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1. Preface

Dear reader,

It is with great pride that the XXXIIIrd board of SamenwerkingsOverleg Faculteitsverenigingen (from hereon referred to as 'SOFv') officially presents its Annual Report for the academic year 2023-2024. In this report you can find a summary of values, goals and practical information that the board of SOFv wants you to know. You will also find an evaluation of the activities and the past year in general.

The board of SOFv encourages you to read this document carefully. Potential questions or remarks can be proposed during the general member assembly or in advance via email.

Kind regards,

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2. Summary

The Annual Report was built upon the following structure; the set goals for the past year and the reflection on those, the general tasks and an update or evaluation on those, an evaluation of all the activities SOFv organised in the past year, inclusivity and diversity, SOFv and other associations, and lastly the evaluation of the University Student Council and advocacy.

Next to reflecting on the yearly tasks of SOFv, the report also sheds light on the several focus points established in the Policy Plan. The first focal point of the XXXIIIrd board was to have additional preparation for new board members, for which it has organised several additional trainings. The second goal was the reintroduction of the databases for sharing important information between organisations. The final addition that the XXXIIIrd board planned to make was the increased focus on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). This has been shaped into the DEI handbook that is now available to all organisations.

This document will further elaborate on the various goals set out by the XXXIIIrd board and on the various challenges and changes that have come up during the academic year.

In 2022-2023, the XXXIIInd board distributed a survey to all member organisations, evaluating the academic year, when nearing the summer break. The XXXIIIrd board forgot to send a similar survey, only remembering this practice halfway through the summer break. It recognised that at this moment, most member boards of 2023-2024 would no longer regularly check their email, resulting in minimal responses and thus a biased or unrepresentative result. At several moments during the creation of this document, the lack of direct feedback from the member organisations has hampered the effectiveness of reflection. The board sees their error in this situation and regrets it. It advises their successors to distribute a survey nearing the end of June, to make sure that feedback from member organisations can be used when creating their annual documents.





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3. Goals

Besides the three main functions (represent, facilitate and inform) of SOFv, the XXXIIIrd board aimed to improve and to reach the goals mentioned below during the past year.

- Keep SOFv an approachable entity;
- Attract new member organisations;
- Maintain the steady progress of the internationalisation of SOFv;
- Increase the large presence of members at the gmas;
- Sustain the active presence of SOFv on their social media accounts;
- Promote sustainability among member organisations;
- Garner more involvement, visibility, and input from member organisations;
- Conserve the recognisable house style;
- Assist in the training of new board members;
- Create increased awareness for diversity, equity, and inclusion

One of these goals has been subject to revisionism during the year. The aim to attract new member organisations has always been based on the extension of SOFv's reach. This way, as many study related organisations as possible could benefit from and be represented by SOFv. This academic year, however, the board of SOFv has received concerns from a substantial number of member organisations about this expansion of SOFv. These organisations feel like the expansion of SOFv reduces the quality of the benefits and representation they receive from SOFv. In order to cater to the members' needs, the XXXIIIrd board has halted efforts to actively look for new members for SOFv and advises their successors to follow a similar path. This way, they can focus more on integration between member organisations and finding ways in which all members can be satisfied with their position within SOFv.

Next to this, the XXXIIIrd board is pleased to inform that most of the goals mentioned are either completely or partially achieved. Continuing this document, the board will more elaborately touch upon how these different goals have been achieved.





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4. General

4.1 General Member Assemblies

All six general member assemblies (gmas) have taken place just before the end of every cycle of the University Student Council (USC). The planning was communicated to all member associations via email before the start of the academic year and the planning has been followed. The standard language has always been English at all the gmas, with the option to ask questions and make remarks in Dutch accompanied by a translation by the board. Since this option has been used quite regularly, the board feels like it was both understood by the members present and worthwhile to provide to them.

The board has invited several guest speakers to the gmas. These were Student Life and International Mobility (06-12-2023), the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Office (06-12-2023), Best Kept Secret (07-02-2024), the Green Office (07-02-2024, 27-03-2024) and Verenigd Onder Studentenbelang (15-05-2024). These guest speakers were invited to the gmas to inform members and to make some room for discussion. The selection was based on traditional yearly speakers, requests by member organisations, and speakers related to topics SOFv was working on at the time. The board feels that this selection of speakers, in addition to the regular reports of the board and USC, have sufficiently informed the member boards of all things related to their board year. The board advises their successors to make their choices for guest speakers on a similar basis. It also advises them to use surveys to have member boards evaluate the guest speakers. This way they can have a more clear idea on how (or whether) they have impacted the member organisations.

The turnout for the gmas has started high, but took a short dip in the middle of the year. As a response, the board has sent an email explaining the customs regarding gmas, such as the 24 hour notice and the expected attendance. The result was a more consistently high turnout when approaching the end of the academic year. Overall the XXXIIIrd board is content with the average high attendance. The board anticipates that the HR changes made in this year will ensure the continuation of this high attendance. This way everyone will be represented as competently as possible by SOFv.

The drinks after the gmas in both the 'Ondergang' and Molenstraat have continued to be a comfortable place for people to get together to discuss board life and get to know each other better. Also, remaining questions have consistently been asked at these drinks in a more laid back environment. The board looks back positively on this. The after-drinks in the Molenstraat have sometimes been less visited. The board has encouraged their successors to look into ways to make them more interesting for board members to visit.





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4.2 HR

During this academic year, two different changes in the House Rules (HR) have been proposed and implemented. First, the HR had to be changed to allow two Political Chairs to represent SOFv in the University Student Council (USC). Due to the University following the WHW (further explained on page 26), the granted positions for the Political Chairs have been forfeit. This allowed SOFv to join a student party, resulting in the founding of Verenigd Onder Studentenbelang (V.O.S.). Through V.O.S., SOFv could have two Political Chairs in the USC, therefore doubling its influence.

The second change would be a change to the rules around gma attendance. In order to best represent the interests and goals of member organisations and in order to best inform them, their presence at gmas is of utmost importance. While most organisations were already consistently present and most notified the board of their absence with good reasons when they could not, this was not always the case. Some organisations were scarcely at gmas and often did not notify the SOFv board of absence.

The first proposal for a change was made for the gma of 15-05-2024. The proposal led to an extensive, well meaning discussion. The matter was to be reviewed again by the SOFv board, including the feedback given by the GMA, and presented on the following gma of 03-07-2024. At this gma the last feedback was given and implemented, resulting in the new HR adaptation being ratified by the GMA. This adaptation makes notice of absence with a valid reason mandatory for SOFv gmas, thus further motivating boards to be present as much as possible, while also presenting steps to follow for both the SOFv board and member boards when this is not a possibility.

