

Minutes General Meeting #3

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Attendees

Marie-Sophie Simon (chair 30th board)
 Jorrit de Boer (secretary 30th board)
 Kimberley Frings (treasurer 30th board)
 Stijn Vandenput (commissioner of internal affairs 30th board)
 Michiel Kraan (commissioner of external affairs 30th board)
 Mark de Jong (chair 31st candidate board)
 Anne den Hertog (vice-chair 31st candidate board)
 Walter Levens (secretary 31st candidate board)
 Imke Huisink (treasurer 31st candidate board)
 Lars Jeurissen (commissioner of internal affairs 31st candidate board)
 Wouter Doeland (commissioner of external affairs 31st candidate board)
 Hamzah Al Zubi
 Sietske Dijkstra
 Job Doesburg
 Jen Dusseljee
 Kirsten Hagenaars
 Jorn Heibrink
 Gijs Hendriksen
 Yannick Hogewind
 Max Janssen
 Thijs de Jong
 Quinten Kock
 Roel van Manen
 Tom Nies
 Marthijn van den Nieuwenhuizen
 Nick van Oers
 Cato van Ojen
 Tim Reijneveld
 Esther Shi
 Milan van Stiphout
 Patrick van Beurden
 Stefan van Ieperen
 Koen Verdenius
 Joren Vrancken
 Rico te Wechel
 Nienke Wessel
 Brian Wieggers
 Bas van der Zandt

1 Call to Order

19:34 *Marie-Sophie Simon calls the General Meeting to order.*

2 Announcements

Marie-Sophie Simon reminds the General Meeting of the rules for letting the online meeting go smoothly.

5 Marie-Sophie Simon asks Jorrit de Boer to read the authorizations and notices of absence. Jorrit de Boer announces the notices of absence he has received:

- Thom Wiggers
- Simone Meeuwssen
- Erik Barendsen

10 Jorrit de Boer announces the authorizations he has received:

- Polina Moroza authorizes Kirsten Hageaars
- Isolde Hoogendonk authorizes Nienke Wessel
- Tom Koning authorizes Nienke Wessel
- Max Leijtens authorizes Cato van Ojen

15 ▪ Yannick Hogewind authorizes Joren Vrancken

Marie-Sophie Simon asks if there are objections to the meeting being recorded for the minutes. There are no objections so the recording is started.

Marie-Sophie Simon announces that the north and south canteens are moving. Unfortunately the faculty hasn't officially informed all students of this besides a small mention in a newsletter so the board wants to inform Thalia's members through this announcement. Marie-Sophie Simon adds that the board is not responsible for this, the faculty is performing the move and Olympus is in contact with them about this. The new canteens will not be available until May 2022. In the mean time study associations will be able to use the GigaBite (URD) for borrels, but not a lot is clear yet on how to reserve that space and how the drinks are arranged at events in that space.

25 Job Doesburg remarks that it is indeed true that Thalia is not directly responsible for this but Thalia is a member of Olympus so the board does have influence on it. Marie-Sophie Simon clarifies the board did not have a choice in whether the move should happen. Job Doesburg continues by asking if this matter has been discussed at Olympus General Meetings and what Thalia's and other association's opinion has been in those meetings. Marie-Sophie Simon responds that the decision for moving was made before September 2020 so the current board was not involved with that. Marie-Sophie Simon adds that regarding Thalia's and other associations' message towards Olympus about the current state of affairs all associations including Thalia have made clear to Olympus this situation is suboptimal and have tried to apply pressure to Olympus to better the situation.

35 Job Doesburg asks whether at an Olympus General Meeting there has been a formal objection, a kind of "declaration of disapproval", called out against the faculty and their actions in this situation. Marie-Sophie Simon answers this is not the case. Job Doesburg says he thinks that is a shame and it would be a good idea to still do this at the next Olympus General Meeting. Marie-Sophie Simon says she will take it with her to the next Olympus General Meeting.

40 Joren Vrancken says he thinks such a "declaration of disapproval" would be futile. He continues by asking what exactly Olympus has been doing to remedy the situation. Marie-Sophie Simon responds GigaBite can be used for events which are currently being set up to be as close to the old canteens

as possible. Furthermore, there are currently tents outside of the Huygens Building for events until September.

