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Preface

Dear reader,

It is with great pride that the XXXVth board of SamenwerkingsOverleg Faculteitsverenigingen (from now on referred to as 'SOFv') officially presents their policy plan for the upcoming academic year. In this plan, you can find a summary of values, goals, and practical information that the board of SOFv wants you to know. This knowledge is valued in order to familiarise yourself with the umbrella association for study organisations of all faculties of the Radboud University and with the policies of the XXXVth board.

The board of SOFv encourages you to read this document thoroughly and is looking forward to hearing your questions and remarks during the coming transition General Member Assembly.

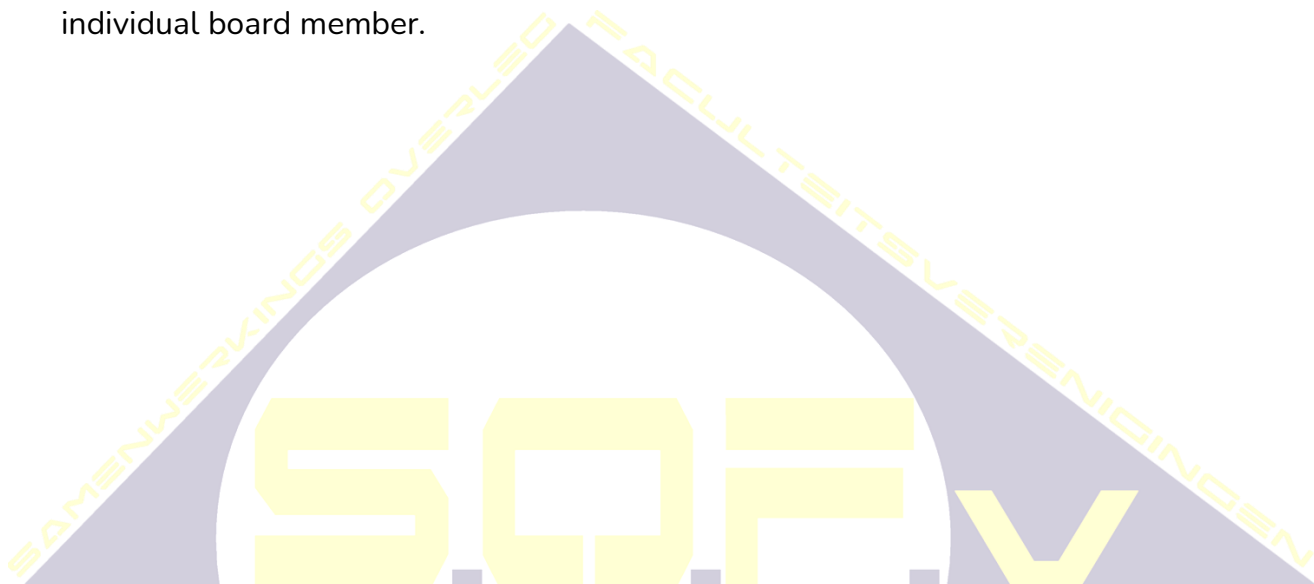
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The XXXVth board of SamenwerkingsOverleg Faculteitsverenigingen 2025-2026

Summary

This Policy Plan consists of nine parts, with the first two parts being a prefix and this summary, respectively, and the final being an epilogue. The third part contains general information about SOFv, which is comparable to that of prior years. The fourth part consists of the general occupations of SOFv. The focus points to be discussed in this part are the professionalism of SOFv and the plan to strengthen the connection with and between member organisations. The fifth part will discuss the various formal and informal activities that SOFv will organise this year. The sixth part describes how the board will strive towards the goal of increased well-being. The seventh part describes the relations between SOFv and other organisations. Finally, the eighth part is a summary of the responsibilities of each individual board member.



3. SamenwerkingsOverleg Faculteitsverenigingen

3.1 Origin

Het Samenwerkingsoverleg Faculteitsverenigingen (SOFv) was founded on 11 April 1991. SOFv is the umbrella association for all study organisations of the Radboud University in Nijmegen. The board of SOFv consists preferably of members of different studies and preferably from different faculties as well.

SOFv has three main functions:

1. **Represent:** SOFv represents member organisations on different levels.
2. **Inform:** SOFv conserves, shares, and gathers knowledge important to the member organisations, varying from formal rules to informal traditions.
3. **Facilitate:** SOFv facilitates the contact between member organisations by both actively and passively acting as a connector.

These three goals come to expression at the General Member Assemblies (gma) of SOFv. These gmas take place every seven to eight weeks. During the gma, member organisations can ask their questions, give their opinions, and vote on various matters. After the gma, they can talk to each other in an informal setting during the after-drinks in *De Ondergang*, which will subsequently continue in the city centre.