4.3 Room Visits

As is customary at SOFv, the board has visited their member organisations via room visits. During the first round, all fifty member organisations have had a room visit, since this round was mandatory. A second round of room visits was held from March on. This round was optional, thus only for those member organisations that wanted another check-in or if they had something they wanted to discuss with SOFv. The second round was promoted via email and during gmas. During this second round, five member organisations were visited. The board is aware that this is not a high number. There have been a couple of boards that contacted SOFv on their own initiative, thus not via a room visit, when they wanted to discuss something with SOFv. An exact reason for the low number of second room visits is unknown. The board advises the next board to examine the reason why the turnout for the second room visits was so low, so they can anticipate on that.

There are a couple of boards that switch halfway through the year. All current boards of these member organisations have been visited as well. The board also informed their successors about which boards this concerns, so they can take this into account as well.

The goals of the room visits were to improve the cohesion between SOFv and the member organisations and to inform the member organisations about SOFv and the areas where SOFv can be of assistance. The board feels that these goals have been achieved during the first





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round of room visits. Most room visits took place in the boardrooms of the member organisations. If this was not an option, the room visits took place in the SOFvice.

4.4 Career Central

In the previous years, the board of SOFv played an active role in the development and execution of the Career Central platform, a university initiative aimed at enhancing career opportunities for students. As mentioned in the previous board's report, SOFv had been closely involved with the platform's creation, ensuring that the interests of study organisations were represented through the establishment of a dedicated workgroup.

However, during the tenure of the XXXIIIrd board, the project faced significant challenges that ultimately led to its discontinuation. The complexity of creating and maintaining the platform, coupled with resistance from study organisations, raised concerns about its long-term viability. Additionally, with widely-used career platforms such as LinkedIn already fulfilling many of the intended functions of Career Central, the relevance and necessity of the initiative were called into question.

Though there were discussions about potentially salvaging certain functionalities of the platform—such as tools for alumni engagement—these ideas remain speculative at this stage, and no concrete decisions have been made. As a result, the workgroup that had been active in previous years was not convened this year, and the platform's future remains uncertain.

The board advises future boards to remain vigilant of any further developments regarding Career Central or similar initiatives. It is important that the needs and concerns of study organisations continue to be represented, even as the focus shifts away from the initial concept. Should any parts of the platform's functionality be preserved or repurposed, the interests of SOFv's members must remain at the forefront of discussions.

4.5 Best Kept Secret

As a result of the work of the XXXIIInd SOFv board, Radboud Career Services was given a grant to organise a set of board communication trainings with the Best Kept Secret company. It was planned that Career Services would organise this training with the Best Kept Secret company. SOFv would help with promoting it to their member boards. As the proposed workshop fit the focal point of the XXXIIIrd board to further support boards with additional trainings, the board accepted to continue assisting Career Service with the training. The work got hindered, however, since there was an unannounced leadership change in Career Services, resulting in many unanswered contact attempts. When the project regained its progress, both involved parties were continuing work that had been initialised by others. Still, the collaboration between SOFv and Career Service planned dates for the workshops and made promotion for it. The interest of member boards, however, resulted to be quite low. There was already quite a wide range of trainings, which might have reduced interest for this





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specific one. The board also received feedback from members that they felt like their communication was already on point at the time in the academic year. If similar trainings are to be provided in the future, they might benefit from being organised earlier in the year. Finally, the execution and promotion of the workshop did not meet expectations, which has been evaluated with the involved parties. Eventually, Career Services decided to cancel the workshops due to the costs being too high for the amount of board members interested. If a similar workshop is planned in following years, it will benefit from clearer arrangements between all involved parties.

4.6 Board room

The board room of SOFv is located beneath the Elinor Ostrom building (N -1.240) and regularly occupied by one or more of its board members. The window in the new room can come in handy to achieve the goal of visibility. Hence the windows have been used to display the SOFv logo. Furthermore, the board organised 'themed SOFvice hours'. These were specific hours where board members can ask questions on that specific topic. The specific hours were: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, board transitions, candidate board questions (e.g. policies). Besides 'the themed SOFvice hours', the board of SOFv also organised "regular" office hours, where member organisations could visit the room for a cup of coffee or to discuss (upcoming) board-related issues. Both types of office hours were announced via the social media of SOFv. Unfortunately, the SOFvice hours were not visited as much as hoped. Hence, the SOFv board made the decision to scale back from two to one SOFvice hour per week. It is not possible to give an exact reason for the low turnout, as no targeted feedback was sought from members on this. Despite the low attendance, the board advises its successors to continue the SOFvice hours, but with fewer or no themed SOFvice hours. It is also advises to ask for more feedback on attendance to get an accurate picture of how crowded the SOFvice hours are. Still, the SOFvice Hours provide an opportunity for members to stop by and make sure there is a SOFv board member present. Naturally, the room was still open for every member, if there was someone of the board present in the board room.

4.7 Databases

Over the years, SOFv has composed a number of databases for its member organisations to use. The database consisted of study trip locations, weekend locations and a list with juridical persons (which are addressed in case of a change of the HR or statutes). The board has expanded the existing database with CoBo locations, locations for drinks, gma locations and gala locations. Regarding the study trip locations and the list of juridical persons, the member organisations that have experiences with these locations and/or persons were added to the database for references.

The board has heard from some member organisations that they made use of this database. Every gma an update was given about the database, to guarantee it would be kept up to date. In case things changed or were added to the databases, the GMA was informed about this.





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4.8 House style

The XXXIIIrd board of SOFv continued using the house style document introduced by the XXXIInd board, maintaining a clean and professional look across all communications. No changes were made to the guidelines, and Canva templates remained central to ensuring uniformity. On Instagram, the board largely followed the house style's colour scheme but occasionally deviated from the set fonts to better suit specific posts. This balance allowed for consistency while adapting to various needs. Future boards will have the flexibility to keep or adjust this style, but it has proven effective in enhancing SOFv's professional image.

4.9 (Social) media

One goal this year was to make SOFv more noticeable or visible in Nijmegen student society. One of the ways of achieving this goal is to take a more proactive role on social media. SOFv hosts an arsenal of different platforms on which promotion and information has been shared. Each of these platforms convey a message depending on how they are used, which is why every post was carefully thought out. The XXXIIIrd board is very satisfied with the usage of social media this year, having received numerous compliments throughout the year and recommends the next board to continue using the social media in a similar fashion to uphold the visibility.

