

MINUTES (GENERAL ASSEMBLY)



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15.30-16.20

present: Beatriz Martín Piqué, Nyoxani Mazive, Felix Muche, Maria Burbach, Maximilian Merz, Thomas Swelheim, Teun de Koning, Noortje Brunner, Michelle Reijngoud, Ivo Andriessen (left at one point), Chiara Rembor, Anne Lyeb, Job Siegmann, Jan Otte, Paul Gerlach, Friso de Boer, Ethan Auer, Linda Meijer, Alexa Munteanu, Amélie Tirtey, Aissatou Diallo, Marie Rachel Pichler, Eliana Catgiu, Elena Origlia, Rudolfs Terauds, Lea Kilter, Luc Groenendijk, Valeria Kuznetsova, Lea Goedeking, Sophia Schaaper

AGENDA

1. Opening & Intro

Bea: We are 26 people, which meets the quorum so it is enough for the GA to take place. We will now take the attendance, and we ask you to turn on your cameras if possible. Of course, we understand if you have a bad connection, or just don't want to turn on your camera. Just for your information, we have no proxy votes today, so let's begin. Welcome to the half-year GA, which shall now start. The presidium consists of me, the Chair, and Maria as our secretary, and she will also take extensive minutes. Xani and Max will pay attention to the chat so please write your questions, comments or if you want to hand in a point of order, there. And just a reminder, please follow the basic rules of decency during this GA. As for the voting procedure, we will vote unanimously, that means that I will ask if anyone wants to hold a formal vote on a matter, and if not, it is considered as unanimously passed.

2. Announcements

Bea: We have no announcements. We haven't made any amendments, so all official documents of KallioPPE stay the same for this General Assembly.

3. Establish agenda

Bea: You can all find the agenda in the email that was sent to you.



Bea is reading out the agenda as it was sent in the email everyone received prior to this GA.

Bea: Does anybody want to hold an official vote on the agenda? You can do so by raising your un-muting yourself, or writing in the chat. No one wants to hold a vote, therefore, the agenda is agreed upon and therefore established.

4. Establish minutes of previous General Assembly (September 2020 - Year Assembly)

Bea: Does anybody want to hold a formal vote on the minutes from the previous GA, which you can find in the invitation email? There are no objections, therefore, the minutes are accepted and passed.

5. Half-Year Policy

Bea: We are now going to go over the half-year policy and I will share my screen.

Bea is reading out the preface of the half-year policy which you will find attached in the email with the minutes of this GA.

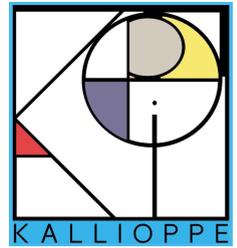
a. Evaluation of the Board

Bea: Here is an overview of the things that we have been doing this year. In the beginning of the year, we helped during the introduction week, where especially Xani worked really hard. To start off the academic year, we organized a debating event so everyone could get into the PPE spirit and the students from the different years could get to know each other. We soon after started with the training and formation of the committees and we also organized a committee day. Felix was in close contact with the treasurers to help them with their role, as was Maria. She was in close contact with the secretaries of the committees while I was in touch with committee chairs. We organized a movie night where we screened the documentary ‘The Social Dilemma’. It was very interesting but also a bit disturbing. We also helped Elias, a first year, in organizing an event that he wanted to do. We finally finished printing and giving out the year books because some difficulties were experienced regarding this last year. We were in close communication with the study advisor, the advisory board, and the student council. We also started and completed some partnerships with ‘Dojoko’ and ‘Solve Consultancy’ which are both with PPE Alumni. We worked with other study associations which we are very proud of.

Bea is listing the study associations which you can find in the half-year policy.

Bea: We also implemented some minor more technical things. We updated the official KallioPPE website and KallioPPE is now represented on the web page of the VU. We have also been working on the tutoring program together with the student council, the college and the academic committee

because tutoring should become a stable program and shouldn't depend on the current KallioPPE board or other things.



b. Plan for the rest of the year

Bea: We will now talk about our plan for the rest of the year. We took some surveys into account that we sent out to the KallioPPE members. We will work on organizing a career/master day and we want to establish a career/alumni committee. We will also try to organize a third years dinner at the end of the year if that's possible with the covid measures. In the future, this could lead to a third years weekend and a committee of its own. We also want to ensure something that many members have talked about, which is the access to the fourth floor. Obviously according to the corona measures, we want to ensure access to the fourth floor as much as possible.

