



Minutes from the Half-Yearly General Members' Meeting dated 19th of February 2024

Half-Yearly General Members' Meeting of the Economics and Business Faculty Associations Groningen

Date: 19th of February 2024

Time: 19.00

Location: Huize Maas

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1. Opening

Koen Oude Avenhuis: Ladies and Gentleman, welcome to the Half-yearly General Members' Meeting of the Economics and Business Student Association Groningen. Are there people in the room who are not a member of the EBF? Then please raise your hand. Does anyone want to object to them being present at the meeting? Then after the following drop of the hammer the meeting is officially opened.

2. Announcements / Incoming Documents

Koen Oude Avenhuis: For the announcements and incoming documents I would like to give the word to the IT & Marketing Officer of the EBF Board, Jara Scholten.

Jara Scholten: The EBF Board has decided to not print the document for the Half-yearly General Members' Meeting. The documents can be found in your email, on the EBF app and EBF Website. Mobile phones should only be used for reading the documents. There is no smoking allowed in the room. Everyone needs to sign the presence list. If anyone has not done so, could they please do so now? When someone has a question, this should be made clear by raising your hand in the air. For people that ask a question, please stand up and clearly state your first and last name. If someone wishes to leave the room, they should let the IT & Marketing Officer know. There are no incoming documents.

3. Establishment of the Agenda

Koen Oude Avenhuis: No supplements to the agenda were submitted within the set period. Hence, the agenda is hereby established.

4. Approval of the minutes from the General Members meeting dated 3rd of July 2023

Koen Oude Avenhuis: The minutes of the yearly General Members' Meeting dated on the 3rd of July 2023 were recorded by the Secretary & HR Officer and will now be discussed. The minutes could be downloaded on the EBF website before the meeting and grammatical mistakes can be handed in on paper. Right now, comments can be made concerning the content of the minutes. Are there any comments concerning pages 1-5? 6-10? 11-15? 16-20? 21-25? 26-30? 31-35? 36-40? Are there any comments at all? No. There are no objections or corrections to the minutes. The minutes are therefore confirmed without any changes.

5. Establishment Half-Yearly Report EBF Board 2023-2024



Koen Oude Avenhuis: I would like to give the word to Niek Schulte, the Chairman of the EBF Board 2023-2024, to give a presentation concerning the Half-Yearly Report EBF Board 2023-2024. Due to environmental reasons, the EBF Board 2023-2024 has decided to only print the mandatory physical documents according to the articles of association. The documents can be downloaded on the EBF website and in the EBF app.

Presentation Niek Schulte

Koen Oude Avenhuis: Thank you for your presentation Niek. Questions can be asked per topic and if there are no questions for a board member in the first round then the second round will be automatically skipped. The task division of the EBF Board is presented on page 4 and 5 of the documents and is shown on the screen as well. Is there a need for a first round of questions for Niek Schulte?

Martijn Brouwer: Thank you Niek for your clear presentation. I have a question about the committee mixes. Do you have a set goal for the amount of committee mixes in order to be seen as a success?

Niek Schulte: Thank you for your question Martijn. Of course every committee mix is in our view a success so even if only two committees it will be a success. As of right now we do not have an exact number but that is something that we can look into.

Lucas Peek: Thank you for your presentation Niek, it was really good. I have a question about the ball. I was there, it was really fun. Why do you want to organise it with another association or look into the possibilities?

Niek Schulte: Thank you Lucas. So, as EBF we always try to create the most value for our members and if we organise it with another association we can make it even larger and give it more allure and give more value to our members. However, we will make sure that it will not be at the cost of our members.

Lucas Peek: Do you think you will succeed in organising it with another association?

Niek Schulte: I am confident that we will but I cannot give you an exact timeframe when this will happen.

Koen Oude Avenhuis: Is there a need for a second round of questions for Niek Schulte?

Martijn Brouwer: I had a question about your data project. What are you planning to do with the data concerning gender?

Niek Schulte: Thank you for your question Martijn? So, a very specific question, I don't have an immediate answer for you right now but we also look into gender because if for example we find out that only females go to our event then we will have a problem. I of course don't know immediately how to solve that but the first



step is awareness. So, it is a good question and I don't have the answer right now.

Lucas Peek: Thank you, I didn't really understand what you said about the green week. So, you said that you will remove the green week and then replace it with activities around the block. What kind of activities do I need to think of?

Niek Schulte: You are correct in that assessment so a very good question Lucas. So we will organise an event every block, at least one, around sustainability. For this one and for block four we are still thinking about one but for example in block we had an auction for the Johan Cruyff Foundation. Which is a sustainable foundation and all the money that we raised went their so that is in our view a sustainable event.