4.9.1 WhatsApp

At the beginning of the year, the XXXIIIrd board created two group chats, open to all members from each organisation. A formal one in which only SOFv board members could send messages, and an informal one in which everyone could chat. The board discontinued the rule to have a maximum of two people in the formal chat, unlike the previous board's rule limiting participation to two members per organisation. This change was made based on the feedback of the previous board in their year report and our own experience, as the two-person limit was deemed unnecessary. Also, because of a WhatsApp policy, more participants were allowed into a single group chat.

During the room visits, the board ensured that at least one board member of every organisation was added to the group chats. The board recommends the next board to also do this. The board found that the informal chat became a popular space for promoting parties, discussing constitution drinks, and sharing activities. Meanwhile, the more formal chat remained quieter, with occasional updates and announcements from SOFv about activities and mail reminders. The board recommends that future boards continue with this system, as it effectively facilitates communication and collaboration between organisations. As members frequently made use of the informal chats, and sign-ups spiked after promotion in the formal chat, the board believes the system to be successful and recommends it to the next board.





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4.9.2 Instagram

The XXXIIIrd board expanded SOFv's use of Instagram, making it a more dynamic and engaging platform. The board started out the year by following most board members of this academic year on Instagram to increase their visibility (as usually people tend to follow back). This ensured that numerous board members followed the SOFv Instagram, which improved visibility in the right target group. Furthermore, the board introduced the frequent use of videos to promote events, often starting with a promotional video (created using stock footage from Canva), followed by an informational post, and concluding with an after-movie. This approach significantly improved visibility and engagement, with positive feedback from members. By incorporating more video content, the board also set the stage for future boards to transition away from stock footage and start using real footage from SOFv's members. This not only enhances authenticity but also simplifies the process for compiling material for the yearbook.

Additionally, the board appointed one person in the SOFv board to maintain the Instagram page, ensuring consistent quality and output. Instead of simply resharing posts on the story, the board utilised Canva's AI feature to transform posts into professional-looking stories, further elevating the platform's professionalism. For consistency reasons, the board recommends the next board to also appoint a single person (or at max two people).

Overall, the board believes Instagram became an informative yet lively reflection of SOFv, showcasing both its formal activities and the social aspect of our organisation. The board strongly encourages future boards to continue leveraging this platform.

4.9.3 LinkedIn

The XXXIIIrd board continued the increased use of SOFv's LinkedIn page with a strong focus on showcasing the professional side of the organisation. In addition to posting after every gma and highlighting key topics discussed, the board also promoted initiatives like the DEI workgroup and posted introductions of board members to create a more personal and professional connection.

The board also grew the LinkedIn follower base through direct invites, contributing to greater visibility. While this platform primarily catered to fostering relationships with university departments and external enterprises, the board believes it has become an essential tool for maintaining SOFv's professional image and securing sponsorship opportunities. The board recommends future boards to continue expanding the LinkedIn presence and explore new ways to further enhance its role as SOFv's professional calling card.





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4.9.4 Website

In the academic year of 2021-2022, the website has had a complete overhaul. Due to this overhaul, there were still a few issues with the website in the previous academic year. These issues are now all solved, so the XXXIIIrd board did not experience any issues anymore because of the new website. The website has been kept up to date during the year. Since the beginning of the year, a new page for the Confidential Contact Persons has been added and the partner page was updated. Furthermore, the website has been updated with the new members that joined SOFV this year, the most recent policy plan, the most recent financial plan, the most recent HR and it was guaranteed that the database was kept up to date.

4.9.5 Facebook

As stated in the policy, the XXXIIIrd board has not made use of Facebook. The board feels that other social media platforms such as Instagram and WhatsApp have become more popular and have been used more than Facebook. Therefore, the board feels they can reach more members through these platforms. The board did not experience any problems or complaints on not using Facebook. The board advises their successors to continue disregarding facebook, but to keep the account so it can be used in the future, should it ever be necessary.





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5. Activities & Committees

This chapter of the report is aimed to look back and recap the events and activities organised by the board of SOFv during the past academic year. This includes the formal and informal activities aimed towards the board members of member organisations of SOFv.

Generally, this academic year has had decreased show up of member boards at SOFv activities, compared to the previous years. The board has noticed this and evaluated it with SLIM to look at possible reasons. No clear explanations were found during these discussions. The board advises its successors to closely evaluate the show up at their activities and send surveys to the members inquiring about their presence or absence. This way the next board can cater to the needs of the members regarding activities and halt further decline in attendance.

5.1 Formal Activities

5.1.1 Training Negotiating and Making Contracts

As stated in the Biannual Report, SOFv has organised its first training for External Affairs Officers (and related/similar functions) this year. The workshop was given by a professional trainer and has resulted in positive responses from attendees, which were collected through an evaluation survey. The board sees the training as a success and advises their successors to continue it. The board also recommends contacting the same professional trainer in the future for this activity, since his role in the training was paramount to its success.

Some feedback arose from the attendees that the training focussed mainly on negotiation, as opposed to making contracts. In the future, the training could either be organised more broadly, or it could be made a specialised negotiation training instead. Either case, the name should be properly linked to the subject matter to prevent confusion. The XXXIIIrd board leaves this choice to their successors.

To complement this training, a contract template was produced by the SOFv board and shared with all member organisations. This template can be used and shared by all following SOFv boards. Any template offered by SOFv can be used for inspiration to make documents specified to every organisation. SOFv, however, is never responsible for the potential negative consequences of using their templates.

5.1.2 Training How To Chair

As stated in the Biannual Report, SOFv has also organised its first training for Chairs this year. The workshop was given by the Chair and Political Chair of SOFv, since they both have Chair experience from their previous board year. The board still stands behind their choice of trainers for this workshop, due to the unique situations student Chairs encounter in their tenure. This is reinforced by positive feedback on the trainers in the evaluation survey. Professional leadership trainers are more distanced from these experiences and often do not fully envision what student Chairs deal with on a yearly basis.

The evaluation survey following the workshop presented appreciation for the workshop from the attendees, especially working on cases with fellow-Chairs. The SOFv board, therefore,





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recommends its successors to continue organising this training with (Ex-)Chairs and potentially expand on the case-working section of the workshop.

5.1.3 BHV/Emergency Response course

The XXXIIIrd board continued the tradition of offering an Emergency Response (BHV) course to equip board members with essential skills for handling emergency situations during their activities. Initially, the board scheduled four editions of the course, but due to high demand, additional sessions were added until all interested participants could attend. The sessions were held in both Dutch and English.