45 Koen Verdenius agrees with Joren Vrancken that a formal complaint in an Olympus General Meeting would not have much effect, letting Olympus make a formal complaint to the faculty itself might be more effective but he doesn't think that is the best course of action. The canteens are given by the good grace of the faculty to the students so it's best to not act too entitled about them and to right now focus on the alternatives.

50 Nienke Wessel clarifies that, even though GigaBite can also be used for events, mostly the space above the GigaBite, which is now a study space, will be available for borrels and similar events. Currently Olympus is in talks with the details of this space like how many fridges will be in there. Because of this, and as Koen Verdenius mentioned that the canteens are gifted to us by the faculty, Nienke Wessel is of the opinion that making any formal complaint or alike would not only not help the situation but mostly severely harm the relation between study associations and the faculty. She adds
55 that the faculty is doing their best and the delays are not on purpose and there is no need or use in taking on a hostile position towards the faculty. Marie-Sophie Simon responds she understands and agrees and mentions that the board is in contact with the faculty, olympus, other beta associations, and she is confident that the situation will be handled as best as possible.

60 Milan van Stiphout asks whether a rumour that he heard is true: the employees in the 5-wing did not want to move when they were supposed to work, so the move has to happen during a break, which is the reason of the delays. Marie-Sophie Simon responds she isn't completely sure but she thinks this is correct. Nienke Wessel adds that this is part of the reason for the delays. Milan van Stiphout says that he then understands the sentiment of some in this meeting, as the faculty could have given higher priority to students and lessened the impact on students, but they decided not to. So the
65 faculty could have done more and being more clear to the faculty with our issues, not necessarily by a formal complaint, could result in them giving more priority to students and reducing some of the problems. Nienke Wessel answers the department in question is the scheduling department.

70 Marie-Sophie Simon says she agrees with both sides and can assure the board is both being very respectful to the faculty and understanding that they are doing the best they can while still voicing our concerns, which has already seemed effective.

Milan van Stiphout says he very much appreciates the board's efforts to minimize the impact of these issues but he would still like to voice his disappointment in the canteens being gone for such a long time, even though nothing can change that anymore.

3 Changes to Agenda

Decision 75 *The agenda is approved.*

4 Approval of the minutes of the GM of the 1st of March 2021

Joren Vrancken remarks not all lines have line numbers. Jorrit de Boer responds he will fix that.

Decision *The minutes are approved.*

5 WBTR Document

80 Marie-Sophie Simon introduces the agenda point by saying the document will be discussed per suggested change. Furthermore, there will be no vote on anything today, this discussion is just to grasp the general opinion on the suggested changes.

Joren Vrancken says the introduction mentions some changes are required for Thalia's articles of association to conform to the new law, and asks what these changes are, and which changes are just the workgroup's suggestions besides these required changes. Jorrit de Boer answers that is 16, on what to do in case the entire board is unavailable. He adds that indeed all other suggestions are the workgroup's suggestions that aren't necessary for the new law. This is done because changing the articles of association is expensive and takes a lot of effort so seeing as we have to change them now anyway we might as well look at what more needs an overhaul. Joren Vrancken responds by suggesting to then broaden this discussion outside of this workgroup and ask all members what changes could be nice to implement. As currently he is unsure on who is even in this workgroup. And furthermore, a workgroup is not formally a type of body that Thalia has. Jorrit de Boer responds by saying he agrees. The board sent an email some time ago asking who wanted to be in the workgroup, and should any people be interested they can possibly still join the workgroup, they can do so by sending an email to the board or the workgroup itself. Regarding the type of body that the workgroup is, it is effectively a temporary committee. Finally, regarding more input from members Jorrit de Boer adds that they can be given now or be sent to the workgroup's email address, they are very open to more suggestions.

Article 1

100 Joren Vrancken asks if anyone could explain the motivation behind this suggestion. Jorrit de Boer responds that everywhere Study Association Thalia is used, on merchandice, on the website, on all communication from the board, but formally we're still called Studievereniging Thalia, which is a bit weird.