Lucas Peek: How many members did attend that?

Niek Schulte: Well I don't have an exact number but I think it was somewhere in the general policy. If I had to guess, Forty?

Lucas Peek: Alright, that sounds good.

Koen Oude Avenhuis: Is there a need for a first round of questions for Pelle Hofsteenge?

Martijn Brouwer: Well, I think you are the sustainability guy, right?

Pelle Hofsteenge: Yes, I guess so.

Martijn Brouwer: How do you determine who is the right guy to be the sustainability officer within a committee?

Pelle Hofsteenge: Very good question, thank you for that one. So, as Niek said, the last couple of years we did have a sustainability officer within every committee but the committee could appoint it itself. Which we found a bit unsatisfying so now we have specific questions in the interview to determine if someone is a right candidate. So, whether they are interested and have some foresight in finding solutions for sustainability problems. That is how we find the right candidate.

Tijmen de Groot: First, thank you Niek for your clear presentation. For Pelle, Since, you are leading the data team and of course more data is better. I was curious, did you also manage to optimise the evaluation form itself to improve gathering evaluations from your members?

Pelle Hofsteenge: Thank you for your question Tijmen. Yes we do. So, this is a pilot this year so this is the first time we exactly gather data and really look at it and evaluate it and see what we can do with it so of course it is not optimal at all. So, for example feedback what you are referring to. We send feedback evaluation forms after every event. Of course this is not always the best option yet but it is something to start with and we try to make the picture as complete as we can. So, we think it is the right strategy for now but we will always try better ways.



Hidde de Best:

First, thank you Niek for your presentation. I had a question about sustainability. So, very nice you are taking the train to the next ESR destination. But you are also flying to South Africa. So, doesn't that cancel the sustainability efforts? So, why did you decide to do something like that?

Pelle Hofsteenge:

Thank you for your question Hidde. That is a good remark. Of course we try to find be more sustainable as an association. Luckily, sustainability is a much broader term than just environmental sustainability. We think the knowledge and experience the students will get in South Africa, that is why we are going there and not Antwerp for example, is a unique experience and we think that the knowledge and experience outweigh the cost of the environmental cost. Of course, we will give our participants the option to compensate for the flight and we are looking for the option of compensation as an association. That is something we are looking for in the future but for now we think the knowledge and experience outweigh the environmental cost.

Koen Oude Avenhuis: Is there a need for a second round of questions for Pelle Hofsteenge?

Stan Tonissen:

Niek, thank you very much for your presentation. Pelle, I have a question for you since you are IDP's first supervisor. Can you explain to me how the EBF Board has financially invested in IDP as a project?

Pelle Hofsteenge:

Thank you Stan for your question. As this is a financial question, you will have to wait for the financial part and you can ask your question to Wieke.

Koen Oude Avenhuis: Unfortunately, due to sickness, Thijs Hosmar could not be here. Any questions you have for Thijs Hosmar can be sent to his email address which is t.hosmar@ebfgroningen.nl. So we will go on to the next one. Is there a need for a first round of questions for Wieke van Heteren, regarding non financial questions?. If not, the second round is automatically skipped. Is there a need for a first round of questions for Jara Scholten? If not, then the second round is automatically skipped. Is there a need for a first round of questions for Luuk Haaijer? If there is no need, the second round is immediately skipped. Is there a need for a first round of questions for Hans Singelenberg? If not, the second round is automatically skipped. Is there a need for a first round of questions for Tim Bruggink? If not, the second round is automatically skipped. Are there general questions concerning the Half-Yearly Report of the EBF Board 2023-2024? Is there a need to put it to a vote? Then upon the following drop of the hammer, the Half-Yearly Report of the EBF Board 2023-2024 will be established.

6. Establishment Half-Yearly Financial Report EBF Board 2023-2024



Koen Oude Avenhuis: I would like to give the word to Wieke van Heteren, Treasurer of the EBF Board 2023-2024 to give a presentation about the Half-Yearly Financial Report of the EBF Board 2023-2024. This can be found on page 29 of the documents. Due to the sustainability policy, the EBF Board 2023-2024 has decided to only print the mandatory physical financial documents according to the articles of association. The documents can be downloaded on the EBF website and via the QR-codes.

Presentation Wieke van Heteren

Koen Oude Avenhuis: Is there a need for a first round of questions for Wieke van Heteren about the Half-Yearly Financial Report?

Tristan Timte: Thank you for your clear presentation Wieke. I have a question about the interest rate. Because you adjusted the budget to the realised amount. Does this mean that this was a yearly thing?

