number of activities that take place during the KEI-week.

Semi-annual report

Due to the circumstances with the corona, the board, in consultation with the coordinators, has decided to move the GSb-week to the second half of the year. In addition, this year's KEI-week was in digital form and the board was unable to organise activities for the KEI-week together with the AcCie.

3.3 Legal Helpdesk

Goal

Maintain the legal knowledge and skills of the working group members.

Means

- The Legal Helpdesk will visit the CBHO once a year. Alternatively, it will look for another relevant court case to attend.
- The Legal Aid Centre will follow a training course on law of education.
- In addition to the training course on educational law, the Legal Aid Centre will follow a training course on a field of law of its choice.
- The coordinator organises a training course at least once a year to improve the skills of the working group members. This can be, for example, a writing skills training.
- The training courses will be compulsory for the working group members. Other (active) members may be approached to participate in the training courses.
- The board responsible will ensure that the necessary literature is available for the working group. This concerns in any case a lecture collection and the Higher Education Act.

Semi-annual report

At the end of 2019 another training course on labour law took place for the Legal Helpdesk. Due to the corona crisis, it was not possible to organise training sessions for the Legal Helpdesk.

Goal

The Legal Support Centre will write a legal blog at least five times a year.

Means

- During the meetings, people brainstorm on a topic and decide who will/will write the blog.
- If staff members have never written a blog or have been with the Legal Helpdesk for less than 2 months, it is decided whether they can write the blog together with a staff member who has already written a blog once or has been with the Legal Helpdesk for a longer period of time.
- The coordinator and manager jointly check the blog for correctness and spelling errors.
- The coordinator monitors that everyone writes the same number of blogs and that someone does not have to write a blog twice in a row.
- Where possible, the blog is written in response to current affairs.
- The blog is actively promoted on the social media channels of the Juridisch Steunpunt and the GSb.

Semi-annual report

The Legal Support Centre wrote two blogs, it was difficult to find people who wanted to write a blog. This was also because the number of members of the Legal Support Centre has fluctuated over the past six months and the focus has mainly been on getting the new staff involved.

Goal

Actively promote the Legal Helpdesk in order to attract more business.

Means

- The person in charge of the board will ensure the active promotion of the Legal Support Centre.
- The coordinator will actively maintain the Legal Aid Centre's facebook page.

Semi-annual report

Posters have been hung up in the Harmoniegebouw and the Zernike grounds. This resulted in a "boost" of things.

Goal

The possibilities for obtaining credits for sitting in the Legal Support Centre.

Means

- In cooperation with the coordinator, the person responsible for the administration makes an inventory of the requirements that must be met in order to award credits.
- The person responsible for the board, in collaboration with the coordinator, contacts the relevant parties who decide on the awarding of Credits.
- If it is possible to obtain Credits, the person responsible for the administration, in collaboration with the coordinator, will help the staff members to apply for them.

Semi-annual report

Due to the corona crisis, the board did not consider it appropriate to approach people now to apply for credits for the legal aid centre.

3.4 Rental team

Goal

Ensuring expertise and professionalism of the members of the Rental Team.

Means

- At least one training course on tenancy law per year will be provided by the coordinator, preferably at a time when new members join the working group.
- The coordinator will provide at least one training course on skills per year. This can be, for example, writing skills training.
- The manager will ensure that the literature of the Rent Team is up to date.
- In cooperation with the coordinator, the person in charge of the tenancy board will look into the possibility of a visit to the Rent Commission.
- Applying the expertise of the members in checking the Kamerboek.

Semi-annual report

In the first half year no training took place for the rental team. This will have to be taken care of when a new group of members will join the rental team. The literature was checked at the end of last year and is therefore up to date. The rental team has also applied its expertise to provide input on the new room book to be printed.

Goal

The rental team will write a blog about rental law at least 5 times a year.

Means

- During the meetings, people brainstorm on a topic and decide who will/will write the blog.

- If employees have never written a blog before or have been with the Rent Team for less than 2 months, they will see if they can write the blog together with an employee who has already written a blog once or has been with the Rent Team for a longer period.
- The coordinator and the person responsible for the board of directors will jointly check the blog for correctness and spelling errors.
- As much monitoring as possible is carried out to ensure that everyone writes the same number of blogs and that someone does not have to write a blog twice in a row.
- The blog is actively promoted on the social media channels the GSb.

Semi-annual report

For the rental team only one blog went out because we had a fluctuating group of members for the rental team. The goal was not achieved.

Goal

Increase cooperation with the municipality, the SBG and KAB.

Means

- The manager and the coordinator will remain in active dialogue with the municipality, SBG and KAB.
- Within this process, the identity of the Huurteam as part of the GSb is maintained and the bond between the Huurteam and the other working groups and the GSb is safeguarded.