Joren Vrancken says he is not necessarily in favor or against the change but he doesn't really see the need for the change. Thalia is a Dutch association because it is situated in a Dutch city, Nijmegen, that just happens to mostly talk English. Marie-Sophie Simon responds that indeed it is not needed, but that it is nice, for the reason that Jorrit de Boer gave.

Job Doesburg indicates that he is strongly against the change.

Joren Vrancken asks if this document is not shared within the workgroup as he sees that Job Doesburg and Jorrit de Boer are both in the workgroup but apparently have differing opinions on this matter. Marie-Sophie Simon responds that there is indeed a difference of opinion within the workgroup and this discussion is to gather the General Meeting's opinion.

Job Doesburg has some technical issues but still would like to express his opinion so the discussion is briefly postponed while the next changes are discussed.

115 Article 14(2)

Milan van Stiphout asks how many times a member can be re-elected to be board. Jorrit de Boer answers that a member can in principle be re-elected infinitely many times. Right now the situation is that after 3 years a board member has to be re-elected in order to stay a board member.

120 Koen Verdenius mentions it has happened, if he recalls correctly the year before he became board, that the board was only voted in a week before they came board. It is not unrealistic that no board

can be found or there are difficulties with voting in the board. In this case with the suggested change that a board member needs to be re-elected every 12 months there could be no board on the 1st of September. Koen Verdenius suggests to set the period to something like 18 months so the desired effect is still achieved but it also accounts for weird situations.

125 **Article 16**

Koen Verdenius asks if someone can precisely tell what the new law requires Thalia to have in their articles of association. Marie-Sophie Simon answers there has to be a ruling on what to do in case the amount of board members drops to 0.

130 Koen Verdenius says he is against the change and suggests that instead in this scenario the Advisory Committee or some other instance or person immediately calls a General Meeting within the minimum amount of time that is set for that to appoint a new board. Jorrit de Boer replies that this is kind of the intended meaning of the change. The Advisory Committee would become board, with as their sole task calling out a General Meeting to appoint a new board. Koen Verdenius responds that if this is clearly stated as such in the articles of association he is fine with that.

135 Milan van Stiphout asks how other associations handle this. Jorrit de Boer replies that he talked to GEWIS, the association for computing science in Eindhoven, and they do the same thing.

Milan van Stiphout mentions he thinks it indeed should be clear that the Advisory Committee's task as temporary board is just to call out a General Meeting. Saying they become board sounds a bit confusing.

140 Joren Vrancken says he doesn't think this is confusing. Someone needs to chair that General Meeting and there could be instances in that meeting where the body the board needs to be present. He adds by saying that he isn't a great fan of the Advisory Committee becoming board as they are on the side line by definition, but he doesn't have a great alternative and encourages the rest of the General Meeting to come up with better alternatives.

145 Milan van Stiphout mentions committee chairs could be an alternative. Historically they have also been kind of part of the board.

150 Koen Verdenius mentions that as far as he knows there is no need for there to be a board instated for a General Meeting to be called out and to happen. You could appoint a chair and someone to take minutes right then and there at the meeting. If this would mean the Advisory Committee would do this he would be okay with this.

Article 16(6)

There are no remarks on this change.

Article 21

There are no remarks on this change.

155 **Attending General Meetings Online**

Joren Vrancken says he thinks this is a pretty impactful change. As he understands this would mean every General Meeting would have to be attendable online. He wonders if the workgroup has

consulted a rechtswinkel or alike for legal advice. Jorrit de Boer responds that this does not require every General Meeting to be attendable online. This is really only meant to allow for that to happen.
 160 The rules and regulations for example could make this obligatory for every meeting. To the second question Jorrit de Boer mentions that the workgroup has not gotten legal advice for this yet, but Job Doesburg has researched this point specifically thoroughly. Job Doesburg mentions that we will get legal advice sometime after this meeting. Jorrit de Boer adds that indeed after this meeting we will go to a notary who will help with the details that will make these changes formally sound.

165 Tom Nies asks how voting would occur if some people attend the meeting physically and some online. Jorrit de Boer answers that this not defined. These changes in the articles of association would only allow for people to attend online, but don't define anything on the protocols. If a board would want to do this they would indicate in the invitation of the General Meeting how the protocol will occur and then members can dispute that process. Furthermore, rules and regulations could include more
 170 strict rules on protocols.