3.2 Goals

Besides the three main functions of SOFv, the XXXVth board aims to improve and reach certain other goals during the coming year. These are summarised below for your convenience.

- Keep SOFv an approachable entity;
- Sustain the active presence of SOFv on their social media accounts;
- Increase the amount of involvement, visibility and input from member organisations;
- Offering support to member organisations where necessary and possible.
- Advocating for the interests of member organisations and their respective board members;
- Working to promote well-being;
- Increase the professionalism of SOFv and member organisations;
- Strengthen the connection with and amongst member organisations.

4. General

4.1 General Member Assemblies

The General Member Assemblies (gma) take place just before the end of every cycle of the University Student Council (USC). The dates on which these gmas take place are included in the annual planning and communicated to all member organisations.

All gmas will be held in English. However, board members are allowed to ask questions in Dutch if they feel more comfortable speaking this language. The board of SOFv will always translate the question to make sure all questions are comprehensible to all present board members.

Furthermore, relevant information about documents from the USC will be presented to members before and during gmas.

In addition, SOFv will invite guest speakers to a gma if the board believes that the speaker can help the member organisations with current situations or if they are in any way believed to be interesting for their members.

Just like the previous years, the XXXVth board will continue a mandatory notice of absence 24 hours prior to the gma, including a valid reason. A list of valid reasons for absence was created during the gma on 3 July, 2024. This list can be found on the SOFv website. Additionally, the list will be attached to the gma invitation emails. The XXXVth board will follow the established HR rules and the established list of valid reasons, applying case-based decision making (NL: *maatwerk*) where needed. Attendance to gmas helps both SOFv and member organisations, enhancing collaboration and strengthening cooperative relationships.

After the end of all gmas, after-drinks will be held at *De Ondergang*, encouraging informal contact between board members of different organisations. After that, the after-drinks will continue in the city centre. These will all take place at Café De Fuik. Both the after-drinks held in *De Ondergang* and the after-after-drinks in the city centre will be open to all board members.

4.2 Room Visits

Just as in previous years, the board of SOFv will schedule room visits with board members of the member organisations. The main goal of these visits is to give the boards more insight into what SOFv membership entails and how SOFv can support them. Additionally, the room visits offer a great opportunity to strengthen

the relationship between SOFv and its member organisations. Next to that, room visits are an excellent moment for the Political Chairs to gain input for the University Student Council (USC). The board of SOFv aims to start the room visits at the end of September and complete them halfway through November.

The first round of room visits is mandatory for all member organisations, except for those that switch boards mid-year. For these boards, as well as boards that wish to schedule an additional room visit, a second round will be organised in February. This second round is mandatory for boards that switch halfway through the year. The board of SOFv prefers to hold the room visit in the boardrooms of the member organisations. If this is not possible or if a board prefers another location, the room visits can be held in the SOFvice.

4.3 SOFvice Hours

The XXXVth board will continue having SOFvice hours. These will be biweekly instead of every week. The SOFvice hours will also not take place on the same day every time. The SOFvice hours were not very busy, and the XXXVth board believes that by switching the dates, it can be best assured that every board has the possibility to visit a SOFvice hour. During these hours, it is still possible to ask questions or give an opinion about certain topics that might be of importance to a member organisation.

4.4 Databases

The XXXVth board will continue to use and maintain the database, which serves as a resource for organisations seeking inspiration for locations such as study trips, gma venues, or juridical persons. The XXXVth board plans to update this database by adding new locations suitable for hosting large activities, such as barbecues. This will be accomplished by reaching out to organisations through room visits and emails. The existence of the database will also be promoted throughout the year to new boards. For example, by mentioning it during the room visits and on our social media. The XXXVth board believes that this is a valuable tool for sharing knowledge, making it essential that all member organisations are aware of its existence.

4.5 Social Media

4.5.1 WhatsApp

The 'SOFv Announcements 25/26' group chat on WhatsApp will be used for promotional messages regarding SOFv activities, training sessions and workshops, reminders for these events, and other announcements that might be relevant to share via WhatsApp. WhatsApp will be the board's main platform to communicate to member organisations. Additionally, important information and major events will be promoted via email and other social media platforms.

Only the XXXVth board of SOFv is able to send messages in the announcements group chat. There is also an informal group chat called 'Boards 2025/2026'. This group chat is only used for informal communication between boards, not for PR messages of SOFv. Everyone is able to send messages in this group chat. All board members who want to can join both of these group chats.

4.5.2 Instagram

The Instagram page will primarily be used for sharing promotional material regarding SOFv activities and gmas, training sessions, and workshops. Additionally, the board will post recaps of SOFv's activities and use Instagram stories to further promote activities, trainings, and workshops. To ensure that all individuals are comfortable with photographs or videos being taken of them during activities, and with such materials being used in promotional messages and recaps on Instagram, the XXXVth board will develop a privacy plan for the use of photos (see 4.7.2 Sharing photos).

