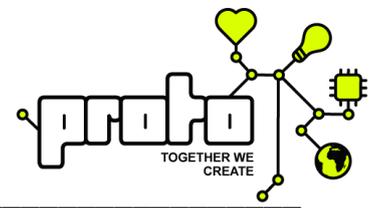


General Member Meeting



07/03/2018, 20:00

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Opening

5 *Opening at 20:02.*

Sander: Welcome to the 25th general member meeting of Study Association Proto, are there any people present who do not speak Dutch?

Audience: *silence*

The General Member Meeting will be held in Dutch, the minutes will be available in English.

10 Announcements

Sander: Aside from the half yearly report, we will also be switching coffee brand to Kanis & Gunnink, based on the coffee tasting and the fact that the coffee budget was running out quickly. The half yearly financial report, the minutes of the General Member Meeting of 06/09/2017 and the changes to the static policy plan will not be treated, as they are not
15 finished yet. They will be treated at a general member meeting that will be announced later this week. Also, due to lack of room for education and research, the UT has decided to no longer grant Proto their boardroom, which means that from now on, it can be booked by Alfred instead of by the board, with education and research having priority over any other activities. Finally, alcohol consumption is prohibited at this general member meeting. If you
20 are caught, you will be asked to leave. Please also put your phones on silent.

Frank: There is a version of the half yearly report with and without line numbering. The Board of Advisors can confirm that the only difference is the line numbering, which also means a shift page numbering, keep this in mind. We as the Board of Advisors also have a document that we would like to cover at the end of the half yearly report.

25 Quorum

19 people are allowed to vote, excluding the board of 4 people. The board will refrain from voting.

Fixing the agenda

Xadya: the voting at 6a is not in bold.

30 Previous minutes

GMM 06/09/17

Not finished yet.

GMM 11/10/17

- Front page

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- Laura on behalf of Kevin: Kevin is mentioned in the document as 'Kevin' and not as 'Jonathan on behalf of Kevin'.
 - Xadya: is the revised policy plan finished yet?
 - Sander: no, this will also be presented at the next gmm.

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- Frank: have you given thought to gifts for alumni yet?
 - Sander: no conclusion regarding this has been reached as of yet.
 - Frank: could some context also be added to what Jonathan is referring to in line 190.
 - Sander: that will be arranged.

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- Frank: is it already certain that Proto will be the study association for the Interaction Technology master program?
- Sander: not yet, but it has been discussed again this week with no definite conclusion. We will keep on trying, though.

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- Frank on behalf of Peter Verzijl: have you gotten confirmation on whether student assistants are paid from the teachers' salaries or not?
 - Sarah: I asked Erik Faber and he told me that this is the case for many study associations, even within EEMCS. But at Creative Technology, they are paid by the program, not by the faculty.

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- Frank: have sponsorship discounts gone at the expense of financial sponsorship?

- Quinten: no.

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- Frank: how is everything going with the bookkeeping software?
- Jaimy: good, we are still using the same software.
- Frank: how is the Essacher Luft stock and can I order with you next time you order?
- Jaimy: we have used it during one candidate board round and we have not run out yet.

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- Frank: how much of the things that you said that they still needed to be changed have been changed so far?
- Jaimy: I removed the part about the t-shirts and I edited the part about the posters.

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- General remarks

- Frank: in general, I had a hard time reading these minutes as they were more of a transcription than minutes. This is something that has evolved over the years within Proto and minutes have become harder and harder to read. It would be better to give a summary of arguments for every person. Please fix this in future minutes.

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Voting for approval of the minutes of 11/10/2017 with the mentioned changes:

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- In favor: 19
- Against: 0
- Blank: 0
- Refrain from voting: 4

Approved.

Documents received

85 *Proposed new feature to ProTube* by Laura Kester

Laura: in summary: the board has decided on a feature in ProTube that would allow them to temporarily ban them from adding songs. There is a tool for removing songs when you are an admin already, so the proposed functionality is obsolete in my opinion. I think it would affect the ambience in Proto negatively.