Tom Nies mentions he asks this because in the case only a few people vote online their voting would not be anonymous. Marie-Sophie Simon says she agrees and says this is something that should be thought of if this is implemented. However, adding this in the articles of association doesn't pin anything down at this moment on the details. Koen Verdenius mentions that it is probably best to
 175 have everyone online or everyone in person, a mix would probably be a big hassle. Joren Vrancken says he agrees and adds that this really should be as bare bones as possible and shouldn't include anything on protocols or programs.

Article 1

The discussion of article 1 is continued.

180 Job Doesburg mentions he is against this change and would like to poll the General Meeting in some form to really get how many people are in favor or against this change. Jorrit de Boer replies he is against polling right now as that could be seen as binding and that has some weird implications for the actual vote on the changes at a subsequent General Meeting. He suggests, and asks if this is possible, to put both options in the actual presented draft up for vote and then specifically have a
 185 vote for this.

Joren Vrancken says he doesn't understand why we would not poll this as this discussion is meant to get a general opinion from the General Meeting which that does perfectly. Secondly he asks people to give arguments in favor and against this change as he is not convinced either way.

190 Job Doesburg gives his arguments against changing the name. Firstly a practical argument: changing your name is a hassle as you need to change your name at some instances like the Chamber of Commerce. Secondly, the name is a part of Thalia's history, even though Thalia's name hasn't been like this forever, Thalia has been a Dutch association for most of it's existence and the fact we are now talking English at most events and use English for communication doesn't need to incite a name change. The Radboud University is also still formally called the Radboud Universiteit. Thirdly, the
 195 articles of association are a binding document completely in Dutch so it's odd to have an English name in between there.

Jorrit de Boer gives his arguments as to why the name should change. Firstly, as he mentioned before, everywhere in Thalia, in the communication, merchandice, promotion, Thalia is called Study Association so for consistency sake it's best to rename it. Secondly, changing this is one more step
 200 to show Thalia is international. Thalia isn't a Dutch association that just now happens to be talking English, Thalia is an international association and changing the name shows that.

Milan van Stiphout voices his agreement with Job Doesburg. He thinks Thalia is both a Dutch and an international association and he thinks it's nice to keep in this formal place the Dutch character

and everywhere else, in all places that are shown to members it's good to carry out the English name to show our involvement with international members. He concludes by saying he dislikes just "Thalia" even more and asks to please not change it to that.

Koen Verdenius voices his strong opinion that this discussion is stupid. In his opinion this is symbolic politics. The name in this formal document doesn't change anything about what name we use in public. Jorrit de Boer responds that he agrees that it is almost purely symbolic, however the symbol here is quite important as it shows what association we are.

Marie-Sophie Simon asks if there should be a poll now to gather the general opinion of the General Meeting. Jorrit de Boer answers he doesn't think that is a good idea as it wouldn't mean anything. It's clear there are some in favor, some against, so there will be no overwhelming result any way so that would still result in there having to be a formal vote in a subsequent General Meeting. Marie-Sophie Simon concludes we will not have a poll now and vote on this matter in a subsequent General Meeting.

20:27 *Marie-Sophie Simon suspends the meeting until 20:35.*

6 Presentation Candidate board

Marie-Sophie Simon asks everyone from the candidate board to briefly introduce themselves to the General Meeting.

220 Mark de Jong says he is the candidate chair and is very happy to have Marie-Sophie Simon as his predecessor. He is in the second year of computing science, he was born in Nijmegen. In Thalia he has been in the Events Committee and the Soccer Guild and he would like to give back to the association by doing a board year.

225 Anne den Hertog is the candidate vice-chair, also a second year student. She loves Thalia because of the loving and open atmosphere and would like to continue letting Thalia provide that for both new and old students.

Walter Levens is the candidate secretary. Ever since he started studying Thalia has been lots of fun and shown him there is much more to studying than just studying. He is in the Soccer Guild and in the Batavieren Committee.