While the board faced some scheduling issues and unforeseen circumstances that required rescheduling several sessions, the board believes that everyone who wished to participate ultimately had the opportunity to do so. The rescheduling was outside the board's control, involving sickness and personal circumstances. The board advises future boards to maintain close communication with the trainer to avoid such issues and ensure smooth planning. Overall, the event was well-received, and participants gained valuable, indispensable skills for responding to emergencies. As there was little to no feedback, except for the unfortunate but unavoidable reschedules, the board recommends the same set-up to the next board.

5.1.4 EHBO Theme day

As indicated in the Policy Plan, the XXXIIIrd board decided not to organise the EHBO Theme Day this year, as the focus was already on the Emergency Response (BHV) course, which covered a wide range of emergency situations. Given the overlap between the two events, and the costs of the EHBO Theme Day, the board opted to allocate the funds for the EHBO Theme Day to other activities that could better serve our member organisations.

Future boards may choose to reintroduce the EHBO Theme Day if they see fit, but the XXXIIIrd board believes the decision allowed it to prioritise resources efficiently while still providing valuable training in emergency response.

5.1.5 Photoshop and InDesign Workshop

Similar to the previous year, SOFV provided an InDesign and Photoshop Course. It was organised for both board members and committee members. The turnout was large, but manageable. However, technical difficulties hindered the workshop. After checking that InDesign worked on the computers in the chosen lecture room, the board assumed that it would work for the attendees as well. This was not the case, since the board member checking the computers unknowingly was classified as an employee by the system of the RU. Extensive contact with the IT services of the RU after the activity clarified this problem.

Some of the attendees had left the workshop due to the aforementioned technical difficulties. A temporary solution was found, however, which allowed the training to continue with the remaining attendees.

After the training, the whole situation was thoroughly discussed with the IT services of the RU. To make sure a similar situation does not occur in upcoming years, the board has





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informed their successors about the situation and about actively checking whether their RU accounts are designated as students or employees when checking lecture rooms for activities.

Even though this year the training had its issues, the board none the less recommends its continuation. Most answers on the evaluation survey indicated a positive experience with the workshop if it were not for the technical difficulties. Furthermore, Photoshop and InDesigns skills are beneficial for all organisations and the training is a good place to learn how to use both programmes.

5.1.6 Opening the Conversations About Alcohol and Drugs

Due to appreciation from the RU about earlier instances of similar trainings, SOFv organised a workshop regarding alcohol and drug usage in student organisations. The main focus point of the training would be opening and facilitating the conversation about these topics within member organisations. A survey was sent to the member organisation about whether boards would be interested in such a training and whether they had questions in advance. The result was sufficiently positive that the XXXIIIrd board gave the workshop the green light. The board contacted IrisZorg about whether they could be the ones giving this workshop. They agreed and after two meetings with them the training was planned.

The workshop unfortunately had a few problems. First of all, despite asking if IrisZorg could keep the training in English, they arrived on site only having prepared a Dutch training, resulting in international board members not being able to attend. Furthermore, the amount of attendees was very low. The speaker provided by IrisZorg mentioned during the training that they would usually not proceed with a workshop for such a small group of people. Both issues could have been prevented with more explicit communication from both parties. After the workshop, the SOFv board evaluated the training with all present board members individually. Attendees would have appreciated more focus on handling situations concerning drugs, where the training mostly focused on substance education/awareness, especially alcohol. Finally, they imagined the workshop would be more effective if attendance was higher.

In organising following events, as result of the difficulties with this workshop, the SOFv board focussed more on the communication with potential speakers about their subject matter and language and on testing the amount of board members who would be present at a workshop before organising it.

5.1.7 Information Session About Taxes

During the year, the board has gotten questions from several member organisations regarding the rules for taxes for student organisations. To provide information about these questions, the board organised an information session about the rules regarding taxes for study associations and student organisations. This session was given by Harrie Bresser and Tim Kok, who are both teachers of Tax Law at the Radboud University. During this session, relevant information for student organisations regarding taxes was given and there was the opportunity to ask questions. The board received the feedback that this session was informative and answered some questions. However, after this information session there





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were also numerous questions left from member organisations. To act on these questions, the board planned a meeting with Harrie Bresser and SLIM to look for possibilities to provide more information for member organisations. Several ideas to provide member organisations with more information about taxes came from this meeting. Due to this meeting taking place in June, which is quite at the end of the academic year, the XXXIVth board was involved in this meeting as well. In consultation with the XXXIVth candidate board, the ideas that came from the meeting will be preceded by the XXXIVth candidate board.

5.2 Informal Activities

5.2.1 New Boards Get Together

As also mentioned in the Biannual Report, the first activity of the year was the New Boards Get Together. This is a yearly activity at the beginning of the academic year where the boards of the member organisations can get to know each other. This year, the activity took place on the 6th of September in the Molenstraat. The activity consisted of several games that were played in a team. The teams for the games were made on a random basis which resulted in nicely mixed groups of different faculties and boards together. The board of Stichting RAGWeek Nijmegen was present at the activity as well and they helped the board by hosting the games. In total, there were 123 board members present, which is a slightly higher number than last year, where around 100 people showed up. The board is very pleasant with this turn out.

Overall, the activity went well. The board received positive feedback about the activity and people thought it was a nice way to get to know other boards and to make connections with other associations. However, there was some criticism regarding the availability of a free keg, as it allowed people to get free beers but not free sodas. The board agreed with this critique and decided that whenever a free keg was offered during future activities, it was made sure that free sodas were provided as well. The board advised their successors to keep this in mind for their activities as well.

The board encourages their successors to organise a similar activity at the beginning of the year. Of course, they can give their own twist to it.

5.2.2 After CoBo Activity

As also mentioned in the Biannual Report, SOFv traditionally organised an After CoBo (Constitution Drink) Activity in order to celebrate the end of the CoBo season together. All board members of the member organisations were invited to this activity. The activity took place on the 30th of January. In the original year planning, the activity was planned on the 29th of January, but due to a conflicted planning with the university the activity was moved to one day later. This meant that some member organisations could not attend the activity, because they had their own activity planned or they had other plans, which was unfortunate. Eventually, 70 people were present at the activity. This is a bit less than last year. However, given the fact that the activity had to be moved, the board is content about this amount.





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The activity itself ran smoothly. It consisted of two hours of pooling at House of Billiards, the SOFv after CoBo Pubquiz at 3Gezusters and an after drink at the Bieb. There was a last minute change of the location for the Pubquiz, due to the planning of the Molenstraat, but this did not cause any big problems. The Molenstraat compensated for this mistake by giving everyone a free drink.

After the activity, the board had received positive feedback. The board advises their successors to keep the Pubquiz element in the activity, since this was well-received and it is a nice way for board members to get some more knowledge about other boards and associations.