4.5.3 Website

The website will be regularly updated with promotion for the upcoming activities. All information provided on the website will be kept up to date and relevant.

4.5.4 LinkedIn

On the LinkedIn page, the XXXVth board will continue promoting the gmas, afterwards sharing a post highlighting key topics discussed during these meetings, and promoting other formal initiatives to give outside parties an insight into what SOFv is working on.

4.5.5 Canva

The XXXVth board is planning on, like the previous board, buying Canva Pro for this academic year, since the past boards had positive experiences with it. In order to sustain the social media presence of SOFv on the same level as last year, Canva Pro

will be repurchased. These extra costs of €110,- will be covered by the sponsorship income.

4.6 Professionalism

4.6.1 USC Updates

During each gma, the Political Chairs report on the latest USC cycle. Since these updates can include jargon, the XXXVth board will continue providing written reports in Dutch and English to ensure all boards stay well-informed and feel encouraged to give input. More about the cycles and topics can be found in paragraph 8.4: Political Chair.

4.6.2 Trainings and Workshops

The XXXVth board will organise trainings and workshops, such as a Chair Training, External Training, ER(BHV)-courses, an InDesign workshop and a navigating substance (ab)use workshop. These trainings and workshops aim to help member organisations improve professionally in their role as board members and give them the necessary tools to be able to fulfil their function to the fullest. The XXXVth board is always looking for ways to increase the range of trainings and workshops. More insight into the current training and workshop catalogue can be found under 5.1 Formal Activities.

4.7 Strengthen connection with and amongst member organisations

4.7.1 Main goal

One of the main goals of the XXXVth board is to strengthen the connection with and amongst member organisations. This is because the XXXVth board sees this as a primary responsibility of SOFv. The XXXVth board, therefore, deems it essential to take this responsibility seriously, ensuring that member organisations are connected not only to SOFv itself, but also to one another. In pursuit of this objective, six initiatives have been formulated.

4.7.2 Sharing photos

As the first initiative to accomplish this goal, the XXXVth board will explore ways to make it easier to share photos with members. Ideally, this would be done through the website, for example, by the use of accounts and placing the photos behind a login-wall. If the XXXVth board finds this isn't operable, the board will investigate other possibilities. While looking into the possibilities, the General Data Protection Regulation (NL: *Algemene Verordening Gegevensbescherming (AVG)*) is taken into

account. To make it possible to share photos with members, the XXXVth board will develop a privacy plan for the use of photos. This privacy plan will contain the way photos are taken, processed and eventually shared on the platforms of SOFv and the way members can object to being in photos. The XXXVth board strives to present this plan as soon as possible.

4.7.3 SOFvice hours

The second initiative is to change the way SOFvice hours are arranged (see 4.3 SOFvice hours).

4.7.4 Loan list

The third initiative is to expand the loan list and make this a collaborative list. Currently, the loan list of SOFv consists solely of items owned by SOFv itself. These items can be loaned by member organisations after filling in the loan form made by SOFv, becoming liable for any damages for the period in which the items are loaned. The XXXVth board strives to expand this list, not only by acquiring new items themselves, but by ideally making this a collaborative list. To this end, SOFv will inquire with its members to ask which items they would be willing to loan out to other organisations. When added to the loan list, SOFv would act as an intermediary, allowing members to request or offer items that could be useful to other member organisations, encouraging collaboration and mutual support. The current loan form of SOFv will be updated to ensure clear agreements regarding liability for damage. This form, together with the loan list itself, will be added to the website.

4.7.5 Organisation of the Period

The fourth initiative is to introduce an "Organisation of the Period". Each period, one member organisation would be highlighted for its creative ideas, successful activities or being very active within SOFv. This initiative would give members the opportunity to learn from one another and share best practices. During previous Faculty Umbrella Meetings (see 7.1 Faculty Umbrella Meetings) the umbrella organisations have expressed their enthusiasm for this initiative and have indicated their willingness to provide input for this initiative regarding the organisations within their faculty. Therefore, during upcoming Faculty Umbrella Meetings, a new agenda point will be added where the umbrella organisations are given the chance to nominate or give input regarding one of their member organisations. Next to this, SOFv will post an Instagram story to ask input for this initiative. This way, members are also given the chance to nominate or give input regarding one of their fellow

boards, thus strengthening the connection amongst member organisations. With the use of these strategies, the XXXVth board can gather as much information about its member organisations as possible and will then make the decision based on the criteria mentioned above. The XXXVth board plans on promoting the Organisation of the Period through an Instagram post, and WhatsApp.