Semi-annual report

The cooperation between these parties has taken the form of the forwarding of cases where this concerns a different expertise and also the exchange of information between them on these cases so that the members of the working group could obtain new expertise.

Goal

Using the in-house lawyer to provide better quality advice.

Means

- The coordinator maintains contact with the in-house lawyer.
- The board examines the possibility of scheduling an appointment with the in-house lawyer at least twice a year, in cooperation with the manager and coordinator of the Rent Team, to inform each other about what is going on in rent law and in the cases of the Legal Advice Centre.

Semi-annual report

Unfortunately, the house lawyer was absent for a long time, which made direct contact with the house lawyer difficult. However, cases were forwarded where necessary to ensure a proper settlement.

3.5 Research committee

Goal

The research committee will carry out at least one study a year.

Means

- The coordinator and the person responsible for the management keep an overview and monitor the quality of the research(s).
- The members of the research bureau are actively committed to submitting a research report to the board at the end of the year.
- The coordinator will actively guide and support the members of the research bureau, where necessary, in drawing up a research question and the method in which this question will be answered. This is an additional task for the coordinator.

Semi-annual report

The research has been completed, is up to professional standards and the coordinator has worked hard to complete the process. Again a nice investigation for the Gsb.

Goal

Training courses are offered to members of the research committee qualitative or quantitative research.

Means

- The coordinator assesses the experience and quality of the members with regard to research and statistics.
- The coordinator, in cooperation with the manager in charge of the board, shall examine the possibility of organising at least one training course per year for the research bureau.

Semi-annual report

The Coordinator received support from her professor on several occasions with regard to the statistical requirements, and in conversation it appeared that there were requirements for this research in order to strengthen the capacities of the members. This may not be the case in the next few years and the places where training can be obtained will be included in the evaluation document.

Goal

The board will ensure that the research is given sufficient visibility and publicity.

Means

- Completed investigations will be published within a reasonable period of time and sent to interested parties are presented.
- Once a study has been completed, it will be published by means of media coverage.
- The published research will be disseminated through social media.
- Relevant bodies will be approached to disseminate the results of the study.

Semi-annual report

This year's research has reached the local media and is being taken up by both the university and the Hanze. The board and the person in charge of the administration have been in close contact with the research bureau and have made agreements about answering potential questions. All resources at our disposal have been used.

Goal

An evaluation moment will take place after each study is carried out.

Means

- After the publication of the research, this moment will take place between the manager and members of the Research Office.
- During the evaluation, the way of working of the Research Agency and the communication between the Board and the Research Agency will be discussed.
- The findings will be included in an evaluation document.

Semi-annual report

The moment of evaluation has not yet come, it is being done urgently.

3.6 Housing team

Goal

Maintain the working group's knowledge in the field of housing.

Means

- A training course on the housing situation in Groningen is provided at least once a year.
- Efforts are made to ensure that at least one member of the Housing Working Group attends the meetings of the Youth Housing Working Group of the Municipality of Groningen.
- The board forwards as many housing documents as possible to the working group for input to the board.

Semi-annual report

No possibility or suitable trainer has been found this year to provide specific training in the field of housing. This will possibly be possible in the second part of the year. In addition, we have twice had a member of the working group join the national housing working group. The meetings also dealt with various topics relating to the housing situation of the students. For example, various forms of contract were examined and the safety of students within large shared locations was examined.

Goal

The Housing Team will provide visibility and information to the outside world.

Means

- At least twice a year, the Housing working group is given the opportunity to write a blog about the housing situation in Groningen.
- The board will gather input and feedback from the Housing workgroup regarding the chamber book and its revision.
- At least twice a year, the working group prescribes an opinion article or informative document on the website and/or social media of the GSb about the current housing situation.
- The working group investigates the possibility of writing a report once a year on a topic relating to housing. An outline of the report with hypotheses is drawn up in advance.

Semi-annual report

The role of the working group on housing has taken various forms during this period and it has not been possible to publish blogs or opinion articles. However, the possibility of writing a report in the first half of the year was looked into. Unfortunately, lack of time made it impossible to process the data. This goal has not been achieved.

3.7 Nait Soez'n

Goal

The Nait Soez'n is issued four times a year.

Means

- The person in charge of the board ensures that there is a member within the editorial board who shapes the Nait Suz'n.
- The person in charge of the board ensures that there are enough people in the editorial board of the Nait Soez'n to issue a full edition every quarter.
- The person in charge of the board will be responsible for sending out the Nait Soez'n, the editor in chief will take care of the distribution.

Semi-annual report

At the time of writing, 1 nait has been published and 1 edition is ready for printing in September. Due to the corona the publication of the second edition has caused some delay.

Goal

Increase the online accessibility of the Nait Suz'n.

