

Interim Report 14th 25th board of StOP

1. Overview of portfolio's

Chair – Emma Boellaard

1. **Faculties:** Faculty of Science
2. **Primary:** Acquisition, GroVer, KleVer, Leidsch Debate, National Platform, Student Wellbeing
3. **Secondary:** Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs, LUMC, Emergency Response (BHV), Introduction Weeks, Committee overlap, Plexus, CCP

Secretary – Mara Walraven

1. **Faculties:** Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs
2. **Primary:** Alumni, Board Activity, Diversity & Inclusion, Plexus, Student Association Guide, CCP
3. **Secondary:** Faculty of Law, Faculty of Science, GroVer, KleVer, Housing, Internationalization, Newsletter, Sports Tournament

Treasurer – Kimberly Struik

1. **Faculties:** LUMC
2. **Primary:** Board Grants (RFOS), Emergency Response (BHV), Committee Overlap, Sustainability, Interfaculty Gala (InFaGa), Introduction Weeks, PLNT, StOP-Day
3. **Secondary:** Faculty of Social Sciences, Acquisition, Leidsch Debate, National Policy, National Platform, Student Wellbeing, Student Association Guide

Commissioner of Internal Relations – Suzanne Hoek

1. **Faculties:** Faculty of Law, Faculty of Archaeology, Leiden University of Applied Sciences
2. **Primary:** Housing, Interfaculty Party (InFaFe), National Policy, Newsletter
3. **Secondary:** Faculty of Humanities, Board Activities, University Contact, Media, Promotion Training, Interfaculty Gala (InFaGa), StOP-Day

Commissioner of External Relations & Vice-Chair – Soizic Michotte van den Berck

1. **Faculties:** Faculty of Humanities, Faculty of Social Sciences
2. **Primary:** University Contact, Internationalization, Media, Promotion Training, Sports Tournament
3. **Secondary:** Faculty of Archaeology, Alumni, Board Grants, University of Applied Sciences Contact, Diversity & Inclusion, Interfaculty Party (InFaFe), PLNT

2. Focus points

2.1 – Communication

One of the most important core values of the associations under the StOP, and therefore also crucial for StOP to hold in high regard. Good communication is the foundation of a smoothly running organization. It contributes to fast and effective action, thereby facilitating a goal-oriented approach. The 14th 25th board has been actively committed in recent times to participating proactively in the various meetings it holds with different institutions. The board is often present at the consultations of the SOG core group and has strengthened its ties with the EL CID board after the reintroduction of the study association block during the EL CID week. In addition, ties with the University, University of Applied Sciences, Municipality of Leiden, the PKvV, and the LAssO have been maintained. Because these ties have been well maintained, we act as the link between these institutions and the study associations. The board is always open to feedback from members and is happy to hear if there are areas for improvement on certain topics.

2.2 – Sharing of knowledge

Through the GroVer and KleVer, the 14th 25th board has been actively supporting knowledge sharing between the study associations. From the first meetings it became clear how important these moments are for board members, as problems could be solved collectively. At this moment, the acquisition, VCP, and BHV trainings have also taken place, in order to support board members in their roles as best as possible. The board is also actively working on passing on information from institutions as quickly as possible, for example when information has already been discussed within one faculty but has not yet reached the other associations. Here too, the 14th 25th board plays an important linking role.

2.3 – Connection

In addition to knowledge sharing, social connection and an informal bond between the study associations are also crucial for a successful year for board members. The 14th 25th board has been present at as many constitution drinks as possible in order to connect with the associations in an informal way. Due to busy schedules, the board has not been able to attend as many different association activities as intended. Nevertheless, the ties with the associations are good, and the board has the feeling that they are easily approachable should anything arise. The ties have also been further strengthened through the committees for the interfaculty activities. Finally, a board activity has taken place, and a second one will take place towards the summer.