5.2.3 Cantus

As stated in the Biannual Report as well, the annual SOFv cantus was held at Ovum Novum on the 26th of February. All board members of member organisations of SOFv were invited to the cantus. The praesidium consisted of three former board members of SOFv. The proseniors were board members of Stichting RAGweek Nijmegen and friends of the current board. There were 90 people present at the cantus. The board re-used the codex on the advice of its predecessors and made minor changes where necessary.

Contact with Ovum Novum ran smoothly. Placing the praesidium in the downstairs corner meant there was enough space for all members. However, the board would advise their successors to try and find a location without a bend in the room so the corona is one unit.

At the cantus, soft drinks and beer were offered so that everyone had something to drink. Payments ran smoothly as 1,260.00 euros were received before the cantus started.

For the next year, the board thinks it more practical for the cantus to look for experienced praesidium members within, but also outside of the pool of former SOFv boards. As some critical comments were received about peoples differing views on cantus traditions, the board thinks a more experienced praesidium would be more beneficial in this situation. In general, however, mostly positive comments were received. All feedback received will be passed along to the successors.

5.2.4 Gala

On April 4, 2024, the XXXIIIrd board proudly hosted the annual SOFv Board Gala, this year themed "Fifty Star Extravaganza" in honour of the fifty member organisations. Held at Fort Lent, the event was a success, with about 250 attendees celebrating under the metaphorical stars of the Hollywood Walk of Fame. The vision for the gala was brought to life through careful planning, culminating in an evening of opulence and glamour. To enhance the experience, the board created a Gala booklet, continuing the tradition started by the XXXIIInd board. The booklet included practical information, a list of partners, and etiquette guidelines to ensure the night ran smoothly.

Registration was handled via Google Forms, where participants were only added to the guest list once they completed both the form and transferred the ticket fee (€37 for single tickets, €74 including a +1). While this system allowed it to maintain a clear overview of





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who had paid, there was some feedback about the fact that a payment request linked to the form could have sped up the process. However, the board opted for manual payments to keep precise control over registration and avoid confusion. The use of this system allowed tickets to be resold and prevented the problem the last board had regarding the loading of tickets with the poor internet access at Fort Lent.

Fort Lent proved to be the perfect venue for this year's gala and added to the allure of the event. After comparing multiple locations, Fort Lent had the best price - quality ratio for this year's event. Despite this, the board recommends the next board to also still look at other locations. The evening featured two DJs who played back-to-back all night, creating a lively atmosphere. A unique touch to this year's gala was the photographer, who opted for a more artistic, close-up format instead of the traditional LinkedIn-style photos. This decision was met with enthusiasm, as it captured the energy and personality of the night in a more creative way.

While the Gala was a resounding success, the board did receive some valuable feedback for future improvement. The entry process could have been smoother, as the guest list was not properly sorted alphabetically, which caused delays at check-in. This is something the board recommends refining for future editions to ensure a faster, more efficient entry process. Despite minor logistical challenges, the board is proud of the event's success. Attendees expressed their enjoyment, and the after-movie that was shared on Instagram helped preserve the evening's memories. The Gala provided a wonderful opportunity for board members to relax, celebrate, and connect, and the board were thrilled with the overwhelmingly positive response.

5.2.5 BBQ

Every year at the end of the academic year, SOFV organises an End of the Year BBQ as a closing of the current board year and as an introduction to the new candidate board members of the member organisations. This year, the BBQ took place on the 6th of June behind the EOS building on campus. In total, around 300 people attended the activity, which is more than last year, where around 265 people were present. The board was very pleased with this turn out.

During the BBQ it turned out that the board did not calculate for enough drinks. This mistake was made due to a miscalculation. Especially the beers went very quickly. In the first hour, almost all beers were already gone. To solve this, the board decided to go to the Aldi to get some extra beers that were sold during the BBQ. The price was one euro for one consumption and 1,60 euros for two consumptions. These prices were based on the purchase price. However, people paid for their drinks via the Zettle and since the minimum amount for the Zettle is 1 euro, the price for one consumption had to be slightly higher than the purchase price. Soft drinks remained free. The board acknowledges that they did not calculate enough drinks. In the beginning, people reacted slightly displeased with the fact that they had to pay for their drinks, but after an explanation was given, people understood and accepted the situation in most cases. The board hopes that by selling drinks at the BBQ the problem was kept to a minimum.





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Even though it was not the planning to sell drinks, the board did experience this as a good way to make sure everyone pays a fair price for the BBQ. This system prevents situations where people that do not drink so much have to pay for people that do drink more to compensate. The board therefore advises the next board to look into possibilities to sell drinks at the BBQ for next year. The board thinks that, when communicated beforehand, this could be a good alternative in comparison to a set ticket price and buying drinks from that budget. The entrance fee will then be lower, since that would then only concern the BBQ itself, and people will only pay for the amount that they actually drink.

Next to this issue, the BBQ went smoothly. There was an after drink in the Bieb, where a lot of people were present as well. All in all, the board thinks that the BBQ was quite a success.

5.2.6 Valentine's Day Surprise

The XXXIIIrd board continued the tradition of surprising their member organisations on Valentine's Day with a token of appreciation. Despite rising costs for the roses and cards, the board secured a special subsidy from SLIM, allowing it to carry out the activity as planned. Yellow roses and heartfelt cards were delivered, along with warm conversations, to brighten the spirits of board members. The overwhelming positive response, along with an Instagram after-movie, left the board with cherished memories of a successful day.

5.2.7 SOFv x RAG Party

Following tradition, SOFv organised a party together with Stichting RAGweek Nijmegen to raise money for their selected charities. The theme was RAG-SOFv All-Rules-Are-Off. A beer pong table was arranged for this activity. The activity overlapped with several parties organised by combinations of member organisations, resulting in a lower turnout than expected. To prevent this, the next board could check in with the known shared organisation parties whether they have already selected the dates for their parties. If this is the case, a date could be selected that is not chosen yet. If not, the date for the SOFv RAG party could be communicated with a request that no party is organised on the same date. This will, however, not stop every overlap, since sometimes mistakes and miscommunication happen or agreements can not be reached. In any case, the board advises both their own successors and the new RAG board to look into ways of drawing people more to the event.





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5.3 Committees

5.3.1 Alumni Committee

This year marked the first year SOFv had an Alumni Committee. The committee had the goal to ease ex-board members into their life as regular students or recently graduated. It organised two activities, being a well visited drinks with karaoke and a less visited board game night with pubquiz.

