



Policy plan 2019 | 2020

1. ALPHA

The *Algemeen Platform Humaniora Amsterdam* is the faculty association for the study associations and magazines at the Faculty of Humanities at the University of Amsterdam. ALPHA was founded in 1999 and forms a platform where all the study associations and magazines can connect. ALPHA stimulates collaborations between study associations and magazines and supports them through financial contributions. ALPHA also serves as the link between study associations and magazines on the one hand and the official channels of the university on the other.

Every year, the Faculty of Humanities at the UvA welcomes more and more international students. At ALPHA we are glad to see that internationals are increasingly part of the boards of associations and of the editorial offices of magazines. However, this requires a clear policy on the spoken and written language within all the channels of ALPHA. Our language policy will be discussed below.

In the past, the UvA has experienced outbreaks of student protests. In some cases, study associations cooperated with protest groups. We strongly emphasise that ALPHA is an apolitical association and must always remain its neutrality. If necessary, however, we can provide associations with advise.

We kindly advise you to take note of ALPHA's year agenda and write down all the important dates and deadlines.

2. The language

With regards to the growing number of international students at the Faculty of Humanities, we are bound to form a clear policy on the issue of the main working language.

- In accordance with last year's policy and following the policy of the board of the Faculty we have decided to keep the official language at ALPHA the Dutch language.
- This means that official correspondence will be done in the Dutch language. The language spoken during official meetings like the ALV's and ARV's will also be the Dutch language.
- Additional information and support in English like these documents, but also agenda's in English, will be provided. In addition, English translations of the contracts will be provided.

We do note that only the documents in the Dutch language are legally valid and we do ask you to sign the Dutch documents.

- Personal contact between ALPHA and the boards, such as personal mail correspondence, questions during the official meetings and the *kennismakingsgesprekjes* (short meetings in order to get to know one another) can be done in English if desired.

- Invitations for public events organised by ALPHA will always be both in Dutch and in English.

- We would kindly like to note that poor knowledge of the Dutch language may never be an excuse for the board members and editors of magazines to not meet their responsibilities towards ALPHA.

3. Study associations

- ALPHA will plan so-called *kennismakingsgesprekjes* to get acquainted with all the boards and editors of the magazines.

- *Constitutieborrels* form pleasant occasions to meet each other. ALPHA will also organise *borrels* after each ARV. This will also allow us to meet, chat and brainstorm in a less formal environment.

- To stimulate cooperation among associations and magazines, the *Grote Projectenpot* will also be made available this year.

- Every association that is a member of ALPHA has, under certain conditions, the right to receive subsidy for events. The subsidy is meant for study related events. A total sum of 7400 euros is reserved for that cause. The maximum amount of money an association can apply for will remain 850 euros.

- For study trips a sum of 4000 euros is available. The number of students that participated in last year's study trip determines the amount of money an association is eligible to receive. Therefore it is known beforehand how much money an association will receive this year. If your number of members has grown vastly since last year, please let us know during the *kennismakingsgesprekjes*.

- Through the *Grote Aanvragen Tegemoetkomingen-regeling* (Big Requests Compensation-arrangement) (GAT) an association that would like to organise a big event can request up to 250 euros at once at ALPHA. It is important that the association knows whether ALPHA will agree on granting the money. Every association can request one GAT in subsidy round 1 and 2 for an event that will take place later. These requests have different terms than regular requests. These terms can be found on www.alpha-fgw.nl. The GAT-arrangement is especially meant for small associations who cannot afford to pay a lot of money at once, yet would like to organise a somewhat bigger event.

- This year the *Rampenfonds* (Disaster Fund) will remain.
- We would kindly like to note that boards can also request money at the Amsterdams Universiteitsfonds (AUF) and at Stichting Toekenningen. More information is provided on their websites.

4. Magazines

- Magazines are eligible to receive money from ALPHA which should be used for production costs. This year, the total available amount will be 4000 euro, an increase of 500 euro relative to last year.
- Two times a year ALPHA organises the *bladenoverleg* (Magazine Consultation). Here editors can get acquainted with one another, information about applying for subsidies will be provided and experiences and advice can be shared.
- Magazines and study associations can also receive money from the GPP by forging collaborations.
- Acquisition may form a good way to receive extra income. Therefore we will organise an acquisition evening to provide information and recommendations on getting acquisition. This evening is mandatory for at least one editor of each magazine. It is optional for study associations.

5. Grote Projectenpot (GPP) (Big Projects Jar)

ALPHA aims to support collaborations between study associations and/or magazines as much as possible by offering money from the GPP ('Big Project Jar') to organise events together. Study associations and magazines are entitled to subsidization if (i) the event is originated from a collaboration between study associations and/or magazines and (ii) the event is related to the humanities. The amount of the subsidy is based on the number of study associations or magazines that are actively involved with organising the event.

In the past, many special events have been organised that were subsidised by the Big Project Jar. However, the GPP was never used to the fullest. This year, therefore, less money will be appraised for the GPP. In this manner the remaining money may be used for other causes that are more in need. On the 29th of October, more information regarding the GPP will be presented during the ALPHA information evening. The evening will be finished with some drinks and attendance is mandatory.

6. Events

ALPHA-information evening

The ALPHA-information evening is the second meeting this study year. All the boards and

editors will be invited to this evening. ALPHA's treasurer will provide information on finances and subsidy applications.

Algemene Raadsvergaderingen (ARV's)

This year there will be three ARV's. The treasurer will present the division of the subsidies. After the presentation there will be a vote about the division. Presence at the ARV's is also mandatory for boards of associations.

Bladenoverleggen

Two *bladenoverleggen* will take place. During these meetings the treasurer will present division of the subsidies. Presence for editors of the magazines is mandatory.

Gala

Every year ALPHA takes a leading role in the organisation of the Christmas gala.

Voetbaltoernooi der Geesteswetenschappen (Soccer Tournament of the Humanities)

Since a couple of years ALPHA has been organising a soccer tournament for the Faculty of Humanities.

Besturenborrel (Boards Drinks)

In the second half of the year a *besturenborrel* will be organised aimed at stimulating contacts between different boards.

7. Visibility

ALPHA aims to be as visible as possible and plans to attend as many *borrels* and events organised by the study associations and magazines as possible. One can reach the ALPHA board through email and Facebook. Personal meetings with the board can be requested.

8. Kantoor 2.01F/G (Office 2.01 F/G)

ALPHA is located in office 2.01 F/G at P.C. Hoofthuis (Spuistraat 134), together with many other associations and magazines. House rules have been formulated and needless to say, everyone is expected to respect and live up to these house rules. The house rules are hung in the office and can be found in the contracts.

ALPHA organises two cleaning days. One or more board members of associations or editors of magazines are obligated to participate on the cleaning day. The dates of the cleaning days can be found in the year agenda.

To get acquainted with everyone with whom we share the office, ALPHA will organise a *VrijMiBo* (Friday Afternoon Borrel (FriAfBo)) on Friday 5 October 2019.

9. Closing

The new board of the Algemeen Platform Humaniora Amsterdam is very much looking

forward to the coming year and the many beautiful collaborations it will bring forth. The board hopes to meet all the magazines and associations at all the special and interesting events that lay ahead.

Tim Vroegindeweyj – Chairman

Nelson Addo – Secretary

Yara Broekhoff – Treasurer