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# Policy Plan 2023-2024

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XXVIII CANDIDATE BOARD OF OLYMPUS



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# 1 Preface

Dear boards of member associations and other interested parties,

You are now reading the policy plan of the XXVIII candidate board of Olympus. The aim of this document is to show our vision for Olympus, and how we aim to realise this in the academic year of 2023-2024.

Next year will be a special year for Olympus, since we will celebrate our 4<sup>th</sup> lustrum. Of course, a lot of emphasis will be put on this during the year. In addition, we will be focusing on improving inter-board relations and communication between us and our members, as well as implementing a range of smaller improvements and changes.

All in all, we are looking forward to a marvellous year for Olympus, and hope to thrive in our functions.

Cheers,

The XXVIII candidate board of Olympus

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## 2 Functions

40 We, the candidate board, decided on the following functions and representations:

Cis van Aken <i>S.V. CognAC &amp; BBB</i>	<b>Chair</b>
Siemen van Osch <i>S.V. Marie Curie</i>	<b>Secretary</b>
Herman Adriaensen <i>V.C.M.W. Sigma &amp; S.V. Leonardo da Vinci</i>	<b>Treasurer</b>
Hazal Doğan <i>BeeVee</i>	<b>Chief of Faculty Affairs</b>
Tren Jacobs <i>S.V. Thalia</i>	<b>Chief of Activities</b>
Mira Engel <i>W.S.V. Desda</i>	<b>General Board Member</b>

### Function descriptions

Below is a short description of what each function is roughly responsible for. These descriptions will always be available on the Olympus website.

#### Chair

45 The Chair is responsible for organising and leading the board meetings, general meetings and monthly meetings. They make sure tasks are carried out correctly and the year planning is constructed and followed.

#### Secretary

50 The Secretary writes minutes of the board meetings and general member meetings. They also keep an eye on communication with external organisations.

#### Treasurer

The Treasurer takes care of all finances. They also make a budget and pay the bills.

#### Chief of Faculty Affairs

55 The Chief of Faculty Affairs maintains contact between the faculty and students. They join several meetings with the faculty, the study associations, and other organisations. They also are the primary point of contact for problems in or around the canteens and board rooms.

#### Chief of Activities

The Chief of Activities is responsible for organising several events throughout the year. These include the BeestFeest and the Betagala.

#### 60 General Board Member

The General Board Member assists the rest of the board of Olympus to the best of their ability. They also take up smaller tasks that do not belong to a specific function within the board.



## 3 Key Policies

### 3.1 Restructuring Betagala

65 Last year, the Galacie did not perform as per our agreement, since they did not succeed to break even for the second year in a row. Therefore, we want to restructure this committee to prevent us making a loss on the Betagala this year.

We want to fill the committee with people from any association, abolishing the rule that every association has to have one person in the committee. We still want to have at least one member of InTenS, 70 since they are not a member of Olympus. After restructuring the committee and rewriting the current agreement together with the committee itself, it will be a proper Olympus committee, which means the promotion will be sent out from Olympus to the associations and the ticket sale will be provided by Olympus. This ensures that all associations get the same promotional material and the same timeline for the ticket sale. Each association will still be guaranteed a set amount of tickets in the pre-sale, just 75 like previous editions of the gala.

These changes allow Olympus to keep a closer eye on the gala, since we want to ensure the gala sells well and becomes financially sustainable.

### 3.2 Inter-board bonding and communication

This year we aim to ensure quick, effective and smooth communication between us and our members. 80 Similarly to this year, we want to accomplish this by creating an amicable and open atmosphere between us and our members, as well as between our members themselves. For this, we want to introduce a new "Beta Bosses Borrel" as well as re-introduce occasional larger "Beta Bosses Bonding" activities, both will be elaborated on below.

#### Beta Bosses Borrel

85 We aim for this to be an activity with a low barrier of entry. At regular intervals, we want to invite all our members to have a drink with us. To ensure as little overlap as possible with activities from members, it will be organised on a Friday afternoon. We hope this will also make members that are not located in the Huygens boardrooms feel more involved and integrated.

#### Beta Bosses Bonding

90 In addition to these drinks, we also aim to organise several larger bonding activities for our members. We want to plan the first one early in the first quarter and plan a second one in the third quarter if the first one proves successful. We also want to keep the Beta Bosses Weekend, which will stay the same in setup as how it was organised this year. We hope that by having our members know us and each other on a more personal level, it will make it easier for them to approach us.

