

Policy Review

15 December 2020

Contract negotiation LISA

While the contract negotiations for 2020 have been concluded, the contract negotiations for 2021 and beyond have already started. Our goal is to finalize these negotiations during this board period, so that 2021 will be less uncertain than 2020 was. Our main focus for these negotiations will remain to ensure that students and associations will receive and/or retain access to the services they require.

During the weeks since the previous GMM, we have finalized the contract negotiations with LISA. Our focus of ensuring access to services for students and associations has paid off, as both of these parties should not experience any significant disruptions during the coming months.

The main changes in the new contract primarily consist of a reduction in funding (as can be seen in the budget plan) and the dissolution of the SNT helpdesk.

Since it has been such a short period of time between the previous GMM and this one, we, as a board, have not spent a lot of time on the next three points. Because we still think that focussing on these points is a good idea we have advised the candidate board to take them into account when making their own policy plan.

Future of SNT

The contract negotiations for 2021 and beyond are pretty far along already. With the knowledge we have, we want to re-determine the course, goal and definition of SNT as an association. As both the amount of services we can provide, and the amount of members with the know-how to maintain these services are decreasing, we want to involve our current active members on what they want and what they think is possible. We want to come up with a plan that describes fundamental changes that might need to be made, as well as how these changes can be achieved and in which period of time.

As far as the future of SNT goes, we are keeping more services than expected and as such the focus can shift slightly into collaboratively finding out what opportunities are out there for SNT as an association. Based on these findings there might also be some opportunities for prospective members.

Prospect for new member

Tying closely the previous point of the future of SNT, we want to organise (corona-proof) activities and promote the association to attract new members. We think it's important to first know where the association is headed, so we can target prospective members more directly and in that way hopefully create more traction.

See evaluation on section "Future of SNT" above.

Documentation

While we have already updated some of the internal documentation, such as the board roles and the transfer of these tasks, not everything is updated yet. We plan to expand on the internal documentation and remove unnecessary information. Furthermore, there will be more documentation necessary to describe the future of SNT. The services which SNT will no longer provide, will need to be removed from the documentation and the new agreements between LISA and SNT should be described as well.

As for documentation, we have found that the wiki is due for a lot of restructuring and updating. Focusing on what knowledge is already available is something we advise the candidate board to look at.