

Student Rep Assembly 2

Present: Everyone but Stan

Opening:

The meeting was opened at 19.06

Tijmen is approved as secretary (16 in favor, 4 against)

Adoption of Minutes:

Conditionally approved

Questions relating to the responses of the Chair's feedback:

None on the floor

Updates:

Fortuna Legal Team:

The legal team has been set up and had its first meeting this Thursday. Because Fortuna hasn't been around that long, a lot of the clauses in the Articles and Rules Of Procedure aren't in accordance with Dutch law, or show loopholes and inconsistencies. The legal team is meant to solve these issues during block two, and aims to be done around week 6, after which the student reps have the opportunity to read through the changes, after which the new statutes can be passed during the GA in the third block. This will require around 200 people to be present in the GA, which is something where the Student Reps come into play, to bring their constituents to this assembly. After the document is finished, a committee of readers will be established to check the work of the legal team. Lone asks whether the 200 people need to be present in person, or whether authorizations are in order. Samuel responds that this is problematic, as the authorizations need to vote in accordance with every person's preference (which is difficult if one student rep holds 15 votes). Therefore it is imperative that as many people as possible are there. Cas mentions it might be best to change the rules of representation to allow for more people to be present. If student reps have amendments to the final documents, these need to be sent to the Secretary of Fortuna at least a week in advance (Cas is in favor of impeaching the Secretary of Fortuna). The document as a whole will first be passed, after which amendments are gonna be voted on article by article (although this is subject to change depending on the amount of amendments received by the Board).

College Council:

The College Council is the body within LUC that advises the College Board (Jos, Rogier, Paul, Freya) on all matters that are not covered by the Program Council (basically everything about LUC that isn't about the program). The council is chaired by Samuel and David Ehrhardt together, and reviews all the decisions that are taken by the College Board, and deals with complains at the address of the college as a whole. It features Bene Colenbrander, Joppe Brieffies, Brit Walsh, Johanna Renz and Thomas Schmitt (appointed by the Fortuna Board and Jos after applications) as members, alongside the aforementioned chairs. Last year, the College Council was rather silent, and not very well known. This year the College Council aims to be more visible to both students and staff, to make sure that complaints can be dealt with in a comprehensible manner, as they are currently not known to most students at all. To contact the members, simply message one of the Fortuna Members or one of the staff members (emails of which can be found on the Fortuna and LUC websites, respectively). cComplaints do not need to be submitted in a formal way, and can also be submitted in person, with anonymity being ensured for those that approach the College Council.

AvB Parties:

From now on parties in AvB are no longer permitted. Serving alcohol within the residential floors of the building is out of the question. Fortuna is currently looking for external locations for parties, but this is a long term project that will not be solved very soon. The aim of the Board is to have this done by block 3. Haris asks whether this also goes for birthday parties, which is not necessarily the case. As long as the scale is smaller than most Fortuna parties, there is no large problem (do check this with Niki though). Cas asks precisely on whose authority this decision was taken, and Samuel replies that this has to do with the fact that this is a Leiden University Building, and they have full authority, even in the residential area. Frieda mentions hearing the rumor that the Akbar is closed, but this is untrue. However, Akbar is not allowed to serve alcohol outside of the bar area on floor 1. Akbar will become a licensed bar soon, and is therefore more strictly bound by regulations than before. Roisin asks how such external locations will be paid for, and Samuel replies this will be done by Fortuna. If absolutely necessary, a ticket price might be instated if external costs are higher than expected. Marieke asks precisely who decided this, and Samuel replies the decision comes from the college as a whole. Haris asks if the Fortuna Board knows the precise reasons why the decision was taken, to which Samuel answers that it has to do with the opinion of the College Board when it comes to the usage of the building, and what type of events they do and don't want. The question is raised what the role of the College Council was in this, and Samuel replies the College Council works rather slowly, and will deal with this later. Haris asks to what extent this is a lost cause, or can the decision can still be turned back in case of massive student complaints? Sadly, this is indeed probably a lost cause, and it is highly unlikely the College Board will turn back their decision. Davi asks about the Christmas Gala. For Christmas, there will on the be a secret Christmas event, and also a Christmas Gala as it happened last year. The Board of Fortuna will communicate this matter to the students very soon. (Peter is in favor of impeaching the Secretary of Fortuna).