90 Quinten: the idea was proposed because we found that this functionality was not enough to keep people from spamming ProTube with annoying videos. As the board, we have to be able to get work done in Protopolis, even more so now that we have lost the Boardroom, in which we could work in silence. If you manually have to remove a video everytime someone puts it in the queue, you will constantly be interrupted from your work, making it harder to
95 concentrate again.

Arthur enters at 20:27.

Jaimy: aside from this, people often get mad if a video gets removed without the board member specifically asking out loud in Protopolis, which interrupts you from your work even longer.

100 Margot: we are not kindergarten, we should be grown up enough to tell the people who queue the annoying videos to stop doing that. If this is not enough, the problem is communication and the solution is not to just start banning people.

Robin: from what I read on GitHub, the original idea was to include an option to hide the ProTube pin to stop people from outside of Protopolis from adding annoying videos. Who
105 would even do something like that?

Sarah: you.

Robin: maybe. My main question is if ProtOpeners will also have the right to ban people.

Sander: yes.

Robin: but the admin functionality is already being abused at times by randomly skipping
110 songs without asking, how do you expect this to be with the proposed functionality?

Jaimy: banning people would of course only happen in exceptional cases in which asking people to stop does not work.

Quinten: it is meant as a last resort, so in theory, it should not even have to be used,
115 meaning that the ambience in Proto will not change.

Robin: why has this not been proposed in a policy plan and does it have to be addressed this way at a GMM?

Sander: I get where you are coming from, but this has happened before. The DIYCie is an example of this, as it has been formed during the year, making it impossible to include it in a
120 policy plan.

Laura: then why is it not in your half-yearly report?

Jaimy: we did not anticipate this kind of response from our members to the feature.

Rens: it would be a good idea to still present these kind of problems to members by other means than a report then, so that they can present their ideas to the board.

125 Thijs: back to the problem, keeping the board from doing their work by queuing annoying videos. Would it not be a solution to just play a long mix?

Xadya: and if you need to work on reports and such, you can just ask for a ProtOpener and reserve the spare EEMCS-room, which is always unoccupied. Part of your duty as a board is to make people feel at home in Protopolis, a goal towards which banning users does not
130 help.

Jonathan: if skipping a video gets a negative response from the Protopolis crowd, that probably means that they like the video, which would democratically mean that the video should not be skipped. Subsequently banning people would be another step in the wrong direction then.

135 Thijs: there is no policy on how the board claims they would be using the feature yet, which means that subsequent boards might still abuse the functionality. Would it be a good idea to make a policy for this?

Quinten: I do not think that this would be necessary, as the board has a sort of representative function and would not abuse its powers.

140 Frank: if you were to ban people, would they not just be able to use incognito mode in their browser and still add videos?

Sander: no, because the functionality would also include toggle for a requirement to log in to be able to add songs.

145 Dylan: I like being anonymous by not logging in to ProTube, because then people cannot judge me for my tastes. I also think the feature would conflict with Proto's ideal of being open to everyone.

Femke: I agree with the board, trust the board not to abuse the feature and only use it to benefit the association by being able to get more work done.

150 Arthur: would it not be a good idea to just see how not having the boardroom works out on productivity for about half a year and only take action if the problem of distracting videos persists?

Jonathan: there are a lot of places for working quietly on campus, whereas there are very few where you can relax by watching videos and listening to music.

Voting for the implementation of a banning feature in ProTube:

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- In favor: 1
 - Against: 12
 - Blank: 4
 - Refrain from voting: 7

Denied.

160 *Bonsai tree committee suggestion* by Frank Lammers.

Frank: as a member of the FishCie, I often get asked if there can be more flora and fauna in the aquarium in Protopolis. I agree with this, and while we are working on that, I also have an idea for flora outside of the aquarium: a bonsai tree. I already have a list of 18 people who are supporting me for starting this committee, with two people voting for the name
165 "PhotosyntheCie".

Sarah: bonsais have the tendency to die easily, as they are very temperature sensitive. Protopolis has quite an unstable climate.