Wieke van Heteren: Thank you for your question Tristan. This is a yearly thing that we got. Therefore I didn't budget for this.

Max van Beuren: Thank you for your presentation Wieke. In the light of the 8800 euros deficit this year, can you please explain the 5950 expense on the former board day this year?

Wieke van Heteren: Thank you for your question Max. So, we reevaluate this every year and we think it adds a lot of value to all the members of the EBF. Many of our former board members are in our advisory councils and help us on a daily basis in our tasks and in optimising the value for all our members. Therefore we do think this is valuable for the association. However, we still keep evaluating this.

Koen Oude Avenhuis: Is there a need for a second round of questions?

Stan Tonissen: Yes, thank you, the second try. Can you explain to me how the EBF Board has financially invested in IDP as this is one of your policy points? As it invests in all of the other committees.

Wieke van Heteren: Thank you for your question Stan. So, when we initially budgeted for IDP we thought that concerning the budget it was not necessary for an extra EBF budget. However, after the event we will evaluate whether additional help is necessary.

Max van Beuren: Thank you again. Considering the lustrum provision for this year, as well as for the last lustrum there is a provision of 10000 euros. The last lustrum cost 31000 more because of inflation as explained by David. Can you please explain why you didn't increase this provision for this year?



Wieke van Heteren: Thank you for your question. We evaluated last year's lustrum. However, we did decide to keep the provision at this level. We definitely look at the next lustrum to keep the costs lower and prevent it from being as last year. With that in mind, we think that the provision right now is sufficient.

Koen Oude Avenhuis: Are there general questions concerning the Half-yearly Financial Report of the EBF Board 2023-2024? is there a need to put it to a vote? Then, upon the following drop of the hammer the Half-yearly Financial Report of the EBF Board 2023-2024 is established.

7. Any other business

Koen Oude Avenhuis: Dear Bestuur 17 aka our forever kandi's, yhe 3rd of July 2023 seems quite some time ago. You're halfway there and within two months you will have your own kandi's. We know that the last months were tough but we would like to emphasise that we are beyond proud of you all and we're very glad to see you all together here tonight. Ofcourse, we also have some personal words for you so here we go: Niek, my Kandi, the new Chair of Chairs or president as you like to call yourself, half a year has flown by, and time sure does fly! But let's quickly look back at where it all started. I still remember our transition general members meeting before last summer as if it was yesterday. Our adventure had come to an end and yours was just beginning. I remember feeling a little worn out from our very fun but busy last weeks with SEBO & Big 5 BBQ's, but you were fresh and fruity to begin your board year, at least so I thought. Because, after the GMM I quickly went home changing from my suit into my clubbing clothes to go party, but what did I see when I walked into the city..... Yes it was you, the moment I walked into the city to start partying was the moment you already walked out of the city to go home. And the thoughts that went through my head at the time, man, did I choose a good successor or did I choose a little player? I was not angry at you my friend, but I was a little disappointed. But enough about that. The last half year you already experienced how wonderful a board year can be with all the consti's and parties and the amazing events the EBF organises, like the EBF Conference for example. I was really proud of how you stood there on that stage speaking for hundreds of people, you did a really great job! Of course this year took an unexpected turn and you, among others, had to take on many tasks during this period. I'm really proud of you for how you handled this and kept the EBF going. The life of a chair isn't always a bed of roses. However, now that things settle back into place, I hope that when I'm in the city and ask your fellow board members where you are, the response isn't, 'He's already in bed.' Furthermore, Niek, I've heard something intriguing. As people might know, you have a relationship with one of the active members. Don't worry, I won't mention Jamie's name ;) However, calling yourself



President instead of Chairman is one thing, but calling your girlfriend the First Lady? Come on, man. Niek, I'm proud of you and your hard work. I wish you the best of luck for this last half year and I hope you really enjoy these last few months! Best of wishes your Emeritus Chairman, Koen