2.4 – Social Reach

The 14th 25th board is building upon the efforts of the boards and members of previous years. The focus remains on ongoing initiatives of educational institutions – for example, the well-being weeks of Leiden University – and motivating the study associations to participate in them. Student well-being remains a major portfolio, and the chair takes a proactive stance in the consultations that take place within this theme. Unfortunately, the Cokeshow could not be attended this year, but participation in Studenten Samenwerking Veilig Leiden (SSVL) continues.

3. General Policy

3.1 – General Assemblies

The convocation for the General Assembly (GA) is sent by the secretary to the member associations at least five working days prior to the GA. With a view to the internationalization of many study associations, the GAs will be held in English. However, if only Dutch-speaking members are present, the GA will be conducted in Dutch. The policy documents will be made available in both English and Dutch. If the GA is held in Dutch, an English summary will be prepared. To increase attendance and participation at GAs, points for the StOP cup will be awarded to the member associations present, as in previous years. With sustainability in mind, the policy documents will only be distributed digitally.

3.2 – Audit Committee

StOP has an Audit Committee consisting of delegates from members of StOP. The members of the Audit Committee were replaced and elected during the Change GA. This is done to safeguard the financial transparency of StOP. The Audit Committee will audit the treasurer of StOP twice a year. During this audit, the budget, the balance sheet, and all declarations of StOP board members will be reviewed. In addition, the Audit Committee has the possibility to obtain insight into the periodic overviews of the bank account.

3.3 – Advisory Council

The Advisory Board (RvA) consists of former StOP board members from different years. Together they form the institutional memory of StOP and assist the current board with solicited and unsolicited advice. The RvA can think along about new proposals and provide advice based on their expertise and previous experiences. The RvA does not have voting rights at the GA or an official supervisory function, but is intended as an easily accessible source of information for the board. The board hopes to maintain a good relationship with the

RvA and keeps it informed of relevant developments. At the Change GMA, Nick Tijsterman and Anna Easton will step down as a member of the RvA.

3.4 - Association Consultations and Assessors

The Association Consultations (VerO's) are an important means of communication between the University/the University of Applied Sciences, the study associations, and StOP. The board strives to be present at all VerO's of the different faculties. By attending the VerO's, StOP can provide information about developments within the University and the University of Applied Sciences, learn what is going on within the study associations, and gather opinions on certain issues. Moreover, StOP themes can be addressed and activities promoted. The faculty representative within the board maintains contact with the relevant assessor and discusses with them the interests of the study associations at the faculty. The 14th 25th board is also engaged in becoming acquainted with the Leiden Assessors Consultation (LAssO), and regular consultations will take place between the chairs. The portfolio divisions of both bodies have been exchanged, enabling assessors to easily approach the responsible StOP board members, and vice versa.

3.5 – Contact with Leiden University and University of Applied Sciences Leiden

In order to maintain the ties with Leiden University and Leiden University of Applied Sciences as well as possible, the board will have contact with them in the coming year. This contact exists to represent the member associations and safeguard their interests, but also to pass on issues from the two educational institutions to the associations. The board will therefore hold consultations at various moments with relevant staff members of the University and the University of Applied Sciences. The chair has been working on obtaining a buddy within the University Board; through this, the board receives updates on interesting moments, which can be communicated to the members if necessary.

3.6 – Interfaculty Activities

In the coming year, StOP will organize five interfaculty activities in collaboration with various study associations: the Interfaculty Party, the Interfaculty Gala, the sports tournament, the Leiden Debate, and an activity concerning internationalization. The Interfaculty Congress has not been organized in recent years and will also not take place this year.

All interfaculty activities initiated by StOP are mentioned in the annual plan and are included in the policy documents. Specific information about these activities can be found under the headings of the portfolios.

3.7 – StOP Cup

This year as well, the board will award the StOP cup. This healthy competition between boards creates greater connection and involvement, which StOP absolutely strives for. The winner of the StOP cup is ultimately determined by the points that the boards collect throughout the year and will be awarded at the Change GMA. It is up to the associations themselves to keep track of the activities for which they receive points. This (Excel) overview must be submitted to the StOP board at the end of the academic year.