This second event showed the challenges that came with the Alumni Committee. The idea of a committee with former board members worked better in theory than the reality. The members of the committee were both tired from their board year and at the same time disconnected from the tools and networks they had from their original board position, such as alumni records and contacts with other boards from their faculty. So while their presence in the committee and at its activities did increase the chances that the connections from their time as board members would show up at activities, results in other fields of committee work were not guaranteed.

This culminated in the changing of the second activity. It was initially planned to be a panel of ex-board members presenting their careers and the ways in which board life helped them achieve success. The committee did not succeed in finding enough candidates for this panel, however, resulting in its last-minute reorganisation into a board game night, with a corresponding low turnout.

The board recommends its successors to look critically at the results of the committee and the level in which it will return next year. They should especially consider the existence of a committee for potential alumni activities, since they bring their friends to the activities, but are not always in a position to reliably provide results.

5.3.2 Yearbook Committee

Last year, the XXXIInd board started with the initiative to create a yearbook. The purpose of this yearbook was to remember and materialise the board year. Since this was a great success and the XXXIIIrd board was enthusiastic about the idea as well, the board decided to continue this initiative. Around March, a committee was set up to work on this yearbook. The committee consisted of 7 members, including two board members of SOFv. The members of the committee were board members of several member organisations and board members from Stichting RAGWeek Nijmegen. At first, there were not a lot of people interested in the committee, but eventually after some more promotion and approaching people in person, the committee was filled.

Every board could send in a short story about themselves or their board year. Most boards did this. Further, there were other sections in the yearbook such as a 'Most Likely To' and an overview of all studytrip locations and more.

In July, the yearbooks were finished and they could be picked up during several pick up moments. The costs for the yearbooks were 5,50 euros per book. This amount was paid via the Zettle. In total, 87 copies were printed. This is less than last year. The board does not know the exact reason for this.

The board has received positive reactions on the yearbook and thus advised the next board





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to continue with this. The board advises to keep in mind that the committee often mostly comprises board members, which can strain the planning process of the committee a bit. The board therefore advises to start setting up the committee in time, e.g. latest around March.





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6. Inclusivity of international students, diversity and well-being

6.1 Workshops

In order to try to achieve as much wellbeing as possible for student board members, the board promoted workshops around this topic. Besides, the board also promoted the wellbeing subsidy a lot by mentioning it during room visits and gmas, informing people about the requirements and speaking to people in person, which caused that it amongst board members themselves also spread further. Furthermore, the board has organised a workshop about opening the conversation about alcohol and drugs in collaboration with IrisZorg.

6.2 CCP

Since this year, the board implemented two external Confidential Contact Persons (CCP). These CCPs both have been a board member a couple of years ago. The decision to choose former board members as CCP was based on the fact that there is a higher chance for impartiality in that case than when there is a current board member that is a CCP, since former board members often do not know most of the current board members. Furthermore, as the CCPs have been a board member themselves, they are known with the struggles and situations that can occur during a board year.

The CCPs were chosen after a solicitation process. To prepare for this process, the board has asked some tips from the Confidential Advisors of the university. The solicitation committee consisted of the secretary of the board and one member of the Advisory Council of SOFv.

Both CCPs have completed the CCP training from SLIM. Furthermore, they were given their own email addresses. The board of SOFv could not access this email address, to make sure everything that was discussed would stay confidential.

At the time of writing, the candidate board is looking at whether there will be the same CCPs upcoming year or if they are going to look for new ones.

6.3 DEI

6.3.1 Workgroup and Handbook Development

The XXXIIIrd board recognized the challenge of implementing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives due to the already high workloads of board members and the difficulty in defining concrete actions for DEI. To lower the threshold for involvement, the board collaborated with the university's DEI office and developed the idea of a comprehensive DEI handbook.

The board invited all faculties to send a representative for the workgroup, and most faculties participated. The board is grateful for the involvement of these organisations, who are credited in the final handbook.





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6.3.2 Purpose and Importance of the Handbook

The DEI handbook serves as a practical guide, providing various ways to incorporate DEI principles into organisations at different levels of engagement. It includes tools ranging from simple checklists for event planning, to collaboration ideas with DEI-related organisations, to the introduction of Confidential Contact Persons. Appendices are attached to offer additional support. The handbook is available in both Dutch and English, ensuring accessibility for all members.

6.3.3 End Result and Future Plans

After several rounds of feedback and a formal presentation at the gma, the handbook was successfully rolled out. The board is proud of this achievement and hopes it will benefit all member organisations. Furthermore, the board has received interest from other umbrella organisations, including the ones included in VOS and Exedra, to adopt the handbook across the Radboud University and the Netherlands, further expanding its impact.

The board believes this initiative will have a lasting positive influence and encourages future boards to continue supporting DEI efforts.





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7. SOFv and External Parties

7.1 Collaborations between Organisations

Throughout the academic year, the SOFv board has recognized its important position in collaboration between member organisations. Therefore it has strived to bring the collaboration subsidy to the members' attention on as many relevant occasions as possible. This rather difficult to obtain subsidy has been granted four times this year, helping eight organisations in the process.

Due to budget cuts at the RU, the subsidy will not continue into the next year. Still, SOFv can be a helpful party in collaborations between organisations. The WhatsApp groups and SOFv events have also helped boards connect and find each other. The individual board members have also always been ready to help organisations find potential collaborations. Despite the disappearance of the collaboration subsidy, SOFv will continue to be a bridge between its member organisations.

7.2 Faculty Umbrella Meetings

The XXXIIIrd board of SOFv has organised three Faculty Umbrella Meetings this academic year. In line with the previous year, the faculty associations were invited alongside the four umbrella associations. The present organisations were N.K.S.W. Kompanio, LETO, Olympus, SVM, F.C. Sophia, JFV Nijmegen and MFVN. During these meetings a variety of subjects were discussed which affected multiple of the present faculties, such as recognition, social safety, and filling committees. Furthermore, several situations have been resolved before becoming actual problems due to these meetings. They were also a place in which SOFv could easily ask questions and get responses from a university wide sample group. The umbrellas and faculty associations seemed to have seen the value in these meetings, since attendance was consistently high. The board admits, however, that an evaluation survey might have painted a clearer picture.

The idea for individual umbrella evaluations was brought up by the SOFv board during the year, but was eventually not executed after a thorough evaluation of the potential value in relation to the demands of the second semester.

7.3 SLIM Umbrella Meetings

The XXXIIIrd board has attended all eight of the Umbrella Meetings hosted by Student Life and International Mobility (SLIM). During these meetings, all university umbrella associations (NSSR, CODC, B.O.S., ISON and CSN) have discussed ongoing matters and given updates to SLIM. SLIM has also used the moment to update the umbrellas on all important information for them and their member organisations.