4.7.6 Shared sponsor list

The fifth initiative is to unite member organisations in the field of sponsorships. This is to be achieved by creating a central list of sponsorships that solely contains sponsorships that member organisations are willing to share amongst each other. This can vary from sharing actual details of the sponsorship, to just sharing that a certain sponsor is willing to work together with study associations. The XXXVth board acknowledged that certain sponsorships are not to be disclosed to third parties and therefore want to emphasise that members are not forced to share sponsorships they would rather not share. The sponsorships that member organisations could share are the ones relevant for multiple organisations, such as discounts at cafés and restaurants, free items in exchange for promotion or any other relevant sponsorships. By creating this list, the XXXVth board endeavours to inform, inspire and encourage member organisations of possible new sponsorships that could be implemented in their own organisation. To make this list, a question regarding the willingness of sharing sponsorships with member organisations will be added to the questionnaire of the Room Visits. If there is enough interest for this, and once the external WhatsApp group has been made, the list will be worked on shared, edited and supplemented through this groups chat. Eventually, the list will ideally contain multiple tabs regarding sponsorships, discounts and faculty specific tabs and will be shared on the website of SOFv.

4.7.7 Jobteaser

The final initiative regards Jobteaser. During board year 2024-2025 the XXXIVth board of SOFv has set up a task force regarding Jobteaser, a platform used by Career Service of the Radboud University. With this platform, companies can share vacancies for students, thereby competing with vacancies shared by member organisations. Since Jobteaser is a free-to-use platform, concerns were raised by member organisations regarding their sponsorships for sharing vacancies. The taskforce created by the XXXIVth board has investigated adjustments in the way Jobteaser is configured, making it more advantageous for member organisations.

The XXXVth board intends to continue this task force, supporting member organisations with their concerns, making sure their voices are heard. The goal of the task force will be to expand and improve the current functionalities and to make those currently available to the pilot group accessible to all member organisations.

4.8 Subsidies

Currently, SOFv is only able to grant the Group Travel Subsidy provided by SLIM. There have been changes made from last year's version. These can be found on the website of SOFv and are attached in the invitation email for this gma. Additionally, a version where the changes are highlighted will be sent out in the after-gma email. If there are any further questions about the subsidy changes, please contact the XXXVth board of SOFv.

5. Activities and Committees

5.1 Formal Activities

5.1.1 External Affairs Training

This training is mainly meant for External Affairs Officers (or related/similar functions), but of course, it is also open to other interested board members. The training primarily focuses on pitching, effective negotiation strategies, and making properly structured contracts with detailed agreements. Furthermore, multiple cases are brought to the training to be presented during the training for discussion amongst the current board members. The External Affairs Training was organised by the Chair of the XXXVth board of SOFv, with the help of the Vice-Political Chair of the XXXIVth board of SOFv. The External Affairs Training took place on 3 September 2025. The XXXVth board reflects on the training as effective and educational, with positive feedback from present board members substantiating this.

5.1.2 Training How-to Chair

This training is designed to provide new chairs with tips and tricks for leadership and facilitation skills. This training focuses on effective meeting management, group dynamics and decision-making skills. In addition, there is room to discuss multiple cases and have discussions amongst other chairs. Whilst doing this, present board members are enabled to share experiences and help each other with challenges.

This training has been organised by the Chair and the Political Chair of the XXXVth board of SOFv. The Training How-to-Chair took place on 18 September 2025. The XXXVth board regards the How-to-Chair training as very successful, with present board members stating the training was very useful and enriching.

5.1.3 Bedrijfshulpverlening/Emergency Response Course

The XXXVth board considers it important that member organisations of SOFv have the tools and knowledge they may need for the safety and well-being of their (board) members. The XXXVth board will therefore continue to offer the Emergency Response Courses (NL: *Bedrijfshulpverlening (BHV)*) to provide the participants with tools to navigate various types of emergency situations, specifically pertaining to the campus of the Radboud University. This year it is organised with the other umbrella organisations. Because of this, there are a lot more training dates that people can sign up for. The course, which is offered in Dutch and in English, is provided by a professional first responder, and is free for board members of SOFv's member organisations.

5.1.4 InDesign Workshop

The XXXVth board recognises that many member organisations use InDesign for various tasks. SOFv will organise a workshop that expands the knowledge of board members or the members of relevant committees on the digital programme. This workshop will focus exclusively on InDesign and will not include Photoshop.

5.1.5 Social safety training for board members

Another way the XXXVth board aims to ensure the safety of its member organisations is by providing a social safety training. Ideally, this would be in collaboration with GELIJKSPEL. In this training, participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn about various situations surrounding social safety. This way, the XXXVth board wants to provide its member organisations with the tools that they may need in difficult situations. Another training will be provided about difficult situations surrounding substance (ab)use, this will be in collaboration with IrisZorg. This training will take place on 6 October.