230 Imke Huisink is the candidate treasurer and is also a second year student. She is in the Thabloid Committee and in the Batavieren Committee. Thalia to her feels like a family and has been opening to her and because of that she wants to give something back to the association.

235 Lars Jeurissen is the candidate commissioner of internal affairs. He is a third year student and is hopefully starting his master next year. He is in many committees and loves Thalia for making him feel at home. Because of that he hopes to be commissioner of internal affairs to make sure all goes smoothly regarding committees within Thalia.

Wouter Doeland is candidate commissioner of external affairs. He is a second year student. He loves Thalia's gezelligheid. He is in the Technicie, Tosti Committee, and in the Cooks Guild. He is very much looking forward to being commissioner of external affairs.

240 Milan van Stiphout asks the candidate board if everyone can tell in one sentence what their favorite Thalia moment has been.

245 For Mark de Jong this was organizing the Events Committee christmas event and hosting the livestream. Anne den Hertog says this for her the Introshirt Borrel because she was super nervous beforehand but everyone was super nice. For Walter Levens this was orientation because it was just amazing. Imke Huisink agrees with Walter Levens because she got to meet so many people and

they were all so open. Lars Jeurissen says for him this was the only Thalia Weekend he has been able to attend thus far and he mentions he hopes we will be able to have one next year again. Wouter Doeland says this for him was the craft beer borrel.

7 Policy Plan 2021-2022

250 Marie-Sophie Simon gives the word to Mark de Jong. Mark de Jong thanks Marie-Sophie Simon for the word and announces he will go through the policy plan section by section.

1.1 Restart

Joren Vrancken asks if the candidate board can elaborate on what is meant with different starts that have been discussed with various committees. Mark de Jong explains the impact of corona next year is still unclear, especially in the beginning of the year. So they've asked committees to be prepared 255 both in case physical events are possible and in case only online events are possible. Joren Vrancken asks what the committees have answered to this request. Mark de Jong says the committees have responded positively to this request but that the real preparations for the start of next year haven't really started, they will start between the end of the exams and the start of the year. Furthermore 260 they themselves are prepared for basically any start of the year and they will make sure the first year students are incorporated into Thalia, no matter the situation with corona at that point in time.

1.1.1 First Year Students

Milan van Stiphout asks what first year student focussed events look like. Mark de Jong gives as an example the first year bowling event that the Events Committee had organized this year. Also 265 regarding this they are prepared and have plans for the different kinds of starts that next year can have regarding corona. Milan van Stiphout advises the candidate board to remember the aim of this is to incorporate first year students into the rest of Thalia so there shouldn't be too many events just for first year students. He adds that it's probably best to focus promotion on first year students for regular events so they come to those and they mix with the rest of the association. Mark de Jong 270 responds that is what they also had in mind.

Joren Vrancken mentions sometimes master students are also first year students and he suggests the candidate board also looks into ways of incorporating them into Thalia. Mark de Jong mentions there is a section further down the document specifically about master students. Joren Vrancken responds he knows but he wanted to mention that there is an overlap between these two groups and the people 275 in this overlap also have to be given the chance to incorporate into Thalia properly. Mark de Jong says he understands and says they will take it into consideration.

1.1.2 Committees and Activities

Joren Vrancken mentions last General Meeting it was stated by Marie-Sophie Simon that there is no knowledge gap, however this section states there is. He asks if this has changed in the past few 280 months. Lars Jeurissen responds some committees have indeed indicated there is a risk of a knowledge gap occurring within their committees as a result of experienced members leaving. He adds that he doesn't know what the opinion at the last General Meeting was but he does know that this is the situation as the committees have currently indicated to him.

1.2 Partners

285 Joren Vrancken asks why and how the candidate board is planning on improving the vacancies. Wouter
Doeland responds that the 2019-2020 board have indicated in their annual report that companies
were reluctant to enter big partnerships with Thalia, one of the reasons being that companies feel
vacancies and emails get fewer responses in Thalia than in other comparable associations. Wouter
Doeland continues by listing a few examples of how to improve vacancies: moving the vacancies tab
290 on the website from underneath partners to the main bar, make categories of vacancies subscribable
so people receive emails when new vacancies in that category are added, discuss with partners how
to make the vacancy descriptions easier to read for for example first or second year students as now
there sometimes are some requirements in there that might now be necessary. Joren Vrancken thinks
those are good ideas and advises Wouter Doeland to also focus on promotion, to make sure people
295 know about them.