Dear Dear dear Pelle, before I start, I have just one question, Could you please put your Chairman back on his Leash, because while Vice president has quite a nice ring to it, someone that calls himself President of the EBF needs to be put back in his place, and rather quickly I would say. No, but all jokes aside, there are of course many other things you have done this year besides keeping your Chairman in check. I can still remember your transition meetings where you were full of energy and new ideas, but also very naive. However, this naivety quickly disappeared after just a week of being EBF Board, when you discovered it is not all fun and games. But you have luckily never lost that energy and new ideas. And while you might be sitting here tonight and thinking to yourself, but it feels like we have just started(I know felt very much that way last year), you have already experienced so many amazing events, like Conference, all the parties and everything else a board year entails! And I really hope you are proud of what you ,and the rest of your board(of course), have accomplished over the past 6 months, because I certainly am proud of You!! And don't forget there are many more amazing things to come, one of which the famed Vice-Chairman uitje, which will hopefully help you defeat your fear of some of your predecessors. And let's not forget your upcoming trip to South Africa, (Which I must admit, I'm a little bit jealous about). So to conclude many amazing things still to come! Then I have one final remark I would like to give to you. While your year might not have gone the way in which you imagined at the beginning of your year. I would like to commend you on one thing: your smile. No matter what happens, you always have the persistent ability to put a smile on your face, which in turn, puts a smile on everyone else's face. So if I can give you, (and the rest of your board as well of course, but especially you Pelle) one small piece of advice: Please, don't stop smiling. Lots of Loveee, Mathijn

Dear Thijs, a.k.a kandi, a.k.a super seccie, more than half a year ago, I was sitting in your place during the General Members Meeting and as those were my last days living in Groningen I was a bit afraid that I wouldn't be able to tell some funny stories tonight because I don't see you very often. But little did I know what would happen the day after the General Members Meeting. Ofcourse I am talking about your first big and maybe one of the most important emails that you can send as a Seccie: the Invitation of your Constitution Drink. You didn't include a subject in your mail (which is the biggest crime you can commit as seccie), you spelled the surname of Pelle wrong and you stated that the invitation was for the sixteenth EBF Board



instead of the seventeenth EBF Board. We even got a text message on our board holiday from other boards telling us that your email was looking like spam. Thijs, I must say my confidence was not very high at that point. But of course mistakes are there to learn from and I know you surely did. Now, half a year has passed and as far I can tell from Roffa you're doing a great job. To highlight some things: you had a great Active Members Weekend, recruited a great group of Active Members together with Hans and enjoyed the ESR trip to Athens (btw Myrth and I still apologise for recruiting 6 girls). And last but not least: you even managed to publish the documents for this General Members Meeting on time!!! Something I can't tell about my board year, chapeau! I know that the last months weren't always easy and maybe different than you would have expected but I think you can be really proud of what you have achieved so far. Please keep updating me on your achievements and also don't forget to respond in the group chat with your other seccie predecessors. They think you're a bit too quiet, but luckily you still have some time to make up for this until we have seccie uitje. Thijs, enjoy the last months of your board year and really make the best out of it. Because time will go by faster than you think. I am already looking forward to the next time I am in Groningen, when we will drink a beer at the social together with your kandi! Best wishes, Kels

Wieke, my Kandi, Penny Pils. When the rest of your board began their transition period here in the Netherlands, you were still living your cozy life in Sweden. Through online meetings, I got to know you better and my confidence grew that everything would be fine with you as the new treasurer of EBF. Once you were in the Netherlands and I saw you chugging beers at the SEBO-BBQ, my confidence grew any further, but when I saw your flawless technique at the end of the evening while doing 'the worm', I knew enough: this is the perfect new Treasurer. Once you were fully settled in, I thought: Wieke seems well organised, so this will surely be fine, right? Then something remarkable happened: you went on vacation and immediately left your laptop, iPad and, more importantly, the holy EBF card behind in the taxi! Fortunately, the taxi driver returned it the same day for a small fee, so everything turned out fine. Nevertheless, I could never be angry at my dear Kandi, or perhaps only after chugging a bottle of rosé? Anyways, as the manager of EBF's finances, you're doing a good job, but I had hoped to see more of you this year... Many people may not know it, but Wieke has a hidden talent for vlogging! I sincerely hope that we'll get to see more of this in the second half of the year! Wieke, the first half of the year has been a rollercoaster, and I'm incredibly proud of how you've stood your ground. You've shown that you're top-notch in both good and hard times, and you should be proud of yourself too! I wish you all the best for the remaining few months and enjoy every moment of it!! Lots of love, David



board on Monday, stating Niek: “Ik heb die jongen nog nooit zo stil en timide gezien, gaat het wel goed?” I think this says a lot about your personality, because of course you being quiet is not normal. Luuk is the embodiment of positivity, always in for a chat and never not smiling and at all time keeping your chin up high, maybe a little too high. The fact that your board had to change your password, because you were a little too quick to hop back on to your duties, I think shows that you are driven and eager to get the TON. Okay, enough with the licking, because that is of course your task. Like what you did at the Introduction weekend, how old was she again? Nooo Luuk, you and girls is still something a lot of people don't understand. From “platonisch slapen” to getting with a recruiter, the dream of every external ofcourse! Luuk as shown on this HALV and throughout the past half year you are doing amazing, and I have every confidence that you are going to get that TON. And as demonstrated in the car ride home yesterday, you can still always call me to ask for advice! Best of luck, Ivo