Below is an overview of the points that can be earned.

Activiteit	Puntenaantal
Present at CoBo's	+1 per boardmember (maximum +4)
Stay for drinks after the G.A.	+2 points
Visit activities of StOP or a member association	+2 for multiple general members +3 for part of board +5 for full board
Not present at G.A.	- 2 with registration - 5 without registration
Social media	+2 for spreading promo from StOP
Be part of the StOP Audit Committee	+3 points
Organise activities with other members of StOP	+3 per association
Be part of a StOP-committee	+3 points
Be one of the first 10 members to pay the contribution	+2 points
Invite the StOP board for your CoBO	+2 points

4. Portfolio's

Within this chapter, an overview will be presented of the distribution of the portfolios and their reports for the first half of 2025–2026. The structure of the list follows the board positions. The portfolios are listed in the order of their Dutch titles.

5. President

5.1 – Acquisition

On 3 December, the acquisition training took place. This was experienced as very positive. The training was given by Daan de Jong, from The Smiling Salesman. The attendees were positive about the structure of the training itself. In advance, it was asked during the GroVer and KleVer what the associations would like to learn during the training, and Daan incorporated this into his training. In total, around 20 people were present. This year it was not only accessible to the board members responsible for acquisition within the association, but to three board members in total. This was with the idea that, especially in smaller associations, acquisition is not handled by just one person.

For the coming year, the 15th 25th board must consider whether the training is worth it. This year a deal could be arranged, but this will be more difficult next year. It could be considered to have a former board member of an association with acquisition experience give the training.

5.2 – GroVer

This year the Groot Vereniging Overleg (GroVer) will also be continued. This consultation is intended for large associations with approximately one thousand or more members. In recent years it has been proven how extremely valuable this moment is for the associations, which makes the continuation of the consultation natural. The members of the GroVer are currently L.P.S.V. Aesculapius, BASIS, B.I.L. CDL, CoDe, De Leidsche Flesch, Emile, Fortuna, J.F.V. Grotius, HSVL, Labyrinth, LBC, LIFE, MFLS and SPIL. Fortuna joined halfway through the year. At this moment four GroVers have taken place, and according to the planning two more will take place. Associations may determine themselves which points are discussed. In addition, current matters from StOP will also be discussed.

The GroVer is open to other members of StOP who, due to a lower number of members, are not considered for the GroVer, but who do have affinity with the discussed topics. For joining, contact can be made with the board.

5.3 – KleVer

The Klein Verenigingen Overleg (KleVer) is aimed at study associations with fewer than 1000 members. Just as with GroVer, the obstacles experienced by the associations are central, so that the boards can support each other by sharing their own experiences. Associations may determine themselves which points are discussed. Current matters from StOP will also be discussed here. At this moment five have taken place, and according to the planning there will be 1 or 2 more.

5.4 – Leiden Debate

The Leidsch Debat is organized every year, where several speakers come together to engage in discussion about societal themes, often connected to elections. This year the Leidsch Debat will take place on 16 March, 19:00 in the KOG building. The participating associations are CoDe, HSVL, and SV Nucleus. CU, GL-PvdA, VVD, and SvL will participate in the debate. The committee is looking forward to the activity.

5.5 – National Platform

This year as well, StOP will commit itself to the national consultation platform, LPSV Exedra. One of the main goals remains the transfer of knowledge between associations at a national level. A second goal is the representation of the interests of study associations at a national level, for example in politics. The goal from StOP is to actively commit itself in order to properly put LPSV Exedra on the map and let its authority grow. At this moment one meeting has taken place, where a new board has been installed. A moment for the second meeting is being sought.

