



FORTUNA STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL REPORT 2018 - 2019
LEIDEN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE



Dear members of Fortuna,

Congratulations to those that graduated in summer! And a warm welcome to all of you starting your adventure at LUC or coming back after summer break.

This annual report is to bring all of you up to speed with what we have done in the last academic year. Firstly, all of the board members will talk about their experiences and the events of the previous academic year. Afterwards, there will be a short overview of the main events of the previous academic year.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who helped organize events last academic year. Thanks to your hard work and dedication this community grew. We hope that you all are going to be as involved as last year to continue this growth and make the work for the next Fortuna Board a little easier.

If you have any questions about this report, about Fortuna or anything else please feel free to contact us or the new Fortuna Board.

For the last time lots of love Rebecca Poort, on behalf of the former Fortuna Board.





Rebecca Poort (Chair 2018-2019)

Being the Fortuna Chair for the last academic year was an enormous honor and a great challenge. In the beginning of the academic year we had some struggles. Yet we, as a board, grew enormously from the various challenges.

All of our experiences of the first semester of the last academic year are written in the mid-year report that is on the Fortuna website. Hence, this report will mostly focus on our experiences of the last semester of the academic year. For that period, we, as a board, set out several goals for ourselves. We mostly worked on several issues we encountered concerning communication and transparency, while also keeping up with our other goals.

I learned a great deal from my position as chair. I was tasked with the representation of the association, which was not as easy as it sounds because a lot of people lack the basic understanding of the structure of LUC.

Additionally, I had some personal struggles with figuring out how to function as a chair within the board. I think I figured out a lot about myself and attained many useful skills while in the last academic year. Yet, I think there is still a lot to be done within Fortuna, since it is a young and growing association. But I am confident that the new board will do an excellent job, and I wish them the best of luck



Iris Iedema (Secretary 2018-2019)

During my time in the Fortuna Board, I faced many interesting challenges. In the first semester, I mainly concerned myself with getting fully acquainted with my tasks, as well as working on the green amendment. In the second semester, I mainly concerned myself with the amendment in order to make Fortuna's institutions function better. During this process, I significantly improved my ties with the Advisory Board, and ended up with a very good working relationship with them – and I am looking forward to being part of the Advisory Council/Secretariat the coming year. As a Fortuna Board, we started off with a rough start; making an annual budget without a treasurer. This meant that we did not start off right, which influenced us all throughout the year. Board dynamics was consistently a challenging topic throughout our term, and I therefore strongly urge the new board to invest time in creating a bond of trust

within the board from the very start. Nonetheless, I very much enjoyed the secretary-specific tasks of being a board member, and was very pleased to see that the General Assemblies improved throughout the year. I still believe that communication and transparency are still key issues within Fortuna, reaffirmed by a lack of a feeling of membership. I am excited to see how the new board will pick this up.

Noemi Noveck and Patricia Buhner (Committees Affairs Officers 2018-2019)



Hello all,

Over the academic year 2018/2019, we have been part of many great events such as the Pantomime, Winter Gala, and Culture Day to name a few. In the second semester, we continued our efforts to support the ever-growing number of committees under our wing. The second semester offered several hiking trips by our new hiking committee HILL, through the varied terrain of the Netherlands. It also saw the much anticipated UCSRN Tournament, which was hosted by LUC for the first time in



history. This event particularly is one for the books as we not only took home the trophy but also set a high bar for the tournaments that will follow. We are incredibly proud of our UCSRN team who put blood, sweat, and tears into organising this wonderful day. Shortly after this event we also saw our first ever Musical performance put together by the Beyond Arts Committee, which was met with some concerns initially but played out well. And as if the second year wasn't filled with enough spectacular events it was finished off with the beloved Dies Fatales. Also this year this night to remember did not disappoint - despite the rather awkward Fortuna segment ;) But we do not want to forget the other wonderful, smaller, but just as important events that happened throughout the second semester. This includes a photo exhibition by LUC.iD, many USL parties, the Fortuna elections and election campaigns, dinner with a stranger 4.0, FortuneTV and 22FM shows, and many many more.

Thank you for all the wonderful committee boards and members who worked with us over the year, we love you but now we pass on the torch to the new CAOs and we ensure you they will do a fantastic job.