5.2 Informal Activities

5.2.1 Lustrum

The seventh Lustrum of SOFv will have the theme "Alors on danse", as announced at this year's New Boards Get Together. The XXXVth board, together with the Lustrum Committee, will make sure to make this a fun year. The usual large

activities, such as the Gala or SOFv Cantus, will take place as special Lustrum editions. The Lustrum Committee has planned two additional activities, where SOFv member organisations from the past five years are welcome. These activities are the Lustrum Party and the Lustrum Daytrip; more information will follow. The XXXVth board and the Lustrum Committee are excited to celebrate the seventh Lustrum with their member organisations.

5.2.2 *New Boards Get Together*

This activity, organised on 11 September 2025, gathered new board members from various member organisations to get to know board members outside of their own boards. At this activity, board members participated in group games with mixed teams. The XXXVth board regards this as an effective means of strengthening the bond between member organisations.

5.2.3 *After-CoBo Activity*

On 26 January 2026, at the end of the CoBo season, after most Constitution Drinks have taken place, the SOFv board will organise an After-CoBo Activity to celebrate the season's conclusion together. During this event, the winners of the 'Brassement' (a ranking of the boards with the most successful *brass attempts*) will be announced, and there will be after-drinks afterwards. This activity is an opportunity for all the boards to come together and reconnect at the end of the CoBo season.

5.2.4 *Cantus*

The XXXVth board will organise a cantus on 25 February 2026, inviting all board members from member organisations to come together to sing, toast, and celebrate the traditions of a cantus.

5.2.5 *Gala*

This year, the XXXVth board is organising a Lustrum Gala, inviting all current and predecessor board members, but also all board members up until and including the year 2021-2022. This event will provide an opportunity for everyone to dress up and enjoy an evening together with fellow board members.

5.2.6 *BBQ*

At the end of the year, on 4 June 2026, the XXXVth board will organise a barbecue for all current and candidate boards of the member organisations. This event will mark the end of the year and offer a chance for the board members to connect with one another.

5.3 Committees

5.3.1 The Yearbook Committee

The XXXVth board would like to continue with a Yearbook Committee, which will be in charge of creating the yearbook for the upcoming academic year. The committee will be set up around December and will be supervised by two of SOFv's board members. The board will try to find members for this committee through the means of promotion via Instagram, WhatsApp and an email asking if board members would like to help. The board aims to have about five committee members, excluding the SOFv board members who will be supervising the committee. As the yearbook was a great success in previous years, the board hopes to create another yearbook that will give a good overview of what happened during the year, giving board members of that year something physical to cherish.

Since this is a Lustrum year for SOFv, the XXXVth board has decided to include an Almanac chapter in the Lustrum edition of the yearbook. This yearbook will primarily focus on current board members of member organisations. The Almanac chapter may include interviews with former SOFv board members and throwbacks to the previous five years.

5.3.2 The Lustrum Committee

The Lustrum Committee was founded in February 2025 and currently consists of five members from the 2024-2025 board year. The XXXVth board promoted the opportunity to join after it was announced during the New Boards Get Together. This was promoted on WhatsApp and Instagram. The Committee gained one new member.

6. Well-being

6.1 Promotion of the DEI handbook

The XXXVth board acknowledges the importance of the DEI handbook and wants to keep promoting it among member organisations. This will be done by bringing it up during the gmas and room visits.

6.2 Non-Alcoholic Drinks

The XXXVth board wants to include non-drinking board members during activities. Cans of non-alcoholic drinks will continue to be sold during the after-gma drinks, so those who do not drink alcohol can participate in games that include cans.

6.3 Sustainability

Last year, the Radboud Green Certificate was introduced. This year, the XXXVth board wants to conform more to the Radboud Green Certificate, and if circumstances allow it, apply for it.

6.4 The Code of Conduct template

The XXXVth board will continue to promote the Code of Conduct template to encourage more member organisations to set up a Code of Conduct for their organisation. The current template will be revised due to a spelling error.