5.6 – Student Wellbeing

Just as in previous years, Student Well-being will play an important and major role in the activities of StOP. Therefore, the 14th 25th board is proactive when it comes to the various meetings involved with this theme. For example, StOP is involved in the Declaration Student Well-being, where many different actors of Leiden student life come together. In September and October they will organize a theme session themselves together with MBO Rijnland. StOP will also be a supporting actor when it comes to the trainings regarding this theme organized by the University. In addition, StOP is involved in the SOG core group, where ideas are contributed regarding various initiatives and coordination between the different institutions. Finally, the chair has a role within the SSVL. They will organize a pub quiz on 5 March, and later in the year a self-defense course.

6. Secretary

6.1 Alumni

The board has observed that the alumni portfolio, in its current form, provides no distinct added value. Inquiries regarding alumni policy typically arise during the GroVer and KleVer meetings or are addressed informally to individual StOP board members. Consequently, the Secretary proposes the removal of the alumni portfolio.

6.2 Board Activity

The first board activity took place in January and was a success. It consisted of New Year's drinks at Cafe de Keyzer, which was attended by several association boards. The primary goal of the event was to provide a low-threshold opportunity for everyone to reconnect. Another board activity is scheduled for the end of the academic year; the aim is to organize a 'borrelboot', though the specific details and dates will be shared with the boards in due course.

6.3 Diversity & Inclusion

The theme of Diversity & Inclusion has been highly relevant at Leiden University and Leiden University of Applied Sciences for many years. The objective of this portfolio is to ensure underrepresented groups feel welcome and to facilitate further support and initiatives. These themes are also becoming increasingly important among student associations, with boards actively developing their own D&I policies. Several StOP member associations are, or have been, in the process of drafting social safety policies, where D&I also plays a key role. StOP has supported these associations by addressing their questions regarding these topics. Should student associations have further questions or wish to organize an event related to these themes later this year, they are always welcome to contact StOP.

6.4 Plexus

This year, the Secretary serves as the primary point of contact for Plexus. Approximately once per quarter, a meeting is held with the Plexus student organizations liaison. During these meetings, the current status of StOP is discussed, and the Secretary is updated on developments within Plexus. Furthermore, active communication is maintained via email for any urgent updates.

6.5 Study Association Guide

No student association handbook was published for the 2025/2026 boards. By the time the 14th/25th StOP board was inaugurated, most boards had already met during the introduction weeks and 'CoBos' (receptions). Consequently, the Secretary decided not to release a handbook at that stage. However, the Secretary intends to produce one for the next cohort of student association boards. This handbook will be distributed to all incoming boards early in

the summer, providing them with an overview of their peers before the start of the new academic year.

6.6 CCP

Nearly every student association has one or more Confidential Contact Persons (CCPs) and is actively engaged with this topic. In October and November, three highly successful CCP training sessions were held. These included two Dutch sessions and one English session, all of which reached full capacity. Starting next year, Leiden University and Leiden University of Applied Sciences will mandate that CCPs may no longer be members of the board. StOP is maintaining close contact with Leiden University, Leiden University of Applied Sciences, the PKvV, and Winston & Partners regarding these developments and will inform its members in a timely manner.

7. Treasurer

7.1 – Board Grants (RFOS)

The topic of board grants plays an important role within the boards of many study associations. It provides students with the opportunity to combine their commitment to their association with financial support from Leiden University. Throughout the year, StOP will play a role in informing study associations about the application procedure, conditions, and deadlines related to the board grants. Associations are therefore encouraged to contact the StOP board if they have questions regarding the allocation or application of these grants.

Over the past half year, this has not yet occurred, partly because board grants are not yet relevant for many boards at this stage of the academic year. The treasurer of StOP will continue to gather up-to-date information for the remainder of the year and stay informed about any changes regarding the board grants, acting as the point of contact within the board on this topic. In addition, during the coming half year the possibilities will be explored to also support study associations from Hogeschool Leiden with the application procedure, conditions, and deadlines related to the board grants of Hogeschool Leiden.

