

Dear all.

My name is Mare, a third-year interdisciplinary social science student, doing a minor in conflict studies here at the UvA. Some of you might have seen me roam the hallways of the study associations or spotted me in the Common Room or maybe even at one of your borrels. If not, let me tell a bit more about myself and why I might be qualified as a member of your application committee. During the previous academic year, I held the position of "Social Coordinator" at study association Pegasus. This year, I am the chair of the Common Room. You might know it, it's the big room at the end of the association hallway with the bar, couches and study spaces. Why a second board year? I love taking on a challenge where I can put my skills into use and at the same time learn a lot of new things.

For this reason, I chose to join this year's Application Committee of SV Machiavelli. As someone with experience in two different boards, I am of the opinion that I have learned quite a lot about boards, the different functions, and the dynamics and characteristics that individuals need to have a successful year. I hope I can use this knowledge to take part in the formation process of the next board of SV Machiavelli.

There are not only professional and skill related reasons however. Machiavelli as an association does have a personal meaning to me. Because not only do I really admire the board of SV Machiavelli because of their hard and amazing work and enjoy their borrels, but my dad was the chair of your association back in the days which makes it even more fun to get to help pick my dad's 'successors'. With that being said, I believe that I possess not only the integral skills to ensure that a successful board is chosen, but also the best interest of the study association at heart moving forward. For this reason, I believe that I make the a good fit for the external Application Committee member.

Hopefully, you now recognize the value of having me on your committee. If you may have any questions about my application, I will be more than happy to answer them the GMA!

Kind regards,  
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