Means

- All articles in the paper version of the Nait Soez'n will also be placed on the website.
- The board, in collaboration with the editor-in-chief and editors, will work to improve the visibility of the Nait Soez'n's social media.
- A new edition of the Nait Soez'n will be promoted via the GSb Facebook page.
- A new edition of the Nait Soez'n will also be posted on the GSb's Instagram.

Semi-annual report

All Nait Soez'n articles have also been placed and promoted on the website. No further details.

Goal

To internationalise the Nait Soez'n.

Means

- Articles of the Nait Soez'n that appear on the website should be available in both Dutch and English.
- The board, in cooperation with the editor in chief and the editorial board, will make every effort to ensure that the articles can be read in English on the online platform, where the Nait Soez'n articles can be read. On the back of each Nait Soez'n paper, further reference will be made to this website.

Semi-annual report

The possibility of doing so has been looked into. The board does not yet see a suitable way of doing this in physical form alone. However, research has been carried out into online internationalisation. This goal has not yet been achieved.

3.8 Search Committee

Goal

Finding and motivating suitable candidates to apply for the candidate board.

Means

- Compose a Search Committee (Zoekco) consisting of at least three members, consisting of an active member, a board member and an external or sleeping member.
- The board will ensure that different perspectives and networks are represented in the ZoekCo.
- The board responsible will safeguard the progress of the Zoekco by ensuring that at least once every fortnight there will be an evaluation of the course of affairs.

Semi-annual report

This year the search committee consisted of two members: a board member and an external member. It was not possible to add a third member to the search committee. The board has noticed that there is little enthusiasm for participating in the search committee, which is why the search committee only consisted of two members this year.

Goal

The search committee will keep the provision of information with the application committee in order.

Means

- The Selection Committee will inform the Selection Committee of the names of persons interested in being part of the Board of Candidates.
- The shared information on applicants between the Search Committee and the Selection Committee will remain within the Search Committee and the Selection Committee at all times.

Semi-annual report

The search committee has maintained good contact with the application committee. It was very efficient for the search committee to know the names of the applicants so that they did not have to be approached again by the search committee. Naturally, the information remained between the search committee and the selection committee and was not shared with the rest of the board or third parties.

3.9 Application Committee

Goal

Composing a candidate board.

Means

- Draw up an application committee (SoCo) consisting of a board member, a member of the Advisory Board and an external or sleeping member. There is also a reserve member from the board.
- The board will ensure that different perspectives are represented in the SoCo.

Semi-annual report

A selection committee was successfully set up in which the various perspectives were represented. The goal has been achieved.

Goal

The Selection Committee will keep the provision of information to the Search Committee in order.

Means

- The Selection Committee will inform the Search Committee about the names of persons who have applied as candidate board members and have been approached by the SearchCo in order to ensure that the SearchCo is able to carry out its tasks properly as a SearchCo.
- The information about the applicants that is shared between the Search Committee and the Selection Committee will remain within the Committees at all times and will definitely not be shared to the outside world.

Semi-annual report

During the recruitment period, the search committee was regularly informed of updates from the application committee and the goal was achieved.

3.10 Audit Committee

Goal

Maintain contact between the treasurer and the members of the KasCo.

Means

- The treasurer will be in constant contact with the KasCo and will seek advice from the KasCo in case of any questions or doubts.
- The treasurer of the board will initiate the discussions. During the talks, agreements will be made about the role of the Audit Committee in relation to the work of the treasurer.

Semi-annual report

When the board needed support, KasCo was there to answer the questions. The goal has been achieved.

Goal

Keeping the accounts of the GSb correct and complete.

Means

- Twice a year (i.e. during the preparation of the half-yearly and annual report) the Audit Committee will carry out a full audit of the GSb's accounts.

- If desired, the Audit Committee can always carry out an interim audit.

Semi-annual report

The treasurer 2019-2020 has done the books up until the writing of the semi-annual report. At the time of writing the audit by the audit committee has not taken place yet. After the audit the treasurer 2019-2020 will correct mistakes that are found.

3.11 Advisory Board

Goal

The Executive Board will actively seek contact with the Supervisory Board.

Means

- The board will contact the RvA prior to each ALV.
- The managing board shall schedule a meeting with the supervisory board at least every 6 weeks, this may be extended if the managing board or the supervisory board deems this necessary. The obligation expires during the holiday months.
- The managing board shall contact the RvA whenever it deems this necessary with regard to the policy or its implementation.

Semi-annual report

Each ALV held a meeting with the Advisory Council to discuss the documents and possibly improve them. In addition, periodic meetings were held with the Advisory Council and contact was made in cases where the board considered this necessary.

3.12 Friends of the GSb

Goal

Abolish friends of the GSb and transfer the tasks of the VvGSb to a portfolio to be reviewed.