Next to this, the meetings have been an important moment of contact with the other university umbrellas. Ideas and important documents have been shared, leading to such





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initiatives as the Code of Conduct Template. This document was established as a result of NSSR producing a similar document for sports organisations. The finalised version, posted on the SOFv website, can be used as the basis for Code of Conducts in all study related organisations. Thus it can make the student world in Nijmegen a social safer place.

As mentioned earlier, any template offered by SOFv can be used for inspiration to make documents specified to every organisation. SOFv, however, is never responsible for the potential negative consequences of using their templates.

7.4 SLIM

Throughout the entire academic year, the XXXIIIrd board has been in regular contact with the student affairs representative from SLIM. This contact ranged from questions about subsidies to urgent situations where advice was needed. It was mostly conducted through emails and meetings, in a few select urgent cases through WhatsApp. The board has found working with SLIM to be pleasant, as they have shown a committed and helpful attitude towards SOFv. During an evaluation with SLIM, it was expressed that these positive sentiments were mutual. SOFv is also grateful for the generous subsidies it has been granted by SLIM for their activities.

7.5 Municipality Meetings

The XXXIIIrd board has visited two municipality meetings. These meetings were both a Public Assembly [Brede Vergadering]. Public Assemblies are meetings organised by the municipality, where an open conversation can be held about several topics regarding student life in Nijmegen. During these meetings, students, student board members of several student organisations, staff members of the municipality and staff members of the university, HAN and ROC are present. The topics of these meetings were the (over)use of alcohol and drugs and stress and performance pressure among students. The board has given some input and gathered useful information during these meetings. One of the things that came from these meetings was the workshop about opening the conversation about alcohol and drugs in collaboration with IrisZorg.

7.6 Constitution Drinks

As stated in the Biannual Report as well, the XXXIIIrd board looks back on an energising CoBo season last year and the connections that were made there. The CoBo manual was adapted to last year's and the rules were mostly followed. The board has enjoyed visiting your CoBos and appreciates your presence at their own CoBo.





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8. USC and advocacy

Over the past year, the Political Chair has served on the University Student Council (USC) through her appointed seat. Within the USC, she participated in the working groups Active Student, Campus & Sustainability and Wellbeing & Inclusion. Last year, these working groups discussed the most relevant topics for student organisations. For the Political Chair and Vice-Political Chair, the active student and campus & sustainability working groups are recommended to join in the upcoming year as they will have relevant themes on the agenda related to the study organisations. The contactpersonships of the Political Chair were: review committee, ISO, contactperson Faculty of Law, sustainability certificate, Profiling Fund and “kennisgroep onderwijsvoorzieningen Spinoza”. It is highly recommended for the Political Chair or Vice-Political Chair to join the review committee since this is the contactpersonship about board months. It is also highly recommended for their successors to join the contactpersonship Profiling Fund 2026-2028, since this is an important document for all associations. The Profiling Fund will then be reviewed again. The contactpersonship sustainability certificate will be discussed in 8.2 Sustainability. The contactpersonship “kennisgroep onderwijsvoorzieningen Spinoza” is advisable to join, if the renovation will continue. This will be further discussed in 8.1 The active student. The other contactpersonships are not necessary for SOFv, but can come in handy depending on their plans. The points of interest from last year relevant for study organisations on which the Political Chair has worked will be discussed below.

8.1 The active student

Last year, several topics for active students were discussed. One of the main ones is the Profiling Fund (Profileringfondsen). The Profiling Fund is a document that provides rules on financial support for students whose studies are delayed due to, among other things, top talent, personal circumstances and/or board or co-determination work. Several changes were made when the new document was proposed. One of them is the increase in board months. Through a new formula, the board months will be calculated according to the WHW (Wet op het Hoger onderwijs en Wetenschappelijk onderzoek). Furthermore, it will be made possible, through a discussion with the student dean, to explore the possibility of combining board months with financial support for personal circumstances, without deducting anything. In addition, the Radboud wanted several new requirements for association recognition. However, this was not AVG-proof and was prevented. The criteria around reviewing were not changed enough to provide clarity regarding reviewing board months. This will be looked at further next year. As this is an important topic for organisations, where many issues arise and where the necessary experience proves useful, this topic will be taken up further by the current Political Chair together with her successors and other V.O.S. party members. Finally, many issues have been clarified regarding the Profiling Fund. Hence, the Political Chair has created an FAQ around the Profilingfund in collaboration with SLIM, which can be found at the website and the mail the Political Chair





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has sent on September 16.

Another relevant theme for active students is the recognition and appreciation of associations and board members. During the year, there have been several actions and meetings to raise awareness. Among others, there has been a conversation with Student Affairs and SLIM about the evaluation of active student life, where further support is needed, how this is financially possible and where new initiatives can be made a reality. It is important that the Vice-Political Chair and Political Chair take this forward. It is clear that Student Affairs and SOFv share the same goal, but unfortunately not all the resources are there that both parties would like to have for it. It is therefore important to look closely at where priorities lie and how they can be tackled efficiently together. The Political Chair advises the Political Chair and the Vice-Political Chair to join the working group Active Student, since most of the above mentioned plans and other plans related to Active Students will be discussed in this working group. It can be said that this working group is the most important one for SOFv members.

An important component for organisations is a place to meet. This usually happens in the organisation's rooms. At the beginning of the year, plans were worked on to renovate the Spinoza building so that the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies could move here. In cooperation with the project developers, umbrella association LETO and the FSCs, there have been several discussions to ensure the associations' accommodation is pleasant in the new building. The meeting where the associations were presented with the new designs and where the new distribution was determined was scheduled in early May. Unfortunately, it was announced just a day beforehand that the plan for the Spinoza building was put on hold due to financial reasons. The next USC will discuss the new campus plan, which includes this building. It is therefore important that the Vice-Political Chair and the Political Chair of the XXXIVth board are keeping a tight grip on this. If successful, they can pick up where the current Political Chair left off, if not, this will go on to their successors and a fresh start may have to be made.

8.2 Sustainability

Sustainability was a theme for many associations last year. Hence, SOFv also engaged in this last year. Several meetings were held with Campus & Facilities to create a liveable, accessible and pleasant campus. Issues discussed here included a greener campus, inclusive food, accessibility for students, a safe place for students, sports and fun initiatives, and possibilities for renewal of the campus grounds. For the Political Chair, it was important that study organisations were also included in this process, if possible. Associations play a big part on campus and can contribute a lot, but can also face many consequences. It is therefore important that a step-by-step approach can be taken where the stakes of each are taken into account. The Political Chair advised the upcoming Political Chair or Vice-Political Chair to stay involved in these kinds of processes since the associations are often forgotten or people have unachievable expectations for them due to lack of knowledge of associations. This can be done by attending the Campus & Sustainability working group and attending meetings with Campus & Facilities.