7. SOFv and other organisations

7.1 Faculty Umbrella Meetings

The XXXVth board of SOFv will continue the line of past boards by organising meetings with the four umbrella organisations of the faculties. The four umbrella organisations are: N.K.S.W. Kompanio, Koepelvereniging LETO, Olympus and Samenwerkende Verenigingen der Managementwetenschappen (SVM). These are invited because they serve as umbrellas to their respective faculties. To ensure all faculties are heard, the organisations of the faculties that are not included in this meeting will be asked at the beginning of the academic year if they would like to join. The goal of these meetings is to keep in touch with the faculties and keep track of everything that is going on within the faculties, to offer support where needed and give and receive input from and to all faculty umbrella organisations. As advised by the XXXIVth board of SOFv, the XXXVth board will investigate possibilities to gather more input from organisations present during the Faculty Umbrella Meetings. This will be done through the addition of a new agenda point regarding the Organisation of the Period (see 4.7.5 Organisation of the Period). Also, the organisation will be requested to not only submit relevant agenda points, but also to add specific questions regarding this agenda point. This way, the XXXVth board hopes to encourage the organisations to provide more input.

7.2 Constitution Drinks

A constitution drink, or CoBo, is a drink where the constitution of a new board is celebrated. These drinks have multiple unique customs and practices. Previous boards of SOFv have started a CoBo handbook that describes these customs and practices. The XXXVth board will continue to improve the handbook where possible. The handbook will be revised at the end of the CoBo season. The members of SOFv have been made aware of the existence of this handbook.

8. Policies per function

8.1 Chair

The position of Chair of the XXXVth board of SOFv will be fulfilled by Revi Siegers. He will do his utmost best to guide SOFv, its board, and its members to a successful year. Revi will work to maintain clear communication through a good balance of formal and informal contact with all parties involved with SOFv. Next to his set tasks as chair, he will devote himself to the acquisition of sponsors, aiming to expand the financial capital of SOFv. Ultimately, Revi strives to maintain an approachable attitude for both his board and members, hoping to lower the threshold to ask for support where necessary as much as possible.

An overview of the tasks and responsibilities of the Chair of SOFv:

- Bear the final responsibility on all SOFv matters;
- Lead and coordinate the board;
- Chair board meetings;
- Chair General Member Assemblies;
- Chair Faculty Umbrella Meetings;
- Attend SLIM Umbrella Meetings;
- Create agendas for board meetings and General Member Assemblies;
- Acquisition of sponsorship;
- Be the contact person of SOFv for all sponsor-contacts;
- Be the contact person of SOFv for the university.

8.2 Secretary

The position of Secretary within the XXXVth board of SOFv will be fulfilled by Maureen Havekes. She is committed to ensuring effective professional communication between SOFv, the board, and external parties.

The Secretary will provide assistance to the other board members where needed and will also actively contribute to organising the SOFv-activities. Together with the Treasurer she will make and post the PR for SOFv activities, training sessions, workshops and other posts that are relevant for member organisations. The Secretary will mostly focus on the PR on the LinkedIn page, the website and when any PR promotion through email is required. The Treasurer will put more focus on the PR on Instagram and WhatsApp.

An overview of the tasks and responsibilities of the Secretary of SOFv:

- Taking minutes of the board meetings and General Member Assemblies;
- Communication between SOFv and the member organisations;
- Take care of the archive;
- Take care of the databases;
- Update and supplement the website.

8.3 Treasurer

In every organisation, there is a Treasurer whose main task is to keep the organisation's finances in good shape and notify the relevant authorities about any bookkeeping adjustments. This year, this role will be taken on by Zuzanna Miller. Her aim is to be readily available for other student boards seeking the Group Travel Subsidy and to make the process of requesting this subsidy accessible and smooth. Next to this, she aims to be an available ear to all treasurers who have questions about their finances, taxes, or bookkeeping in order to help them solve their issues.

To ensure that the subsidy request process is as smooth as possible for both the members of SOFv and SLIM, it is expected that the Treasurer will communicate deadlines clearly and on time to the member organisations of SOFv. The XXXVth board emphasises that the board of a member organisation is responsible for contact with SOFv regarding subsidies and not any possible committees. It is mainly through efficient collaboration between SOFv and its member organisations, that financial aid from the university for students can be assured.

Besides that, the Treasurer will make financial reports of the association, make sure that any debtors will pay their debt, and any creditors will be paid likewise. These financial reports and the overall financial state of SOFv will be monitored throughout the year by the audit committee. Their goal is to give the board financial advice and to guarantee the financial health of the SOFv. The audit committee will consist of a minimum of two and a maximum of four members, including the previous Treasurer of the XXXIVth board of SOFv. The goal is to have an audit committee where each member is from a different faculty, and preferably one member is the current Treasurer of a big member organisation, one of a small member organisation, one of a faculty umbrella organisation. The members of this committee are asked to join personally by the Treasurer.

An overview of the tasks and responsibilities of the Treasurer of SOFv:

- Maintain a healthy financial state of the organisation;
- Report changes in bookkeeping;
- Judge group travel subsidy requests of member organisations and grant funds;
- Make a financial report of the association;
- Draft outgoing invoices and pay incoming invoices likewise;
- Bear the primary responsibility of promotion.