7.2 – BHV

At the end of the academic year, a BHV (Emergency Response Officer) course will be organized for study associations affiliated with Leiden University. As in previous years, StOP will play a facilitating role by communicating available dates to the associations and compiling a list of participants that can then be shared with the university's contact person.

During the past half year, two meetings have taken place with the university contact person to discuss the structure of the courses, the responsibilities of the associations, and the practical matters surrounding them.

For the BHV course organized for study associations affiliated with Hogeschool Leiden, StOP is currently also fulfilling a facilitating role. At the beginning of the academic year, contact was established with the contact person from Hogeschool Leiden regarding the inclusion of Hogeschool associations in the facilitating role that StOP already provides for the university associations. It was agreed that this will now also be done for Hogeschool associations going forward.

7.3 – Overlap Committee

Over the past half year, I have participated in the Overlap Committee. This committee consists of representatives from the Executive Board of Leiden University, the Student Advisors Consultation (STAP), the Local Chamber of Associations (PKvV), the EL CID board / the Vademecum Committee, and the Leiden Assessors Consultation (LAssO), which participates as an observer. Two meetings have taken place, and a signing moment will take place in May. The agreements that have been made will also be communicated to the member associations of StOP.

7.4 – Sustainability

During the past half year, within the context of sustainability, I have been in contact with the Green Office of Leiden University (LUGO). I also ensured that they were introduced in the StOP newsletter, so that associations were informed about who they could contact regarding relevant developments, collaborations, and sustainable initiatives within the university.

7.5 – Interfaculty Gala (InFaGa)

During the past half year, I was responsible for organizing the Interfaculty Gala, with the goal of hosting a joint gala for board members and the members of their respective associations. This was done in collaboration with Study Association B.I.L., Study Association Emile, Interlatina, Nucleus, and SSW. The gala took place on Thursday, February 26, 2026, from 20:00 to 21:00, and 129 tickets were sold. During the gala there was an open bar with beer, wine, and soft drinks, a photographer was present, and a DJ performed.

7.6 – Introduction Weeks

Due to recent developments within EL CID, such as the addition of the Study Associations Block to the weekly program, it was decided during the portfolio distribution to split the Overlap Committee and the Introduction Weeks into two separate portfolios. During the past half year, I have been in contact with EL CID, and we have held three meetings to discuss the upcoming introduction weeks and the role of study associations within them. In addition, a cooperation agreement is currently being drafted so that the responsibilities and rights of study associations during the introduction weeks are clearly established.

7.7 – PLNT

During the past half year, several changes have taken place within the organization of PLNT, which led to a meeting with a board member from PLNT Students. From this meeting it became clear that the collaboration will continue. This collaboration focuses, among other things, on the joint use of facilities and the organization of activities, allowing associations to benefit from PLNT's broad network. In addition, at the beginning of the academic year a funding booklet was developed, which was distributed to all member associations of StOP.

7.8 – StOP Day

StOP Day is an event organized at the beginning of the academic year to introduce the boards of member associations to what StOP is and what it does, as well as to the board and the various committees within StOP. During the day, presentations are given by the StOP board and several other organizations. These contributions are mainly aimed at sharing knowledge, providing practical information, and strengthening cooperation between the associations and StOP. The day concludes with an informal social gathering, providing an opportunity for further networking between the boards. At the moment, the treasurer of StOP is working on finding a suitable location for this event and contacting relevant organizations.

8. Commissioner of Internal Relations

8.1 - Housing

Housing is a recently added portfolio and aims to designate a contact person within the board for matters relating to this topic. However, there have been few to no developments. As expected, StOP is not taking a proactive approach to the issue of housing.