Jonathan: I agree with Frank, but I do not think it should necessarily be a committee, as committees usually get a separate budget. Would it be an option to change the FishCie into

170 a committee for living things within Protopolis? This would prevent an abundance of small committees that really only do one little thing.

Frank: that would put Xadya in the FishCie, which would be nothing but bad news for the fish.

Jonathan: that should not have to be a problem as within the SportCie, there are people that
175 organize activities and people who take care of the Batavierenrace.

Xadya: I think it is a good idea to write a policy that some committees do not get a budget, as Videography does not get a budget either. Though they are still part of Protography, this could change in the future, meaning that they would have to get a separate budget.

Dennis: why would ProtOpeners not be able to take care of a bonsai?

180 Sarah: because they could also take care of the fish, but they do not. Where do you propose to put the bonsai in Protopolis? There is very little room for anything new.

Xadya lists a couple of places where the bonsai could stand.

Philippe: I foresee trouble with people knocking over the bonsai.

Laura: we will indubitably find a place for the bonsai to stand. The main issue right now is
185 whether there should be a committee for taking care of the bonsai. Would it be an option to just leave it as a members' initiative, meaning that we could also use the Good Idea Budget?

Jaimy: I still do not agree with a bonsai, but a different type of plant would be fine, as long as we know who is responsible for it. It would be better to discuss all of this one-on-one instead of over a GMM.

190 *Informal vote indicates that Protopolis needs more plants.*

Half Yearly Report (1/2)

Sander: I would like to indicate that the page numbering is not completely correct, for which we apologize.

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195 ○ Margot: Alumni Committee is missing as a separate committee.

- Xadya: it is not a Proto committee, but a program committee.

- Dennis: I am missing the DIYCie.
- Puck: I would still like to see a piece dedicated to EEMCS, as in your policy plan, you said you would interact with them more.

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- Xadya: as the Board of Advisors, we would like to see a more elaborate evaluation of the survey in 1.3.
- Robin: are you allowed to include the full results of the survey, as it was anonymous?

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- Sander: no, that would still be a violation of privacy.
- Daniela: how do the results compare to the one from last year?
- Sander: they were hard to compare because they were too different.
- Daniela: will there be more workshops and company visits?
- Quinten: we are working on that.

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- Frank: sometimes, I miss out on activities, because the promotional posters are not in-your-face enough.
- Sander: it is hard for us to find the line between not promoting enough and promoting so much that people get annoyed.

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- Rens: a lot of activity promotion happens on facebook, but people are looking at their facebook less and less. I would like to have a poster that shows all the upcoming activities.
- Quinten: in my opinion, that would be a waste of paper.
- Rens: then I would like to have an email every Monday morning at 10:00 with the activities of the upcoming week or two in it.

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- Jaimy: that is not a feasible idea.
- Jonathan: a Proto app is in the works, which will be able to send push notifications. Would it be an option to connect the News section on the homepage with the facebook page?

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- Jaimy: there are a lot of things posted on the facebook, which do not all necessarily need to be visible on the website as well.
- Sander: the board will have a brainstorm for activity promotion ideas.

- 3.1.4
 - 260 ▪ Frank: I would like to see a Wall of Shame for people who forget to clean their mugs.
 - Quinten: the Handyman Committee is already working on a Tower of Shame.
- 3.2.1
 - 265 ▪ Xadya: has the second round of function introductions for new committees already taken place?
 - Sander: no, because no new committees have been formed since the last introduction.
- 3.2.2
 - 270 ▪ Laura: not all committees involved in the Fright Night collaboration are mentioned, like the EntropCy.
 - Sander: we will fix that.
 - Frank: being part of the EntropCy, I did not find the collaboration to go smoothly. Communication was often late and without us, the Fright Night
 - 275 would have to have been canceled.
 - Philippe: we as the ACE came with the idea to the Culture Committee, which is why communication was late. We were also late in communicating the route because it was hard to imagine how the route would be in the dark.
- 3.2.3
 - 280 ▪ Xadya: please fix the inconsistent naming of ProtoDay.
 - Peter: why have there been so little board game nights lately?
 - Sander: they have a lower priority to us as compared to other activities, they are primarily used when we cannot arrange any other activities.
 - 285 ▪ Rens: I would like to see an overview of each Proto Night and what kind of activity there was.
 - Sander: that would be a lot of work for us.
- 3.2.4
 - Frank on behalf of Ruben: great job.
- 3.3.1
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 - Xadya: I would include the change in coffee brand in the report as a future reference and I would not include the part about the alumni bureau being slow.
 - Frank on behalf of Ruben: I think it is a shame there have not been any alumni activities.