We are also working on a lustrum cabinet because it is KallioPPE's five year anniversary next year and we want to organize several events and more for that. We, and especially Maria, are working on vertical dinners which are unfortunately not possible right now because of corona. But we are trying our best to make it possible within the rest of the year. We also want to try to establish other positions within the committee such as a marketing officer or an internal officer within the committee, so we will be in touch with the committees about that. We also want to make some changes to the statutes and bylaws but we will do that at the end of the year GA. We will try to keep it short, but of course, you will be able to vote on it if you disagree. We also want to work on our communication, between the board and the committees but also with all members in general. In our aim to improving communication even more, we are working on collaborating with the Social Campus Strategy Team and a possible 'UniLife app'; we want to improve our use of LinkedIn, and deepen our partnership with 'dojoko' to experiment and see in what ways we can implement it regarding connectivity and communication. We want to keep our partnerships with the earlier mentioned study associations but we also want to reach out to others.

Bea is reading out the study associations we want to contact from the half-year policy.

Bea: We want to continue working with the committees so they are happy and motivated during these times so we can be as helpful as possible. Soon, we will start the recruitment process of the new board, which will be board number five, so you can of course ask us questions already if you're interested. We also want to establish a different mode of membership payment. That means, you're a member of KallioPPE unless you state that you want to stop being one. This will be done through an email but we will inform you more about that. More information will be given at the end of the year GA and there, we will vote on it.

c. Evaluation of Committees and Events

Bea: We now continue with the committees and their plan for the rest for the year. We wanted to start with Noortje and the Party Committee but it looks like she is not here right now.

Academic Committee



Chiara: I'm the chair of the academic committee and so far, we have been focusing on three areas: tutoring, a discord server, and events. We organized tutoring for micro and there was quite an internal debate about the financing. So now, the board has established a payment method for the tutors and the board has helped us with establishing the tutoring for this period. We started a study buddy system very recently so we will see where it goes. On the server, so far, there's only a book fair but we want to expand it. We had one offline event planned in January but that obviously didn't work out. In the end of June, we have a debating event planned with UvA and in April, we want to do a debating workshop. On March 29th, we will host an event about Dutch politics and we are in the process of organizing new guest lectures.

Noortje via the chat: I am so sorry I completely lost service...

Bea: Thanks so much! Noortje is back, are you ready now?

Party Committee

Noortje: Yes I'm back. We are quite limited this year because of corona but we're trying to do as many possible alternatives online: we had a Halloween borrel and a Christmas one which was quite successful because of the pub quiz. But everyone left after the prizes so we want to change that. The next one will be after the Methods 2 Exam and we will announce that soon. It's so people can blow some steam on discord and maybe, we want to make that a thing after every period. We really hope we can host an end of the year gala, however, we still don't know if that will be possible, so it will be a last minute decision.

Bea: Thanks, also for joining with your bad connection! Now, let's continue with the MUN committee.

MUN Committee

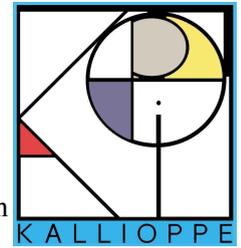
Teun is sharing his screen.

Teun: We're quite a new committee. Usually we would go somewhere random in the world and go to some building and debate while we pretend to be the UN. Normally this is super social and super fun, and it takes like half a week. But covid brought a lot of problems especially because you can't be social. So we did the DRIMUN in early December: it was an online MUN and we tried it for two days in the afternoon (because of the time difference). We had a room on the fourth floor where we could all sit, and it was quite a success: some people even won awards and everyone looked very dashing in their outfits. So what now? That was possible then but now we really can't do anything. We could join another MUN but we thought it would be too expensive for people to just sit at home, so for now we will wait until things get better. Maybe we can join another semi online one or organize one in the summer but we're looking into the future now and hope that this situation will get better.

Bea: Thanks, but we still hope that in the worst case scenario you can still find something you can do.

Social Committee

Alexa: Our first event was on discord; we covered the US elections. We put up a christmas tree, organized an escape room with Basis, and our latest event was for valentines day where people could send messages to each other. Moving forward, we hope we can do something outside because the weather has been so nice but that's obviously risky with corona. The academic committee gave us



access to their discord server which we want to use for an event. This period, we also want to organize an event to talk about the freshly introduced gender neutral bathroom on the fourth. We also thought about doing an escape room with Basis again.