8.4 Political Chairs

8.4.1 Introduction

In May, the elections for the University Student Council (USC) took place. SOFv is a member organisation of the party V.O.S. and their party received 8 of the 14 seats in the USC. Two of these seats will be taken by Lóa Driessen and Nadja Mohn. They will take place in the USC as board members of SOFv and members of the party V.O.S. Besides their regular seats in the USC, Lóa will be the party leader of V.O.S., and Nadja will take place in the presidium as the coordinator of the USC committee FVIP (Financiën, Vastgoed, ICT en Personeelszaken; EN: *Finance, Real Estate/Facilities, ICT and Personnel*). Neither of these roles is part of their formal board responsibilities and was undertaken voluntarily.

The USC, in collaboration with the Works Council (NL: *Ondernemersraad (OR)*) and the Executive Board (NL: *College van Bestuur (CvB)*), contributes to the university's policy-making. The USC's annual agenda consists of six cycles, during which predetermined policy documents are reviewed. The USC provides feedback on these policy documents and issues advice or casts a vote on them. For example, the Student Code of Conduct is one such policy document.

These documents are distributed amongst three joint committees with the Works Council: FVIP (Financiën, Vastgoed, ICT en Personeelszaken; EN: *Finance, Real Estate/Facilities, ICT and Personnel*), OOS (Onderwijs, Onderzoek en Studenten; EN: *Education, Research and Students*), and SBB (Strategie, Bestuur en Beleid; EN: *Strategy, Governance and Policy*). Each committee is responsible for a specific domain, similar to the portfolios of the members of the Executive Board, and reviews the documents that are relevant to it. For FVIP, documents like the budget and the Campusplan are relevant. For OOS, the Radboud University Student Code of Conduct is relevant, and for SBB, the strategy document of the Radboud University is relevant. In preparation for the joint committees, the USC has its own

committees in which only USC members take part. The intention is that the composition of the committees within the USC should be as closely aligned as possible with the composition of the General Meeting committees, to promote coordination and collaboration. This year is the first time the USC has used this system. The Political Chairs participate in committees reviewing documents relevant to SOFv and its members and may additionally take on initiatives they themselves find interesting.

Next to general concerns of the USC (regarding students), weekly internal meetings with the USC will keep the Political Chairs informed about the work of the other committees, if they do not participate in all committees. After joint committee discussions, the documents are then reviewed in Joint Meetings (NL: *Gezamenlijke Vergaderingen (GV)*) with the Executive Board. These meetings are public. Besides this, there will also be party meetings (NL: *fractieoverleggen*). This will help the party V.O.S. to achieve more when working together.

The USC committees discuss the assigned documents in greater detail. And the different documents and contact personships are divided. These working groups offer the opportunity to start new projects. Both Political Chairs take part in all three of the committees, ensuring optimal collaboration and discussion between them.

8.4.2 Political Chair

The position of Political Chair within the XXXVth board of SOFv will be fulfilled by Lóa Driessen. The Political Chair will participate in the following committees:

- FVIP (Financiën, Vastgoed, ICT en Personeelszaken; EN: *Finance, Real Estate/Facilities, ICT and Personnel*)
- OOS (Onderwijs, Onderzoek en Studenten; EN: *Education, Research and Students*)
- SBB (Strategie, Bestuur en Beleid; EN: *Strategy, Governance and Policy*)

The Political Chair will take on the following contact personships within each committee:

FVIP

- Campusplan
- Radboud Green Certificate (NL: *Duurzaamheidscertificaat*)

OOS

- The Review Committee (i.e. the board months)

SBB

- Social Media for the USC
- Contact Person for the Faculty Student Council of the Faculty of Social Sciences

8.4.3 Vice-Political Chair

The position of Vice-Political Chair within the XXXVth board of SOFv will be fulfilled by Nadja Mohn. The Vice-Political Chair will participate in the following committees:

- FVIP (Financiën, Vastgoed, ICT en Personeelszaken; EN: *Finance, Real Estate/Facilities, ICT and Personnel*)
- OOS (Onderwijs, Onderzoek en Studenten; EN: *Education, Research and Students*)
- SBB (Strategie, Bestuur en Beleid; EN: *Strategy, Governance and Policy*)

The Vice-Political Chair will take on the following contact personships within each committee:

FVIP

- Coordinator of FVIP
- Programme Council and Soundboard Sustainability
- Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)
- Austerity Committee (NL: *Bezuinigingscommissie*)

OOS

- The Review Committee (i.e. the board months)
- Student communication

SBB

- UMO-lunches
- Election regulations (NL: *Verkiezingsreglement*)
- Contact Person for the Faculty Student Council of the Faculty of Law

As mentioned in 8.4.1 Introduction, both of the XXXVth board's Political Chairs have been elected to join the USC. The tasks that are assigned to the Political Chairs are therefore relatively similar. The specifics of these tasks are elaborated more clearly in 8.4.1 Introduction. However, these positions cannot be held indefinitely and are dependent on future elections. These election results will mostly determine the role of the Vice-Political Chair since they are placed lower on the list and therefore have a lower chance of being reelected.