- 3.3.2

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 - Frank: I have not noticed much of the language policy.
 - Sander: we are adhering to the policy, but more during activities than in Protopolis though.
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 - Laura: it kind of happens automatically in Protopolis I think.
 - Daniela: are international students ever asked if they are interested in doing committees?
 - Jaimy: they are not as likely to be at Proto activities, but there are international students in some committees though.
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 - Daniela: would it be an idea to organize activities for international students specifically?
 - Sarah: we do not want to make a distinction between Dutch and international students.
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 - Xadya: andere verenigingen hebben ook genoeg internationals in commissies. Het vragen of internationals bij commissies willen is standaard en hoort dus niet onder dit kopje. Ook niet chique dat we zeggen dat wij het beter doen dan andere verenigingen. Other associations also have international students in their committees and it is not very polite to say we are doing better than other associations in this regard.
 - Philippe: we could inform kiddos about committees during the Kick-In, so that they get introduced to them quite early.

- 3.3.3

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 - Peter: sometimes, I do not get admin rights when I am a ProtOpener and I specifically have to ask for them, could you schedule this better?
 - Sander: I try doing this, but sometimes I simply forget.
 - Xadya: will you be asking new people to be ProtOpeners?

- Sander: yes.
- Laura: are you expecting to call on them more often now that you have lost the boardroom?
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- Sander: yes.
- 3.4.2
 - Xadya: I think the second paragraph is great news.
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 - Frank: from experience, I know that the book central has caused a lot of trouble in the last few years and everyone in the CEO knows about this. Would it be possible to just pick a different supplier?
 - Sarah: I asked this in today's CEO, but we have already signed a contract until June 2019 last June and they have a bit of a monopoly position.
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 - Xadya: OOC is called CEO, please change this.
- 3.4.7
 - Xadya: could you make an evaluation of all study nights and the amount of people that showed up?
 - Sarah: the amount of sign-ups on the website is usually a bad indication of how many people actually show up. Usually, there are around twenty people.
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 - Peter: I think study nights are well-organized.
- 3.4.8
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 - Frank: it seems like the concept of the CreaTe and ATLAS master market has been taken away from us and turned into a university-wide market, will this market be evaluated compared to our former own market?
 - Sarah: we were not contacted about Masters of Impact because we do not have our own master programs.
 - Dylan: are you thinking of contacting other universities as soon as we get our own master?
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 - Sarah: we are not allowed to do that anymore.
 - Dylan: then how will CreaTe be profiled within 4TU?
 - Sarah: that is a question for the next Officer of Educational Affairs.

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- Rens: I heard something about a minor market but I could not find anything about it when I started looking, please do not let the same thing happen to the minor market as what happened to the master market.
 - Sarah: we will be asking CreaTers about what minor program they followed and how they like it.

360 **Break**

22:21 - 22:43.

Half Yearly Report (2/2)

- 4.5.1.1
 - 365 ▪ Peter: why is it that those contracts were not yet renewed?
 - Quinten: because they could not be renewed until halfway through the year.
- 4.5.1.2
 - 370 ▪ Frank: if companies do not want to sponsor Proto financially, do you bring up creative sponsorship as a last resort?
 - Quinten: I do.
- 4.5.1.3
 - 375 ▪ Robin: how is there such a large difference between the amount of lunch lectures now and two years ago?
 - Frank: is this a UT-wide problem?
 - Quinten: it is not, companies simply ask other associations if they can give lunch lectures to their students, while I really have to go out of my way to even get companies to let them know that we offer lunch lectures as well and then they still do not want to do them.
 - 380 ▪ Xadya: I do not agree with the tone of the part about companies not wanting to give lunch lectures.
 - Quinten: I will fix it.