### 3.3 The "Rainy Day Fund"

95 This year we wish to set up an emergency fund called "Rainy Day Fund". Functionally it will be practically equivalent to the reserves most other associations have, and it will be used to make sure Olympus can endure large financial setbacks, such as with the Betagala this year. To ensure financial stability, we wish to start reserving money this year already. Our goal is to also set up the rules and 100 regulations on how future boards can use such a fund and what the maximum amount of money is that can be set aside, which we will set at €5.000. Since this is supposed to be only for the more dire situations and not just to prop up any budget loss, this will likely require some changes to the Internal Rules of Operations. Therefore, we will pass the completed idea through the General Meeting (GM) at a later time.



## 105 4 General policies

### 4.1 Corporate identity

The Olympus website needs improving. The website has two available languages, English and Dutch. Not all pages are available in both languages, and some pages contain different information for each language. We aim to improve this, among other things, by ensuring there are no more discrepancies between the English and Dutch versions. However, this will require some work. For starters, it will be necessary to work together closely with the WWW-cie. Furthermore, we aim to recruit more members for the WWW-cie by promoting the committee on committee markets. In addition to this, Olympus has a new logo. We strive to apply the new logo wherever necessary and revise any and all places on the website that currently still use the old logo.

### 115 4.2 Sustainability

Olympus has a bunch of reusable plates, cups and cutlery which our members can reserve and use. We want to buy more cups such that we have enough if two associations want to use them at the same time. We want to do this so our members have to use fewer or even no single-use cups. We also want to establish a more formalised loaning system, with which we can make sure we know which association has reserved which amount, and that everything will be brought back in one piece on time.

### 4.3 Social Safety

Last year the Confidant initiative was launched. We want to continue with the initiative. To stimulate the visibility of confidants, we want to improve the existing *confidants* page on the Olympus website. The confidant web page should be a hub for the confidant pages of our members. Currently, S.V. CognAC has not been added to the confidant web page. In addition, we would like to ask our members to link to the hub page on the Olympus website, in order to give people the option to go to confidants from another association, in case they do not feel like going to their own.

Furthermore, we as a board aim to maintain the current social safety measures and will always strive to improve social safety, both within the faculty and at Olympus activities at external locations.

### 130 4.4 Voorraadcie

We want to make some structural changes to the Voorraadcie. Currently, the workload for the committee members is quite high, and not all associations are represented well. Consequently, associations with lots of 'borrels' don't necessarily have more people in the Voorraadcie. To alleviate this, we want to make a rule that each active member in the Voorraadcie counts towards a maximum of crates their association can order on a weekly basis. This would entice associations that want to drink more, to have more people in the Voorraadcie.

An exception can of course be made for a week in case of a lustrum or other large activities. Details, such as the exact amount of crates, the specific rules, and the date it would start will still have to be determined and will be announced in September or October, after considerable deliberation with the boards and the Voorraadcie. Furthermore, we want to promote the Voorraadcie intensively at committee markets, activities and via WhatsApp and Instagram, as more active members will lead to a lower workload.



## 5 Communication and Contact

### 5.1 Communication with members

145 The Monthly Meetings and GMs will be organised in English by default, although consultation with participating members concerning the language used is always possible. It must be noted here without equivocation, that it is our first priority to make sure that every board member is able to understand what is being discussed during a Monthly Meeting. If members do not feel comfortable communicating in English, they can alternatively use the Dutch language. The board of Olympus will then help  
150 translating to English. Any documentation will also be summarised in Dutch.

Additionally, we plan to hold the Pre-GMs separately from the Monthly Meetings. The discussion of the GM documents tends to take a lot of time, reducing the time available for the monthly topics. We aim to have these Pre-GMs be in the style of a walk-in moment, such as an afternoon during which at least two members of the Olympus board are available in the Board Rooms. This way there will be  
155 enough time to discuss the documents for the GM and boards can come in whenever they want with every interested and available board member.

Our internal board meetings will be held in Dutch, as all board members are native Dutch speakers and feel most confident and comfortable conversing in Dutch. To keep transparency towards the members, we will provide an English translation of the minutes to all our members.