Bea: Thank you! And I agree, that would be really nice with the weather.

Excursion Committee

Anne: It is really complicated to organize anything trip-related, and discussion with a lot of people are neither nice nor inclusive, so we decided to wait for further measures. Maybe we can organize a bike trip around Amsterdam or similar activities. We also started to have little takeovers on the KallioPPE instagram account so you can travel inside and gain some inspiration for future trips. Maybe moving forward with the vaccines and passports, it will get easier. So for now, we just keep track of the information.

Bea: Thanks and obviously we understand that especially excursions are really difficult to organize at the moment.

Publication Committee

Paul: We weren't too busy this semester because the other committees couldn't organize that much so we didn't have to design that many posters. But we did design some posters and we have KallioPPE merch coming up. There's already a link for the hoodies; they will cost 22€ and will come in light blue, dark blue, and beige.

Bea: Thanks and we're excited for the hoodies!

Sports Committee:

Thomas is sharing his screen.

Thomas: We haven't had that much to do yet. We mostly made instagram posts about staying fit during corona, about running routes and bouldering, that was fun. But now since the new corona measures for sports came into effect, we will do some research. Julia could maybe offer some training with her hockey team which would need to be outdoors. We found a small place for football where we could maybe train outside every week. We will research more for the upcoming week.

Bea: Thank you! So many people would appreciate having some sport they could do.

Freshers Committee:

Sophia: So far, we looked at houses and places and budget. We found a few good places and we're gonna start emailing them soon, probably this weekend. There will probably be a lot of first years who want to go so we were thinking about how many tickets we should sell. If there's too many then we thought that also some second years might want to join.

Bea: Thanks and I think you're right about the second-years.

Sustainability Task Force:



Bea: There is no one else here to talk about it so I will because I'm part of it. It's a task force rather than a committee, so it wasn't as structured as the other committees so far. It was set up one month ago and we talked about our plans for the future: we want to get in touch with the college about implementing sustainability and environmental justice and racism in the curriculum. We also want to explore the option of making everything default vegan so that you actively have to choose if you want something non-vegan. We also want to organize an event and want to get in touch with the Green Office.

Okay, that's all, now back to President Bea. Let's continue with the revised budget and the finances of the year so I give the floor to Felix.

6. Presentation of the revised budget

Felix: When reviewing the budget, I realized we have less members than last year and less members than expected. But the bookshop income is three times as high, so they more or less cancel each other out. There were two expenses by the social committee: for the christmas tree and for the online escape room. The next half year will really be up to covid. We are not expecting a lot more expenses if the rules stay like this, but if in May or June the rules allow us to plan something, there will be more expenses. We will be fine with some committees overstepping the budget because we think that social life is more important than money.

Felix is now sharing his screen and he is going over the contributions from the budget.

Felix: The funds from college have not yet been wired to your account but they are working on it. Excitingly, we now have a tutoring budget which allows us to compensate the tutors from the last semester and for the entire year. Every committee had the chance to revise their budget, and most said to keep it at the current budget. The academic committee budget wasn't lowered to zero as they asked us to because they might still plan something. This leaves us with about the same balance as at the beginning of the year, so it's fine because we still have profits from last year.

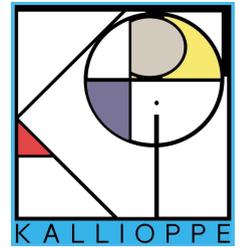
I now give the floor back to Bea.

Bea: Thanks Felix! I hope you all understood the financial part because sometimes, it can be a bit confusing. And just to clarify, we are nonprofit. If you have any questions, you can approach Felix and/or the treasures from the committee. We will now vote on the budget. Does anyone want to hold a formal vote on the revised budget? No, so there are no objections. This means that it's now passed, because it has been assumed unanimously. Thanks Felix.

Bea is reading out the closing remarks from the half-year policy.

7. Other business

Bea: Are there any other matters that haven't been brought up or that anyone wants to discuss? No, so we will move into questions.



8. Questions

Bea: Are there any questions? No.

9. Closing

Bea: Okay, thank you so much for attending the half-year GA. Our secretary, Maria, will send you the minutes very soon, as well as the vouchers. Again, thanks so much, and with this, I officially conclude this GA and you're all free to go.

Felix: Just some quick information about the voucher for everybody; we made a list of the attendees and we will check it for membership. After that, we will get in touch with you to wire the money; probably via email or whatsapp.