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In addition, on the initiative of SOFv, the USC was asked to work on a sustainability certificate for associations. This certificate could encourage associations to become more sustainable, open the conversation about sustainability and bring possible benefits from the university or companies. This plan was set up in collaboration with Green Office. The plan was to complete it before the summer of 2024. Unfortunately, due to delays at Green Office, this could not be made possible. Green Office has prepared a questionnaire to explore possible requirements for associations, how far along the associations are, what obstacles there are, what incentives there are and what is feasible. At the time of writing, this questionnaire was only administered to SOFv associations during the 27 March 2024 GMA. Here, almost all members present completed the questionnaire. As a reward, they received a free drink from Green Office at the after drinks of the gma. With the data collected from the surveys, a report was written.

At the time of writing, the Political Chair is planning a meeting with Green Office, SLIM and the successors who will take over this project. In this meeting, the results of the survey will be discussed. Furthermore, the cooperation between Green Office and SLIM will be discussed and to what extent SLIM may be able to contribute (financially). Finally, the continuation of the process will be discussed and a plan of action for this will be made. It is recommended that at least one person from SOFv, be the Political Chair, be the Vice-Political Chair, takes over this project. The sustainability certificate will have the most impact and benefit for the study organisations. It is, therefore, advisable if there is someone present with knowledge of the study organisations in the development of the certificate.

8.3 Student well-being

In the academic year 2023-2024, the USC, like SOFv, perceived student well-being as important. It was indicated by association board members that flexible studying was considered important to maintain healthy study alongside board work. Following this input, the Political Chair participated in the working group to review the flexible studying pilot. It was decided to officially integrate flexible studying at Radboud. A key component was better communication. Focus was therefore placed on making it clearer, what it is, when you can use it and where to find information. Unfortunately, the official limit of board months to get flexible studying as a board member was not officially lowered. However, it has been made clear that by opening a conversation with the study advisor you can get the possibility to still get flexible studying, despite not getting 'enough' board months. In addition, it was also examined how to improve flexible studying into a university wide policy. The policy staff indicated that they first had to look closely at the basics before further expansions and harmonisation could be made possible. In any case, better communication and promotion of flexible studying is an important first step.

Furthermore, the USC has been working on increasing funding towards student support, as there is an increasing demand for their expertises, but limited resources for it. At last July's joint meetings, there was a voting on this with various conditions. At the time of writing, the USC is still waiting for the response from the Executive Board. The Vice-Political Chair and





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Political Chair will provide an update on this as soon as there is an answer.

The last block of last academic year included protests in support of the people in Gaza. These protests were a topic that required a lot of meeting for the USC. SOFv has indicated that they support the statement by V.O.S. and in doing so support peaceful exercising of your right to demonstrate. The aim of SOFv is to invest their energy as much as possible in representing the study organisations. SOFv has acted in pursuit of a safe open dialogue and a safe place on campus. Due to numerous reports from organisations and its members about the unsafe environment, it was deemed necessary for SOFv to act more actively, as it was also about the well-being of students. SOFv, along with the other umbrella organisations of V.O.S., met with the Rector Magnificus and SLIM to discuss the reports and concerns and look for solutions. At the time of writing, the protests seem to have subsided and active action can no longer be taken. The focus is now on helping preventively. A statement for associations has been drafted to make it clear that the associations are for the members, and that open conversations are facilitated, but that it is also expected to do so in a respectful manner. In addition, training will be explored to continue realising open conversations and engaging in difficult ones. Meanwhile, SLIM will work on a plan to give organisations more support in future situations like this.

8.4 Verenigd Onder Studentenbelang (V.O.S.)

The change in the FSC-USC regulations removes the appointed seats in the USC meant for the Political Chairs. These seats will be converted into elective seats. To continue representing the umbrella associations, the new student party V.O.S. has been formed. In it, the umbrellas NSSR, BOS, CSN, CODC and SOFv participate. It represents almost all student-, study- and sports- associations in Nijmegen. V.O.S. stands for the student who is active in an association, for development next to your studies and good facilities for student life. On the elective list, the Political Chairs will be at the top followed by Vice-Political Chairs, followed by other candidates. Last academic year 2023-2024, a great deal of work was done to get V.O.S. to participate in the campaign. The board took care of necessary matters such as bylaws. During the year, SOFv members were kept informed of developments within V.O.S. through the Political Updates. The Political Chair helped organise the campaign, in addition, the SOFv treasurer helped with the PR of V.O.S..

During the campaign week, the current and candidate board of SOFv helped raise votes as far as they could. The formation of the Vice-Political Chair position has allowed SOFv to have an additional person possible in the USC. This person can take up more issues related to study organisations and give more quality to bigger projects. Successfully, both the Political Chair and Vice-Political Chair were elected in the USC. With the victory of V.O.S. with 8 seats, work will be done to create a group that can function well together as a team and where as much as possible from the party programme can be set up and/or achieved. Furthermore, there will be a focus on the visibility of V.O.S.. To continue to achieve representation for associations, it is important that we continue to recruit and retain voters. Every year it will be another challenge to get seats in the USC.





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The XXXIIIrd board of SOFv would like to extend a huge thank you to the voters and members who helped with promotion and communication. In this way, it has remained possible to continue representing study organisations.





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9. Epilogue

Dear reader,

It provides us great pleasure for you to have read the annual report of 2023-2024. This report served as an evaluation and reflection of our policy and other developments. The board hopes to have provided sufficient insight into the events of the past year. If any questions arose during reading, please feel free to ask them via email and during the gma.

This year the board can positively reflect on a large increase of organisations being part of SOFv. Furthermore, the extra attention given to board training and important topics like DEI will hopefully make lasting positive changes in student life at Radboud University. Also, internal changes regarding the HR and external changes regarding the founding of V.O.S., both large topics this year, will impact SOFv for years to come. The board has made many lasting memories with all members, whether it were escapades at activities, lessons learned together at workshops or interesting discussions at gmas.

The board would like to thank the board members for their participation in making this year as special as it was. You did a great service to yourself, your organisation and student life as a whole!

The board has confidence the XXXIVth board will lead SOFv with renewed exhilaration to further advancement. The board hopes they will experience an amazing and transformative year as the new and enlarged board of SOFv.

On behalf of the XXXIIIrd board,

Koen Terheijden, Judith Oomen, Spence van Asperdt, and Bente Huntjens