Hi haaa Hansieeee also known as my Kandi, because I can not even remember when I called you by your first name for the last time (hope you still love me though)!! Diving into the adventures of your first half year has to start with your internal relations 'stunt': The bike you were on was perfectly fitting for you, don't you think? This was also the day you turned into true internal relations. And one you have become already!! I heard the EBF recruited many new members this Academic Year, is that because of the splendid work of Jara, or is that because you convinced (especially girls) the SingleMountain way (pls Koen wait 2 secs so everyone can translate this to Dutch)??? I suppose the latter helped a lot with all the private member acquisition sessions you performed. We all know that the P of PIO secretly stands for parties (go Party officer!!). Moving back to Huize Maas and proving that it can be much more lit there than the Palace is something you have done quite well. I love to see the dedication to partying hard is present, because you either dress up in an entirely golden glitter suit or you go so crazy that you get kicked out of your self-organized party (of course also an s.o to the activity committee). It was nice to see that many of your committee members were so cute to come inside one by one (slightly panicked) to check if there was a way to get you back in. The bond between the PIO and its active members is once again well established by you, very good to see!! Moreover, I am happy that you read the transition document well. Or, at least the first few pages. For the context: in these pages are written the important rules of winning de Regelbokaal. You are well on your way to do so. Sometimes a VAR-check is required, but you definitely do not disappoint. Once again, dedication is undoubtedly one of your personality traits: because if it takes you to be tunnel-buddies with someone from the previous board... you do want it a lot. I texted you already about this but since you have not responded yet



(eventhough it is most of the times the other way around): happy birthday still my man! Oh wait, I know now why you have not replied yet: you were probably in hibernation recovering from your heavy birthday night: 7:40 in the morning returning home, where do you even get the energy from to do such a thing??? On a more serious note: enjoy the upcoming 5 months that are remaining with your amazing fellow board members: before you know you have your own kandi and you will be at het hok with 16 people. Make the most out of your beautiful function and opportunities you will get in the upcoming months, and when I see you again, we are going to het Pannenkoekschip and down another bottle of Vodka again with my predecessor, his kandi, my kandi, and your kandi, okay??? Can't wait! Lots of love, Myrth

Tim, Timbo, the Bridge, krullebolletje, Candy from the Week, WD40 of the board, the nose of the salmon! Now, before we dive into the deep waters of Tim's adventures, let me pose a riddle: What is yellow but not a banana? ... O no, let's not answer this please. Tim, my friend, your journey through this academic year has been a rollercoaster ride. We've witnessed high highs and low lows, and this has only been the first half of your year. Remember those introduction talks? Oh, you delivered them splendidly, Tim, although it might have been better suited for a different audience than the supply chain people. Let's just hope TeMa forgave you for that little slip-up. But hey, who hasn't made a few minor mistakes along the way? But let's shift our focus to brighter moments, like that post-consti glow where I swear I saw a glimpse of your mother within you, talking with everyone, with that infectious smile. Pure gold. Ah, and then there's the matter of the Recruitment Days Chair and the infection they seem to possess over some Career Officers I have experienced. You weren't spared from this enchantment either, and from what I gather, it's led to quite the romance. Congratulations, Tim! And may your city walks in Middelburg be as enchanting as your newfound love story, although let's keep hospital bathrooms and study rooms strictly for their intended purposes, shall we? Furthermore, I trust your curtains situation has been resolved by now? I hope Robin learned you some lessons in this. Now, let's talk about commitment. Even with crutches, you didn't let a little inconvenience stop you from joining us on the dance floor. I'll never forget that moment when I lost everyone and was looking for the group, when I spotted a lone crutch swaying to the rhythm like a true party animal. You, sir, were my lifesaver! I love to see how your positive attitude remains, even when you were hospitalised. I know that you will have a long revalidation to go but you'll definitely manage it. Tim, you're a truly lovely guy and I have loved to see you grow in the role of a true CAREEEER. I hope you will be able to be more at the office upcoming months before I leave. But first, the Career dinner of next week of course! By the way, the answer is banana liefs, Vic



7. Round of questions

Koen Oude Avenhuis: Are there any general questions for the EBF Board 2023-2024?

8. Closure

Koen Oude Avenhuis: Dear EBF Members, thank you for coming to the EBF's Half-yearly General Members' Meeting. The EBF Board would kindly like to invite you to have some drinks. I hereby close the Half-yearly General Members Meeting.