Peace out,

Noemi and Patricia <3



Sjoerd Kok (Treasurer 2018-2019)

After a year filled with fun Fortuna events and activities, I look back to the academic year of 2018-2019 and my year in the Fortuna Board fondly. Coming in to this board, I had no idea what was waiting for me. Over the past year, keeping track of the financials of the organization, building consensus within the board, resolving external and internal board issues, and working to improve the organization have proven quite more challenging than I initially expected. However, the feeling of actually getting things done with your board, and helping our committees and teams organize good events throughout the whole year was well worth it. While there were many challenges for this year's board which could have had severe consequences, such as having to find a replacement treasurer in the beginning of the year, the board overcame these challenges, held it together, and kept the ship afloat.

The thing I am most proud of during my tenure as treasurer was our board's ability to not only focus on the now, but also on the future of the organization. During the beginning of the year, we had noticed that some issues within the organizational structure of the organization which really hampered the effectiveness of the board in facilitating and organizing fun events for all our members, causing Fortuna to increasingly function . Recognizing that, Iris and I set out on a quest of creating reforms to improve the organization and safeguard it for the future. This led to the creation of Fortuna's advisory council, with the goal to allow for more feedback from the community on board decisions and more continuity in between boards. As the newest member of this council, I will do my best to keep working on the improvement of the association for the year to come. Looking ahead, and seeing this new Fortuna board at the helm of the association, makes me excited for the year to come!



Joris van den Einden (Internal Communications Officer 2018-2019)

What a year this has been.

Although some times are tougher than others, and some challenges may be harder to overcome, I feel more than content with the work that my fellow board members and I have been able to achieve this year. The UCSRN Tournament, a successful gala, yet again an amazing Dies Fatalis, two wellbeing weeks, an app, new merch, the restructuring of the Advisory Board into the Advisory Council, the Green Amendment, and all the work completed by our committees are just a few things that jump into my mind.

As Communications Officer, I was happy to see people interact with Fortuna(-sponsored) events, and hope that my efforts were up to the standard our community expected. I learnt a lot this year, about teamwork, discipline, planning, mediation and organisation, and hope to be reaping the benefits of the last 12 months for the rest of my life. A very big Good Luck! to the new board, I'm excited to see how you further make the lives of the members of all the communities within LUC better.

Summary of the academic year 2018-2019

UCSRN Tournament

One of the proudest achievements of the previous academic year is organizing and winning the UCSRN Tournament. The UCSRN Tournament is a day in which all the University Colleges in The Netherlands compete in sports and cultural activities. The UCSRN Tournament Team made the day one to never forget. During this day, LUC proved that they are indeed the best University College in the Netherlands.



Pantomime

The Pantomime is an annual event organized by LUC that Fortuna was lucky enough to contribute to last academic year. Last year's PAN-tomime told the captivating story about a young Peter Pan trying to find himself in LUC was gorgeously portrayed in the Royal Theater, thanks to the wonderful Pantomime board. As auditions have begun for this year's pantomime we are all looking forward to seeing what they come up with this time around.

Winter Gala

This year the Winter Gala took place on the iconic Pier in Scheveningen. The masquerade theme gave the night a little bit of extra magic, which made it one to never forget. The gala was filled with festivities, dance and music.



Beyond Arts Musical: Corporate

Last year Beyond Arts organized their first big musical: CORPORATE. The text, music and choreographies were all made by LUC students. CORPORATE told us the story of a multinational that has a monopoly on agricultural products. The show was incredibly organized in the beautiful Zuiderstrand theater.

Culture Day

Because of the diversity within LUC, we celebrated the different cultures that are represented within our college on culture day as part of Fortunity week. This day was a great success and helped the community grow because of more mutual understanding.



Wellbeing Weeks

Like previous boards we organized two wellbeing weeks during the previous academic year. During this week mental health and sexual wellbeing were some prominent topics that we paid some extra attention to. Both of these topics are also very important faculty and university wide, that is why we are proud to say the faculty took our advice and organized its own wellbeing week as well.



Dies Fatalis

The mysterious purple fish and the matching end of the year party really made sure last academic year ended with a bang. The beautiful show at the Circustheater in Schevening and the afterparty in Rootz were really one to remember, or not to remember for some.

For the last time we want to thank everybody who helped organized events, sport trainings, (bi-)weekly meetings, trips and everything in between. You all made our board year a lot easier and more enjoyable we could not have done it without you.