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- Philippe: is this not something you can use the Acquisition Committee for? And could you maybe ask companies that have given lunch lectures in the past if they want to do it again?
 - Quinten: this is something the acquisition committee is busy with as well already. I already asked some of those companies, and not a single one was willing to give another lecture.
- 4.5.2.
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- Laura on behalf of Kevin: it seemed like quite a big part of your policy plan, why does it seem so much smaller here?
 - Quinten: because the main priority will always be to keep Proto alive financially, which will not be the case until the target amount has been reached, which requires money and not discounts. There were also some
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- struggles in starting up the acquisition committee.
 - Laura on behalf of Kevin: is this because leading the Acquisition Committee is harder than you thought it would be or have you simply forgotten about it?
 - Quinten: in our policy plan, it says that two members of the Acquisition
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- Committee are responsible for acquiring sponsorship deals, not me specifically.
 - Robin: why are two people focused on this if it is not the main focus of the committee?
 - Quinten: because responsibilities are spread within the committee,
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- allowing multiple different focuses instead of just one.
 - Xadya: the way you are writing about the previous Officer of External Affairs is impolite.
 - Quinten: I will look into changing the tone.
 - Robin: membership discounts and creative sponsorship apparently do not
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- have priority, but it does seem like it right now. Maybe change it to something that says that it is only partly a focus.
 - Quinten: I will change that.
 - Jonathan: in your policy plan, it said that more attention would be paid to proper meetings and minutes, how has that gone so far?

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- Quinten: it has most definitely improved, even more so after finding a new chairman that was not me.
 - Jonathan: is the committee not too large at the moment?
 - Quinten: that is exactly what I wanted, so that the committee could persue multiple focuses.
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- Jonathan: how is work divided within the committee?
 - Peter: I side with Quinten, there have been meetings dedicated to make things more clear within the committee and there is a buddy couple for every focus point, which works very well in my opinion.
 - Jonathan: are the older members still full members?
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- Peter: Mostly.
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 - Frank on behalf of Ruben: it is not acceptable that no financial report is published at this GMM and that the communication about this was so unclear.
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- Rens: the Audit Committee advised against publishing anything as it is still unfinished, some small things were still missing.
- 3.7.1
 - Xadya: why is the board doing merchandise?
 - Quinten: because I really wanted to make Proto socks myself.
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- Robin: if members did not necessarily wanted merchandise according to the survey, why are you making new merchandise?
 - Sander: they primarily wanted better, less green designs.
- 3.7.2
 - Xadya: congratulations on getting your go moment!
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- Laura on behalf of Kevin: why is there no mention of involvement of Proto?
 - Sarah: Proto is the collateral of Foundation ICE
 - Frank: then why does it not say that it is separate from Proto?
 - Sarah: it does say that, because it is a separate foundation.
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- 3.7.3
 - Xadya: do you want to move the entire website to the wiki?

- Sarah: no, that is an error. The GMM documents will be on the wiki by the end of the year.

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- Xadya: how did the Midwinter BBQ go?
- Jaimy: it was well-attended and the weather turned out way better than expected.
- Frank: the part about the EntropCy helping with certain activities still needs to be added.

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- Dylan: would it be an option to move the Laser Tag activity to the First-Year Committee?
- Quinten: the First-Year Committee will not yet have been formed by the time we usually organize the activity. We want to organize it early in the year to get first-years involved with Proto as early as possible.

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- Jaimy: and they do not have any experience in organizing activities yet.
- Dennis: is the ACE starting to get in a rut?
- Jaimy: we are currently organizing an activity that has never been organized before, so I would not say so.
- Frank: it might be a good idea for the new board to move the standard activities to the FYC.

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- 4.4

- Jonathan: did you manage to organize more activities outside of the campus?
- Sarah: the idea to organize an activity outside of the campus is still there and it will be executed in summer.
- Xadya: earlier, you said that committee communication is going well, but apparently not?
- Sarah: overall, it is going well, but this is just one example of where it did not go well.