Job Doesburg says he is skeptical this will fix the problem. He thinks the problem of people not
responding to vacancies might not be Thalias not being aware of them or thinking they aren't for
them, but people inherently not being interested in them. He says it is good to keep in mind if this
actually fixes the problem and to see if there isn't a more deeply rooted problem with Thalia and
300 partners. Mark de Jong responds this is something they have thought about and will definitely keep
in mind.

Joren Vrancken says he kind of agrees with Job Doesburg and mentions that one of the problems is
that Thalia is a bachelor focussed association and partners aren't that interested in bachelor students,
they are interested in master students, preferably master studentst that will graduate in the coming
305 few months. Mark de Jong responds they are very open at this point to suggestions to indeed truly
fixing this problem.

Wietse Kuipers reaffirms what Joren Vrancken is saying. He arranged that the company he works for
had a lunch lecture at Thalia this year. At the lunch lecture, however, there were about 80 bachelor
students who the company will never see again. The company is interested in master students who
310 in the near future can fulfill junior functions. If Thalia can offer contact with those students, that
would be exponentially more valuable to companies. He adds that maybe Thalia could play a bigger
role in the master thesis market and ask money for companies that want to be there, as right now it
is free. Mark de Jong concludes that the advice the General Meeting is giving is that the candidate
board should focus on getting companies in contact with master students if they want to improve
315 the relation between partners and Thalia.

Joren Vrancken asks why the candidate board wants to focus on cyber security related companies.
The university offers more masters but there isn't a suggestion to attract more companies related
to the MFoCS master. Wouter Doeland responds he feels the cyber security master and track in
the bachelor is a unique aspect of the computing science study at the Radboud University and at
320 this moment he doesn't see companies play into this and he feels this is something unique that the
Radboud University and with that Thalia has to offer to companies. Joren Vrancken responds he
understands, but he feels this might not be the case right now as much as five years ago. Currently,
the data science master is bigger than the cyber security master, and the amount of cyber security
related courses in the bachelor has been going down in the last few years. Because of this he feels
325 there is no specific reason for Thalia to focus on the cyber security master. Rather, Thalia can focus
on getting companies related to all masters. Milan van Stiphout says he doesn't fully agree with Joren
Vrancken. The cyber security master at the Radboud University is now no longer a cooperation with
Eindhoven and a new master related to cyber security is also in the works. He does agree that it is
good to find companies related to all masters, he thinks finding companies related to cyber security is
330 a good thing. Wouter Doeland mentions he will of course make sure to find companies related to all
masters. He just noticed there right now are no companies focussed on cyber security and he thinks
that is a shame.

2.1 Promotion

Milan van Stiphout asks if there will be a Thalia Tik Tok. Mark de Jong responds there will not.
 335 Milan van Stiphout responds that that is a big shame.

Milan van Stiphout mentions this is quite a big issue that has been discussed a lot in the past and he wonders if the candidate board can elaborate on how they will try to address this problem. Mark de Jong responds they are indeed aware this is a big problem. They don't think the events itself are a problem, this is illustrated by the last borrel for which the registrations were filled within a minute
 340 or so. They have communicated with committees and they think the problem is the reach of the promotion and how they receive it. It is unclear to new Thalians from what central spot they can expect promotion. Instead of there being a clear channel of promotion there are various: WhatsApp, the newsletter, Facebook. They are planning on mostly continuing these channels. However, they will make a plan such that it is clear to people they can choose one channel, including Thalia Instagram
 345 which the candidate board is planning on starting, and they will get all of their promotion from there, and they will not receive 10 identical notifications. They will process this initial plan into a document they will present at the next committee chair meeting where committees will be able to give their input. Milan van Stiphout mentions that it's good to get as many opinions on this as possible, not just from committee chairs.

