

## **Motion 1: Motion on the working language at SIB-Utrecht**

*Proposed 10 may 2022*

Valued members,

Coming back on the decisions made by the Mid-Year GMA;

### **Considerations**

Considering the decisions made regarding the use of language within SIB during the Mid-Year GMA on february 16th 2022.

Considering the unclarities that might rest regarding language after the Mid-Year GMA on February 16th 2022.

Considering the impracticalities of doing the internal promotion in both English and Dutch. For example, but not exclusively, too long promotional messages in the Promotion Whatsapp Group.

Noting the fact that the SIB-Link's editorial board does not want to create two seperate sib-links in different languages

Noting that most members do not have any problems with having English as the working language, as long as they are allowed to speak Dutch when they want to/it seems fit.

Noting that most important documents are already translated and are available in both Dutch and English

### **Request**

Requests the General Member Assemblée to vote on the working language of SIB:

- A. Dutch (without exceptions)
- B. Dutch (with exceptions, such as: the website, for (strategic) external promotion, Talks & Twists, SIB activities, trips, and events where there are no international students, and communication between de Board and the Members (as they see fit))
- C. English (without exceptions)
- D. English (with exceptions, such as: the website, for (strategic) external promotion, Talks & Twists, SIB activities, trips, and events where there are no international students, and communication between de Board and the Members (as they see fit))
- E. Abstain

### **Submitters**

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## **Motion 2: Motion on establishing a taskforce on internationalisation**

*Proposed 10 may 2022*

Valued members,

Coming back on the decisions made by the Mid-Year GMA, the “Tweejarenplan Internationalisering” (2018-2019); Core Research (2020-2021), Internationalisation: Follow-up Plan (May 12 2021), Internationalisation plan (2021-2022), Strategic plan SIB-Utrecht (2021-2022),

### **Considerations**

Considering the above-mentioned documents and the process it shows on internationalisation.

Considering the outcome of the first voting round, and following rounds, during the Mid-Year GMA on internationalisation, showing a larger discussion on how internationalisation; 1. Fits within the association, 2. Should look like.

Considering that the majority of SIB beliefs internationalisation is a goal to strive for.

Considering that internationalisation is a process that needs reflection and evaluation.

Considering that the amount of international students in Utrecht (little over 10%) is significantly lower than in other cities with ‘international’ SIB-associations (Groningen 25%, Amsterdam Uva 27% and VU 15%)

Considering the nationwide debate on whether further internationalisation of Dutch universities is something to strive for.

Noting the difficulties in recruiting new members in general and international members specifically in the last years.

Noting the importance for internationalisation for the association’s budget.

Noting that the “Internationalisation: Follow-up Plan” (12 may 2021) has not been voted in, yet many of its components are (partially) completed over the last year.

Noting that over half (59%) of Utrecht’s international student population is master student.

Noting that the majority of our internationalisation process is focused on creating an association that is ‘open to internationals’, but does not have a concrete (effective) strategy on recruiting international members.

Noting that the following board might not be partially or completely part-time, meaning it will not be able to spend a lot of time on the topic.

**Request**

Requests the General Member Assembly to vote on a task force on an internationalisation strategy. This task force will consist of at least three members and will assist the contemporary and following board on strategizing and evaluating internationalisation.

**Submitter**

Sander Brouwers