Means

- The VvGSb will keep the same name in the new structure as alumni.
- When a member deregisters from the GSb, there must be an opportunity to become an alumni.

Semi-annual report

The board has looked at the possibilities for the VvGSb. The account was closed and the structure of the VvGSb remained as a Chamber of Commerce registration. In this way, the foundation can be deployed when there is a demand for it in the future.

Goal

Tasks of the SHSb must continue to be organised

Means

- The board aims to organise an alumni activity once a year.
- The board ensures that the Nait Soez'n is also distributed among the alumni.

Semi-annual report

The Alumni Working Group has been given the task of setting up an activity for this year. Because of the corona it has not been possible to do so. The Nait Soez'n also ended up among the alumni. The goal has partly been achieved.

3.13 Campaign team #nietmijnschuld

Goal

The working group supports the board and GSb in actions and design concerning the #NMS campaign.

Means

- The working group meets every other week with the manager in charge of the campaign and discusses the progress and goals of the campaign.
- The working group actively assists with actions organised around the #NMS campaign, in the presence and organisational support of the board at meetings, events and actions.
- The working group works on visibility and participation with the campaign in Groningen with relations to Groningen students.

Semi-annual report

The campaign team met almost every week or fortnight and discussed the campaign. Together with the organiser from the FNV, they were on top of the campaigns and were visible with the twitter actions and also the physical action in which they stood up for the students who lost too much fixed rent. This goal has been achieved.

4. Communication

4.1 Website

Goal

Optimising the website in order to keep visitors well informed.

Means

- All information on the website is published in both English and Dutch, unless this is of no added value.
- The website will be designed in such a way that it does not require a lot of skills to keep it up to date.
- The board responsible will keep the website up to date.

Semi-annual report

The board has taken care of the website and the webhost has also been adjusted so that the website is stored in a secure environment. For the second half of the year, the board advises to redesign the website.

4.2 Newsletter

Goal

Keeping members informed of what the GSb is doing.

Means

- Every first Monday of the month a newsletter is sent out for active GSb members, the regular newsletter for all members keeps coming out every other month.

- Past and future events will be mentioned in the newsletter.
- The portfolio holders in question give a brief overview of what has happened in the municipal council, the U Council and the HMR.
- The newsletter contains an update on the campaigns and updates of the GSb.

Semi-annual report

The board has sent the newsletter on a regular basis to the members of the GSb. However, this is the regular newsletter. In our experience, the implementation of a newsletter for the active members has not found a good way.

4.3 Facebook

Goal

Using Facebook to promote the GSb

Means

- The Board will follow current events and express the views of the GSb on facebook.
- The Board and the organising working group will invite their facebook friends who are members of the JSB to events.
- The board will post the events of the GSb on facebook two weeks in advance.
- The board will post blogs that will appear on the website on Facebook in order to increase its reach.

Semi-annual report

Over the last six months, the GSb has had a few dozen likes on Facebook. All of the GSb's actions have also passed by this medium. This happened with its own text or a referral to the media reports that have been made.

4.4 Instagram

Goal

Use Instagram to promote the GSb in a less formal way.

Means

- The board will post photos in response to current events.
- The board will post photos of the activities of the GSb.
- The board will use the instagram for general promotion.

Semi-annual report

The administration has promoted its actions through instagram and has tried to do so in an informal way. In doing so, we promoted the contacts we made and promoted actions such as Student for City.

4.5 Twitter

Goal

Using the social medium Twitter to promote the views of the GSb.

Means

- The Board will post messages in order to express the opinion of the GSb in the light of current events.

- The Board will actively support our press releases on twitter when they are distributed.

Semi-annual report

Throughout the year, the board expressed the views and opinions of the JSB on Twitter. For example, we had discussions on twitter about the alcohol ban in the Noorderplantsoen and we supported the #non-mine debt actions through this medium.

4.6 LinkedIn

Goal

Use the social medium LinkedIn to promote content messages from the GSb.

Means

- The board will post messages on LinkedIn when they lend themselves to it.
- The board will add content messages and stories on the LinkedIn page.

Semi-annual report

Linkedin is a professional platform that we applied in this year's half-year in the dissemination of, for example, the research of the research bureau.

5 Overview of activities

	Planning	Realisation
Drink	10x	4x
Pubquiz	4x	1x
Cosy activities	4x	1x
External activity	1x	0x
Lecture	2x	1x
Debate	1x	1x
Check-your rights	4x	2x
Study lunch	4x	1x
Open loft	4x	2x
BBQ	1x	0x
Galant Gala	1x	1x
Christmas dinner	1x	0x
Sinterklaas	1x	0x
GSb-week	2x	0x
Kei-week	1x	1x
ESN week	2x	0x
Health week	1x	1x
Coordinators consultation	4x	2x