In case the Vice-Political Chair is not elected in the elections of May 2026, this position is still invaluable to the board of SOFv. Although this Vice-Political Chair would not be in the USC, they can still attend V.O.S. meetings, deliver feedback on relevant public documents and gather essential input from SOFv's member organisations, among other assignments. Furthermore, the Vice-Political Chair would also be available to take on more general tasks for SOFv. However, as previously stated, this will not be the case in the academic year 2025-2026.

8.4.4 *Verenigd Onder Studentenbelang (V.O.S.)*

SOFv is, like the other umbrella organisations, a member of the student party V.O.S.. V.O.S. is there to represent active student life. The Political Chairs do not have an automatic seat in the University Student Council (USC). This means that Verenigd Onder Studentenbelang (V.O.S.) and therefore SOFv's Political Chairs were on the candidate list of V.O.S. to get a seat in the USC. This list included members of all other umbrella organisations as well: BOS (Bestuurlijk Overleg Studentenverenigingen), CODC (Cultuur op de Campus), NSSR (Nijmeegse Studenten Sport Raad) and CSN (Christelijke Studentenverenigingen Nijmegen). The campaign went well, and V.O.S. received the majority of the votes. This means that the Political Chair and the Vice-Political Chair both got a seat in the USC and are able to represent SOFv this year.

As V.O.S. believes more can be achieved by working together, there will be frequent party meetings (NL: *fractieoverleggen*). The Political Chair will lead these

as the party leader (NL: *fractievoorzitter*). SOFv will make a contribution to V.O.S. for the campaign of next year, as well as work on the visibility of V.O.S. throughout the year in light of next year's elections. The contribution that SOFv will make to V.O.S. will be in the form of volunteers as well as financially. Additionally, SOFv may invite its member organisations to support V.O.S. through visibility or volunteering, but this is entirely optional for member organisations.

8.4.5 Other focus points

Besides the main points touched upon previously, the Political Chair will focus on supporting students who are waiting for psychological help from student psychologists (NL: *Wachtverzachters*). The Vice-Political Chair will focus on the Radboud University Student Code of Conduct (NL: *Gedragcode Studenten*), a shared living room for students on campus, providing free menstrual products on campus and student support.

The Political Chair will prioritise active student life, by being involved with the Campusplan. She will make sure to include the wishes of SOFv's member organisations when discussing this document and will try her utmost to ensure all member organisations have a place on campus. Aside from the active student life, she will prioritise sustainability amongst organisations on campus, by trying to expand the Radboud Green Certificate.

The Vice-Political Chair will prioritise active student life by being involved with the committee surrounding the budget cuts, she will aim to make sure students have a place on campus to develop themselves. She will also focus on better central communication between students and staff.

Epilogue

Dear reader,

We hope that we have informed you well about our plans and goals for SOFv in this coming academic year. We strive to keep SOFv approachable, and the board is looking forward to getting to know all our member organisations. We hope that we can help our member organisations wherever needed, especially in the start-up period of new boards, by organising workshops and training sessions and providing information via handbooks and gmas. Furthermore, we hope to sustain an open attitude, so that board members will dare to ask any question they have, so we get the opportunity to help them along. Additionally, we want to make this year a fun and memorable year for all board members by organising activities where members can get to know us and each other and summarising this amazing year by publishing a yearbook. Next to this, we hope to organise an amazing Lustrum, full of fun activities, great parties and lasting memories. Moreover, we want to help member organisations by paying attention to well-being in different aspects. Lastly, the board strives to keep promoting V.O.S. just like during the previous years, to ensure that the future Political Chairs can keep representing the member organisations in the USC.

The XXXVth board has learnt a lot from the XXXIVth board during the period. We are extremely grateful for showing us the ropes and giving us the confidence that we can fulfil the role of being the board of SOFv in full. We would sincerely like to thank the previous boards of SOFv for their efforts and input, on which we can build further.

Most of all, we are looking forward to a year full of great experiences, learning moments, making friends, and an amazing CoBo season. Most of all, we are looking forward to getting to know the board members of member organisations and supporting them where needed. We would love to see you all during the transition gma, and afterwards in *De Ondergang* to have a nice chat.

Yours truly,

The XXXVth board of SamenwerkingsOverleg Faculteitsverenigingen:

Revi, Maureen, Zuzanna, Lóa & Nadja