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- 4.5

- Frank: the Senate was not aware of the fact that people had already been drinking hard liquor prior to the cantus. I have even heard people say that

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second-years and even one of the board members encouraged first-years to bring liquor with them, which is unacceptable.

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- Sander: we were not aware of this either and we completely agree.
- Rens: what if we would simply forbid alcohol on camp altogether?
- Laura: banning alcohol is not a good idea for 18-year-olds, as this will make it even more appealing for them to bring alcohol.
- Sander: we could indicate that there will be plenty of alcohol at camp?
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- Peter: according to the TIPCie, first-years already drink less than other students.
- Xadya: how was your experience with bringing EROs on camp?
- Sander: very good, we plan on bringing more next time.

○ 4.6

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- Xadya: in the end report of board 6.0, Laura and I already concluded that organizing a Dies week in the exam period is a bad idea.
- Jaimy: we discovered this too late, sorry for that. We have already moved some of the activities.

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- Jonathan: there is no mention of free 0% drinks and free food, is that not a thing anymore?
- Sarah: we are going to be using one amount of food money for every ERO, the 0% drinks thing still applies.
- Puck: at the Midwinter BBQ, we totally forgot about that and when we
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- realized that, we arranged some sodas as soon as we could.

Femke leaves at 23:48.

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- Xadya: what you did with the Christmas dinner, is that you indicated the change in nature of the activity only in the event on the Proto website, which is not enough. Also, please indicate that five people are leaving the committee next year.
- Peter: are committees allowed to look for candidates by themselves?

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- Xadya: yes, we are. This is because we need very experienced people. Also, an interest list at a committee market is not much different from looking for candidates yourself.
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- Xadya: the wording is a bit iffy right now. You should change it to something about the other associations not wanting to start as early as you did.
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- 4.13
- Philippe: you mention planning issues while organizing the gala, that was because of the other associations forming their committees late, could you change it?
 - Sander: that will be hard to do without attacking them, but we will try.
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- 4.14
- Frank: I have heard some people complain about the poster quality not having improved because some of them look so much alike. Some committees would also like to have their posters sooner, would that be possible?
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- Jaimy: it would not be possible.
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- Xadya: is there money for a printed version of the magazine?
 - Jaimy: we will not be printing that many, only like 6. It is also not meant to replace the online magazine, it is meant to generate new interest in the online magazine.
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Laura leaves the GMM at 00:36.

- 4.20
- Xadya: could you maybe add something about the interest in quick lunches according to the survey?
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- Jaimy: yes.
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- Frank: how much more expensive will the weekend get?
 - Sarah: about €10,-.

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 - Frank: is it true that less people will be able to join?
 - Sarah: we now have 40 sleeping spots instead of 65, of which 25 are free for the people who signed up.
 - Philipp: there is a chance that not all spots will be filled because of the price increase.
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 - Xadya: I used to organize a fundraiser every year, I do not like how you did not involve me in this year's fundraiser, as we are losing sponsors this way.
 - Daniela: I thought that we had discussed it, but apparently not, sorry.
- 4.24
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 - Xadya: the BoA found the evaluation to be suboptimal and we would have liked to see it being moved to the final report. I would also advise to check if it is a good idea to keep the concept of the trip the same in the upcoming years
 - Frank: did you consider that it would have been harder for people of
 - 555 certain ethnicities to get picked up while hitchhiking?
 - Philippe: not specifically, but we did have a general plan for people not getting picked up.
 - Xadya: I would leave the evaluation out if it is not fully finished.
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 - Xadya: why was the date of the symposium moved?
 - Sarah: because some companies could only give a talk at a later date.

The letter about the shortcomings of the semi-annual report that the Board of Advisors sent is treated. There is no voting.

Any other business

565 There is no other business.

Survey

- a. Frank: did you know I could do this? *hits head with red object*
- b. Rens: when will the pens be done?

c. Jaimy: we will discuss if we as a board still all agree on ordering pens.

570 Closing

The GMM closes at 01:18.