Community building brainstorm:

A non-alcohol event is mentioned, as a lot of events in the community are focussed on alcohol. Potentially, we can have a huge picnic on the malieveld with a large amount of people. For this, no permits are required from the municipality. BA could have live performances, or we can host floor sports games. An idea is mentioned where the cafeteria of LUC is cooking for a lot of people. Inter-Floor activities are also mentioned as a possibility. Haris will make Yo' Ra jokes a thing with his constituents, and wishes host a comedy night about this. Fortuna has its PS3 back, which can be used at such events. Tutors too, can be invited to such events, to create more community feeling across both students and staff. Mentioned is that not only LUC community is important, but that breaking out of the bubble is also important. For this, events with BASIS, and a huge party will take place in the Paard van Troje with Campus Den Haag in week 5. Moritz mentions that RA's often work in pairs, so that it might work to have events with two floors only. Here there might be some overlap between RA's and Reps, so cooperation might be in order. Cas is oppressed by referring to constituencies as floors, as this is not the case in De Klok and SKS. The problem here is that off-campus consists of more than just De Klok and SKS, and there are constituents living spread out all over The Hague. A google doc can be made where people give their ideas about these kinds of events. Moritz mentions it will be beneficial to explain to the RA's precisely where their different responsibilities are outlined. The assembly is overwhelmingly in favor of this, so a meeting with them will be scheduled. Increasing cooperation with the RA's is regarded as a beneficial matter for all Reps and students as a whole.

Fortuna Feedback:

Among the constituents, there were still some that were not very aware of precisely what Fortuna does. For this, a Fortuna flyer will be made that outlines better what Fortuna does. It is mentioned that Fortuna is a big faceless entity, which is ambivalent to people. Potentially, the Board could make a short and fun video showing what they do. Cas mentions that people are idiots that do not take personal action to find out what Fortuna is (the assembly disagrees). It is mentioned that the Fortuna Board this year is much more visible and approachable than last year, which is an opinion shared by more on the assembly. Constituents are sometimes in the dark who to approach when it comes to different issues, which is partially the job of the student reps, and send people on to the relevant person within the Fortuna Board. Similarly, it is still a bit scary sometimes to approach the Board in the office, which is a job for the Reps as well. Generally, people are happy with how approachable the board is, whereas some more improvements can be made (Cas is in favor of impeaching the Secretary of Fortuna). UCSRN event should have been cleared up a bit more, because it was not clear to people what this is about. Negative points are again that the board is unapproachable, which can be solved by sending these people to office hours, or alternatively the Board visiting different constituencies. Also, there were negative comments about the decision of budget allocations, which were not understood. Such problems too, can be solved by approaching the relevant CAO or another Board member. Constituents brought up the fact that the current board is only busy mopping up legal stuff of other years, and not paying attention to current events. Some committees are still rather closed, which is seen as somewhat accurate by the Board. A lot of these points are solved by people being more open to others, and talking to them, and do not necessarily require a mediation from student reps or the Fortuna Board. Frenkchris asks if committees can still submit ad hoc budget proposals for extra events, and Joe mentions that this is indeed possible. The distinction between the CC and CD is raised, which is something the Fortuna Board is looking into now. The bulletin should be printed for every floor every week, according to the reps (15 in favor, 5 against). Fortuna will provide more guides in the future about both the academic and social parts of life at LUC in the future. Haris mentions the rugby team and their budget, this too cannot be solved by reps but rather by the Fortuna Board through a budget proposal.

AOB:

Joe will meet soon about the refurbishment of the first floor, together with Samuel, Martijn and Bene. An update about this will be posted in the student reps page, to see what points of reps were taken into account.

A discussion is raised about having a Fortuna Board member to chair the assembly. This is for now undecided, and will be discussed later. Firstly the Bylaw people will look in to it, and afterwards it can be brought to the General Assembly of Fortuna (if the article on Reps needs to be changed bindingly). 16 in favor of keeping this the way it currently is.

Peter raises the point of Fortuna LinkedIn, which ought to be created (Peter is in favor of impeaching the Secretary of Fortuna)

Subcommittees: Africa day last year was a great success, so a similar event will take place this year. The subcommittee will follow up on this the next meeting. The theme of the

meeting will be South America. The pubcrawl committee hasn't done anything, because Bene is already working on this (but the problem is solved).

Closing:

The meeting is closed at 20.51. The next meeting will take place at the Wednesday of Week 5 (November 26)..

To Do List:

Everyone:

Inform Samuel of all problems you see with the statutes

Samuel:

Respond to Cas' queries about the amending of amendments during the GA itself
Look into the legality of tickets for parties of Fortuna.

Joe:

Set up a google doc for people to put in ideas about inter-constituency events
Schedule a meeting with the RA's about overlapping responsibilities.
Ensure Akbar is still on website after they become a foundation

Cas, Thomas, Heleen Frenkchris and Davi:

Draft bylaws for the next assembly
look into the matter of chairing the student rep assembly

The Fortuna Board:

Discuss matters of chairing the Rep assembly
Fortuna LinkedIn ought to be created/fixed