### 5.2 Contact with committees

To make sure every committee has a contact person in the board, we have made the following division:

- **Cis van Aken**  
WWW-cie & Flunkycie
- **Siemen van Osch**  
165 Technicie
- **Herman Adriaensen**  
Kasco & Lustrumcie
- **Hazal Doğan**  
Noordcie & Zuidcie & Voorraadcie
- **Tren Jacobs**  
170 BeestFeestcie & Galacie
- **Mira Engel**  
Filmnachtcie

Seeing as a good relationship between the board of Olympus and its committees is important, we  
175 would like to get acquainted at the start of our year.

Depending on the committee, the nature of the contact between the contact person and the committee can differ. Our Chief of Activities, for example, will take an active role within the BeestFeestcie and Galacie, whereas other committees will be more or less left to their own devices.

### 5.3 Communication with the FNWI

180 In the academic year of 2021-2022 the contact between the Chief of Faculty Affairs and the student assessor intensified. However, in the academic year of 2022-2023, this contact was less frequent than desired. Therefore, we propose that the Chief of Faculty Affairs has a meeting with the student assessor at least once a month, depending on how many pressing matters there are.



## 6 Managed Locations

### 185 6.1 Canteens

Since the beginning of last year, the North and South canteen were open for students to socialise and linger. To make sure this is continued, we want to increase enforcement of the cleaning schedules, revise the cleaning tasks where necessary, and make sure that they will be executed properly. Last year, the schedule was not rotated, as was done in the previous years. If it is necessary, the schedule can be  
190 changed accordingly.

The Chief of Faculty Affairs and Treasurer will make an inventory of all kitchenware of the North and South canteen twice a year, to ensure there are enough kitchen utensils, as well as cookware, for students to use. The main reason for this is to make sure students have enough utensils they can use in the canteens, and utensils provided by Olympus for activities will not be used when not reserved by  
195 boards. If the stock of the Olympus plates and kitchen utensils decreases, we will be forced to restrict access to these.

### 6.2 Board Rooms

Just as with the canteens, the boardrooms have been up and running for more than a year. Concerning the cleaning of the boardrooms, we intend to maintain the weekly cleaning moment with a rotating  
200 schedule between the boards, just as it is now. In order to maintain a clean working environment within the boardrooms, the Chief of Faculty Affairs will check the boardrooms to ensure cleanliness and increase enforcement of the cleaning schedule, since we feel that was lacking this year. If the boardrooms are deemed not clean enough, the weekly cleaning schedule will be adjusted to ensure the boardrooms get cleaned twice each week.

### 205 6.3 Storage room

The storage room, also known as “Jan ‘t Opslaghok” has been cleaned once in the academic year of 2022-2023. We aim to keep “Jan” organised to make sure every association can store their belongings properly and find them back just as easily. “Jan ‘t Opslaghok” will be cleaned twice, during a separate cleaning session. We want to do this collectively with the members and coordinate this effectively.



## 210 7 Activities

### 7.1 Overview of Activities

- Active Members of Members activity (AMOMA)
- Battle of the Betas
- BeestFeest (6x) and Brakke Brunch (6x)
- 215 ▪ Betagala
- Biergarten
- Dies Natalis
- Flunkyball tournament
- LAN-Night
- 220 ▪ Movie night
- NEW: Lustrum week

### 7.2 Elaboration on activities

#### AMOMA

225 This year we want to organise another AMOMA. It is a great way to show our appreciation for our active members, which they very much deserve. The event will most likely contain an active element, together with a barbecue or 'borrel'.

#### Battle of the Betas

We want to continue with organising the Battle of the Betas. This pub quiz at an external location is perfectly fit for bringing students from all associations together.

#### 230 BeestFeests and Brakke Brunch

This year there will once again be six BeestFeests, one in the orientation week and five throughout the year, all of which to be held at Doornroosje. Our intention is to organise a Brakke Brunch the day after each BeestFeest as was usual. We aim to continue having the Brakke Brunch free of charge as a service for all of our members. For the orientation week, however, the Brakke Brunch will have some  
235 adjustments in order to account for the larger demand and accompanying price, and will therefore not be free of charge.

#### Betagala

240 Even though last year the Betagala was not as big of a success as hoped, we would like to continue with hosting a gala for all of the FNWI students, albeit perhaps on a slightly smaller scale. It is an iconic party which we hope to return to its former glory.