Milan van Stiphout continues by mentioning in the past customizability has been discussed and he thinks that is a good thing to look into. Right now if you import the calendar you get all events on the Thalia site including for example Olympus events even though someone might not be as interested in that. As a result of this, Milan van Stiphout says, he doesn't import the calendar at all. Mark de Jong says he doesn't necessarily agree this is a great idea as it might be a slippery slope. If you can exclude
 355 certain organizers you will never see anything from them anymore, not even if their events improve or change in such ways that they are interesting for you. Milan van Stiphout responds he understands but he thinks that that would be nice for him personally. He adds that this shows this problem is just very hard to solve. Joren Vrancken says he agrees with Milan van Stiphout, there are some events that he will never want to go to. Mark de Jong concludes they will consider customizability in some
 360 form or another.

Joren Vrancken says he likes the idea of a central source of promotion, and he strongly suggests to let this be the newsletter. Thalia is an association and association's have newsletters, everyone has an email so they can receive them, and if you don't want to receive it it is very easy to turn them off. He adds that it can be improved in various ways, like implementing customizability and removing
 365 the large amounts of text. Mark de Jong thanks Joren Vrancken and Milan van Stiphout for their suggestions.

Master Students

Nienke Wessel asks what the candidate board's concrete ideas are for this topic as this problem has been attempted to solve for many years. Mark de Jong responds there have been successful events for
 370 master students, specifically in 2018/2019, and the candidate board wants to take those events as a baseline and expand upon that. Those successful events show that master students are interested in Thalia, if Thalia provides the right events, so they are confident they will be able to make progress in tackling this problem. Nienke Wessel asks which events these were. Anne den Hertog responds there was an event in the evening of the master welcome day and there was a low key informal partner
 375 event, both of which were well received by masters.

Joren Vrancken says the problem of cohesion between master students is a problem that is bigger than Thalia, it is also experienced and causing problems in the educational side. Joren Vrancken advises the candidate board talk to the master coordinators as they also want to address this issue. Mark de Jong responds they were already planning on doing that.

380 Joren Vrancken asks what is meant with the final sentence of the section as it sounds like the candidate board wants to stop master events which would definitely not solve the problem. Mark de Jong responds the candidate board wants to do their very best to make events for masters, but they are aware that it is possible that this will fail and there is maybe a way bigger cultural problem that they cannot solve. Because of this they want to evaluate the progress on this half way through the
385 year so they can possibly stop the events if they are really not successful, as they don't want to put a lot of energy into events that people aren't interested in.

Wietse Kuipers mentions Anne den Hertog made a very good remark in that the candidate board should cater to the needs of the master students and asks what the candidate board exactly thinks are the needs of the master students, in particular those needs that bachelor students don't have.
390 Mark de Jong responds that master students are more focussed on getting a job already so they are more interested in partners, and partners are more interested in them. He adds that they will also discuss this further with the master coordinators. Wietse Kuipers mentions that he, a former master student, thinks what master students need most is a research internship and a thesis spot. Wouter Doeland responds they will definitely take that into account. Additionally, they will talk with master
395 students to ask them what they want.

Nienke Wessel says she thinks the master coordinators don't necessarily know what to do about this issue, it is indeed best to talk to master students themselves. She adds that next to partner events master students want to meet people, but they aren't that interested in meeting the younger students of the association. Mark de Jong responds they will indeed talk to master students.

400 2.3 Board

Joren Vrancken asks what plans the candidate board has to prevent the knowledge gap as much as possible and what the result was of the conversations with the Advisory Committee. Mark de Jong responds they don't have that many concrete ideas on this. This is meant as a statement that the candidate board is aware that most of them have seen basically only half a year of what Thalia usually
405 is so they will keep this in the back of their mind and keep talking to more experienced members.

3 Financial

Mark de Jong gives the word to Imke Huisink for the financial part of the policy plan. Imke Huisink thanks Mark de Jong for the word.