8.2 - Interfaculty Party

The main goal of InFaFe is to create more visibility for study associations and StOP and to bring the faculties closer in a friendly and informal way. This year, the party will take place on April 30th, considerably later than previous editions. This is partly due to the busy schedules of the many organising associations, but also to avoid competing with the other interfaculty event, the Interfaculty Gala, which was organised at the end of February this year. The party will once again take place at Club Kiki and is being organised by L.P.S.V. "Aesculapius", Studievereniging B.I.L., Corpus Delicti, Studievereniging Emile, J.F.V. Grotius, HSVL, Itiwana, Interlatina, Studievereniging Labyrint and Studievereniging SPIL. The MFLS recently withdrew due to circumstances. The collaboration between the associations is going well. Promotion and ticket sale will start soon.

8.3 - National Policy

On the recommendation of the previous board, this portfolio was introduced with the aim of having a contact person for questions about matters such as statutes, regulations and other legal requirements for associations. Apart from a few general questions, there has been little need for support from the member associations.

8.4 - Newsletter

The newsletter is sent to member associations every other month. It highlights activities organised by StOP, features potential partners, and gives member associations the opportunity to promote their own activities.

9. Commissioner of External Relations and Vice-president

9.1 - Internationalisation

Since many of our member associations have internationalised in recent years, or are still in the process of doing so, a portfolio dedicated to internationalisation remains of great value. Sharing knowledge about the internationalisation process, the needs of international students, and challenges related to language use has proven to be very useful for associations.

Two years ago, the portfolio was given a new focus when StOP entered into a collaboration with the Van Bergen Fund Foundation. The foundation made resources available to support study associations in organising internationalisation activities. All study associations of Leiden University and University of Applied Sciences Leiden can still apply to the foundation for subsidies for this purpose. Applications are assessed by a specially appointed committee.

In addition, this year, under the guidance of StOP, several study associations will organise a form of an Internationalisation Cultural Festival. The Festival is intended to encourage the coming together of Dutch and international students and to celebrate different cultures.

9.2 - Media

The management of the website remains under the Media portfolio. This responsibility will mainly consist of maintaining and updating the website so that it reflects the most recent developments and remains a reliable source of information. In recent years, considerable progress has been made in improving the website, making it more user-friendly and accessible. Nevertheless, the board remains open to suggestions for further improvement so that the website can continue to effectively support the needs of member associations and students.

In addition to the website itself, the use of the digital calendar will also be continued, as it plays an important role in keeping both associations and individual students informed about upcoming activities and events organised by StOP. By combining the website and the digital calendar, the board aims to provide clear and accessible communication so that information reaches the widest possible audience.

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StOP maintains several social media channels, namely Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, and WhatsApp. These are mainly used to promote its own activities, but also the activities of member associations and partners whose promotion is in the common interest of the study associations. Examples include activities aimed at a broader audience than the members of a single association, or activities by partners such as PLNT, Leiden University, or the University of Applied Sciences in Leiden.

The promotional content on Instagram and Facebook overlaps and will therefore be (almost) identical. Promotion may take the form of photos, information, or other material related to the activities being promoted, as well as announcements of other matters such as a new board or other topics the board deems appropriate. The board will ensure that the social media channels are kept as up-to-date as possible.

This year, the board wants to properly launch and actively use LinkedIn, both to increase StOP's visibility among a wider audience and due to the growing popularity of this platform.

In addition, the board will set up a WhatsApp Community instead of a single group, so that separate group chats can be created for different activities. This structure makes it easier and more accessible to share information with as many member associations as possible. Board members of member associations are allowed to join the Community, and all subsequent information shared there will be distributed via the board, after which the member associations may be requested to share this information further.

9.3 - Promotion Training

In the coming year, the board plans to organise a promotion training session around November. This training is intended to support member associations in effectively promoting their activities and events and will provide practical tools in the areas of communication strategies, social media use, and content creation. The board will ensure that the training is accessible and relevant, and encourages active participation and the sharing of best practices among all participants.

9.4 - Sports Tournament

Last year's football tournament was a great success, with high attendance and positive feedback that highlighted both the competitive and social aspects of the event. Based on this success, the board plans to organise the football tournament again this year. The goal is to encourage even more participation and once again provide an opportunity for associations and students to come together.