#### Biergarten

At the start of the year, we want to host a Biergarten in the tent behind the Huygens building. To continue and improve upon the success of last year's edition, we want to add music, decorations and lights to the tent in order to finalise the Biergarten experience.

#### 245 Dies Natalis

To celebrate the Dies Natalis of Olympus, we want to have a small 'borrel' and serve cake on the birthday of the association.



### **Flunkyball tournament**

250 Last year the Flunkyball tournament could sadly not be held due to bad weather. In order to limit the chance of this happening again, we would like to organise the Flunkyball tournament in May.

### **LAN-Night**

Together with Dorans, we aim to have another successful edition of the LAN-Night, avoiding conflicts with other large-scale events to allow more people to visit and increase attendance.

### **Movie Night**

255 We would like to return the Movie Night to the winter. This time period was the norm before COVID and was well suited for the event.

### **Lustrum week**

260 In order to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Olympus, we want to organise a Lustrum week filled with various fun activities throughout Week 16 of 2024. Among other things, this week will also contain a BeestFeest as a Lustrum activity.

## **7.3 Elaboration on activity committees**

### **BeestFeestcie**

265 The BeestFeestcie is currently a thriving committee with members from all associations and multiple members from former Olympus boards. Some of these members will however be leaving next year. Therefore, we would like to organise a committee market again in order to guarantee a healthy number of committee members.

### **Movienightcie**

270 The Movienightcie does not have as many members as we would want. Therefore, we aim to increase the number of members within the committee in order to guarantee the activity can be organised in a way that does not stress the current members too much. We also have budgeted less profit for this activity for the upcoming year, as we want to be able to keep running the Movie night in its current form without incurring a higher admission price.

### **Flunkycie**

275 The Flunkycie will not have many members going into 2023-2024. However, due to the fact that it is not a very large-scale activity, it only needs a few members and the Olympus board can help in its organisation.

### **Galacie**

280 As mentioned in our Key Policies, our aim is to organise the Betagala in such a way that it is financially feasible for Olympus, while still retaining its unique character. In order to do this, we have to centralise the Galacie under the jurisdiction of Olympus. This means we aim to structure the Galacie in a similar way as the BeestFeestcie, with the chair being the Chief of Activities. Furthermore, our plan is to decrease the scale of the event and organise the gala at a smaller venue. The goal is to return to the attendance and capacity that was the norm before the gala that took place this year, as that size was more financially sustainable. Our expectation is that this structure allows the Betagala to continue to exist as a key activity of Olympus, this year and in the future.

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## Lustrumcie

The activities and responsibilities of the Lustrumcie will be further increased as the Lustrum week nears. In order to optimise the coordination between the associations and the Lustrumcie and guarantee the committee has enough members, we aim to find at least one member of every member association to help organise the Lustrum week and act as a direct line of communication for the boards of the member associations.

## 7.4 Discontinued activities

### Pre-Beestfeest 'borrel'

The Pre-BeestFeest 'borrel' will be discontinued for two primary reasons. The first is that there is not a lot of interest from the students in such an activity, as many member associations already host their own Pre-BeestFeest 'borrels'. The second is that the Chief of Activities is already preoccupied with the organisation of the BeestFeest itself. The days a BeestFeest is held form the busiest moments of the year for both the committee and the Chief of Activities. Therefore, we feel it would be best to leave this activity in the past.

### First Years Activity

The Owletcie used to be the first years' committee of Olympus and would organise a small party as a First Years' Activity. The primary goal was to get active members for Olympus. However, since COVID this activity has not successfully been held as the member associations aim to find as many active members as possible themselves. The competition between Olympus and the member associations for active members did not have the desired result, which has led us to decide to put the Owletcie and the First Years Activity on hold indefinitely. Instead, when it comes to recruiting people for Olympus committees, we will try to put focus on committee markets and promotional material.



## 8 Closing remarks

<sup>310</sup> We, the XXVIII candidate board of Olympus, have laid out our plans and goals for Olympus for the upcoming academic year. We hope this policy plan has proven successful in providing insight into our aims. Any questions you might have can be asked during the upcoming General Meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June, where we will be more than happy to answer.

We would like to thank you for taking the time to read our policy plan, and say that we are very excited about the upcoming year!

<sup>315</sup> Cheers,

The XXVIII candidate board of Olympus