3.6 Events

410 Milan van Stiphout mentions the expectation for the coming orientation is an explosive rise in the amount of new students, about a 40% increase in comparison to last year, and if that is not just an outlier but a new trend then the orientation barbecue cannot be held in the current form next year. Job Doesburg adds that as far as he is aware the orientation barbecue has at least tripled in size in the last years and has been quite a big hassle to organize. He adds that it might be worth considering
415 if this event, even though it is a great event to start the year of with, can still be organized in it's current form if the increase in students indeed continues. Milan van Stiphout responds that he thinks the barbecue is a pretty integral part of Thalia so should definitely keep being organized, although maybe changed like with a bigger location. Imke Huisink responds they will take it into consideration.

Imke Huisink gives the word back to Mark de Jong.

420 Mark de Jong asks if there are any general remarks on the entire policy plan.

Joren Vrancken mentions he likes the short and compact format.

Joren Vrancken asks if more information about the lustrum could be given. Mark de Jong responds there aren't any concrete ideas at this moment but this topic will be discussed in more detail at the next General Meeting.

425 8 Voting Policy Plan 2021-2022

Marie-Sophie Simon thanks the candidate board for the presentation of their policy plan and asks Jorrit de Boer to setup the vote.

The vote is held with the following statement: I approve the policy plan 2021-2022 and the candidate board from the 1st of September

	Quorum	38
430	In favour	27
	Opposed	0
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Decision *The candidate board and the policy plan of the candidate board for 2021-2022 are accepted.*

Mark de Jong gives a small speech where he especially thanks Koen Verdenius.

9 A.O.B.

There is no other business to discuss.

435 10 Table Round

Anne den Hertog thanks the General Meeting for comments on the policy plan and the result of the vote.

Imke Huisink thanks the General Meeting for the suggestions and the vote.

440 Job Doesburg asks if there will be an old board borrel. Marie-Sophie Simon responds the board is looking into options for events now so she hopes they can organize one this summer still.

Joren Vrancken congratulates the future board and wishes them good luck next year. He also asks if something is planned for an End of Semester party. Marie-Sophie Simon responds the same goes for this as for the old board borrel, but also for the Active Members Activity and the cobo, that the board is looking into options now to hopefully be able to do these events in the summer.

445 Jorrit de Boer congratulates the future board and says he is looking forward to the next General Meeting where the name will be discussed.

Kimberley Frings congratulates the future board and wishes them good luck next year.

450 Koen Verdenius congratulates the future board and the current board for becoming old board on September 1. He also asks Mark de Jong how fast he can drink a bottle of Ice and if he thinks that that is something that he can improve on during his board year. Mark de Jong responds that at this

moment he cannot drink it at all. Regarding the improvement he mentions they have an internal policy plan which contains specifics about issues like these, but it is too detailed to be discussed at the General Meeting.

455 Lars Jeurissen thanks the General Meeting for the vote. He adds that the rest of the future board will help Mark de Jong in achieving the goal of being able to drink a bottle of ice within the song.

Mark de Jong goes back on his initial speech by saying he in fact does not like Koen Verdenius. However, he does thank everyone, including Koen Verdenius, for the vote.

Marthijn van den Nieuwenhuizen congratulates the future board.

Michiel Kraan congratulates the future board.

460 Milan van Stiphout congratulates the new board of Studievereniging Thalia.

Nick van Oers, also on behalf of Jelte Smits and Koen Bremer, congratulates the new board.

Nienke Wessel congratulates the future board.

Quinten Kock congratulates the future board.

Rico te Wechel congratulate the new board.

465 Sietske Dijkstra congratulates the future board and reminds everyone to import the Thalia calendar so you're aware of Olympus activities next year.

Stefan van Ieperen congratulates the future board.

470 Stijn Vandenput asks Mark de Jong if members can also see the internal policy plan he just alluded to. Mark de Jong responds that if anyone has any questions about it they can email the future board at kutkandies@thalia.nu. Stijn Vandenput adds that he congratulates the future board.

Thijs de Jong congratulates the future board. He also asks Kimberley Frings if she has started work on the old Kasviesco weekend. Kimberley Frings says she has but it is Unfortunately a slow process.

Walter Levens thanks everyone for the vote.

475 Wouter Doeland thanks everyone for the vote and adds that for any suggestions about partner related stuff they can message him.

Marie-Sophie Simon also congratulates the future board.

11 Adjournement

21:53 *Marie-Sophie Simon adjourns the General Meeting.*