



Minutes of the *Plenaire Vergadering* of the CSR on the 20th of September 2017

Present	Guido Bakker (until 18:02), Sasha Borovitskaja, Raj Deval, Pim van Helvoirt, Bram Jaarsma, Michele Murgia, Kjeld Oostra, Sebastian Proos, Mees van Rees, Loraine Smith, Teodor Todercan;
Absent	Jern Ken Chew
Guest(s)	Kathelijnn Verdeyen <i>Voorzitter FSR AMC</i> (from 15:15), Linda van Exter <i>Studentassessor-CvB</i>
Minutes	Tamara van den Berg <i>Ambtelijk secretaris</i>

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1. Opening

- 1 *Pim opens the meeting at 15h01, welcomes everyone, and asks to do an introduction round to welcome Raj.*

2. Mail

- 2 *The in- and outgoing mail is discussed.*

3. Approving the minutes + checking the action list

- 3 *Setting the minutes of September 13th will be postponed until the next PV.*
- 4 *The action list gets updated.*

4. Announcements

- 5 - Sasha asks the council to read the DB-minute for taskforce updates and other relevant information.
- 6 - Sasha asks the council to sign up for coffee dates.
- 7 - Sasha asks the taskforce heads to send their planning by Friday.
- 8 - Raj informs the council about the letter of the FSR FEB on the catering and canteen prices.
- 9 - Mees asks if the taskforces that prior were V&C can merge into 1 taskforce because there are little
- 10 members. There are no objections. This taskforce will be addressed as 'PR'.
- 11 - PR wants to make a poster (or *Smoelenboek*) to send to the UvA-employees. Sasha is working on this.
- 12 - Sebastian is working on the mail-to-all and the taskforces should discuss what needs to be mentioned
- 13 in this. **(action)**
- 14 - Pim thanks the council for attending the ISO meeting.
- 15 - Pim asks the taskforces to make an inventory of all the working, steering and other groups the CSR is
- 16 partaking in. **(action)**
- 17 - Pim announces that Gerard Mols will be re-appointed as a regular member of the RvT.

5. Setting the agenda

- 18 *The agenda is set with changes.*
- 19 Added to the agenda: *RvT*.

6. OV: technical chairing

- The CSR decides who he wants to ask to be his technical chair during the OV's.*
- 20 There are no objections to having a technical chair. Pim says the FSR FNWI has a list of those
- 21 interested in being a technical chair.
- 22 Guido will inform if Rosa d'Adelhart Toorop is available and willing to be the technical chair for the
- 23 upcoming OV. **(action)** The DB will set up a list with possible candidates. **(action)**

7. Working group: Housing

- The CSR decides who to send to the Housing working group.*
- 24 Loraine proposes to join the working group, and this is agreed upon. **(decision)** Bram asks why the
- 25 CSR takes places in this and the working group is set up for this particular topic. Sasha explains how
- 26 participation of the CSR in this working group is not a formal requirement, but the number of students
- 27 looking for housing is quite large and this is a problem resulting from the internationalization policy of
- 28 the UvA. Bram has issues with the fact that this is considered merely an issue of internationalization, as
- 29 Dutch students also have troubles finding a house in Amsterdam. Loraine says this can be mentioned
- 30 in the working group, but this means that the CSR needs to discuss its vision on this. This will be taken
- 31 up in the Facilities & Housing taskforce. **(action)**

8. Evaluation Studentassessor-CvB [confidential]

- The CSR gets informed about the procedure for the evaluation of the Studentassessor-CvB.*
- 32 **Decision:** The CSR will share both the DB-report and the concept minutes of the PV with Linda van
- 33 Exter, and will allow Linda van Exter to be present at the OV-preparations of the CSR.

9. Bestuursbeurs: redistribution of money

- The CSR discusses the redistribution of the bestuursbeurs among its members.*
- 34 Loraine asks a clarification for the re-calculation, which Michele gives based on the amount of
- 35 representatives, regular members and council assistants.



36 Loraine says it is fair to do a remittance as this was discussed when implementing the taskforce
37 structure. Teo proposes to ask for a raise. Guido says it is fair to get payed more if you work more
38 hours. Kjeld asks if the DB really has less workload. Loraine stresses to arrange this soon so the council
39 can get paid. Bram explains that the CSR will get paid regardless of their internal decision.
40 The council is in favor to redistribute the *bestuursbeurs*, and Michele and Bram will write a concrete
41 proposal to discuss during the next PV. **(action)**

10. IO: debriefing

The CSR discusses the IO of September 20.

42 Sasha gives the council an update of what was discussed at the *Informeel Overleg*.
43 The regulations on *flexstudereren*, UvA-matching and the internal language policy are to be expected.
44 The rector has said that the CvB can organize the lunch with the rector if the CSR does not want to do
45 so. This will be discussed in the taskforce PR and afterwards in the PV. **(action)**
46 The process to make the working groups UvA Admissions and the Housing bilingual or more accessible
47 for non-Dutch speakers will be speeded up.
48 Pim has asked the rector of the CSR can get the CBO-agendas, but this was not granted. Pim will write a
49 meeting document on this. **(action)**
50 Pim wants to discuss the commercial presence of companies during the Intreeweek. The rector does not
51 see a problem per, se as it is up to the students to make decisions and to be alert about purchases. Pim will
52 ask Intreeweek about their stances **(action)** and Sasha will check the legal status of the contract of
53 SwapFiets. **(action)**

11. M-OER

The CSR gets informed about the binding model OER.

54 Pim adds to the meeting materials that currently in the m-OER there is also the binding regulation that
55 a 5,5 is a sufficient grade to pass. Pim lists the decisions by the CvB that are referred to in the M-OER.
56 Pim will have a closer look at these regulations and discuss this in the taskforce.
57 Michele asks clarification on the regulation regarding the grades between 5,1 and 5,9 that will be taken
58 out of the OER. Loraine explains that the student councils have taken this up last year and ask to take
59 this out of the binding regulations. Pim will write a meeting document to inform the council on the
60 background of this wish of the student councils. **(action)**
61 Michele asks about the decision to include the Honours program UvA-VU. Pim explains that the CvB's
62 of UvA and VU have made agreements on the accessibility of honours programs. This agreement is
63 currently in conflict with, for example, the FNWI internal access regulations. The OC's will get a right to
64 consent about the access to honours programs.
65 Michele asks if the FSR has consent on the change of language. Pim says they have a consent right
66 according to the *Memorie van Toelichting* as it is a part of article (x) on the *feitelijke inrichting* of the
67 education (see article x). Pim will double check if this is taken up into the OER and send the document
68 and the *Memorie van Toelichting* to Michele. **(action)**
69 Mees agrees that is important to have a discussion on the new explanation of the articles of the M-OER.

12. 8-8-4

The CSR discusses the 8-8-4 semester planning.

70 Pim asks about the 'inaccurate grades' that are meant in the *Studiesucces 2.0* and Mees explains how in
71 grading there are always mistakes being made. Increasing the amount of exams also increases this
72 danger, but in the 8-8-4 system this increase is required. It was proposed to take more tests that were

73 not graded for students to evaluate their process, but the 8-8-4 system does not allow for this.
74 Sebastian proposes to have exam free courses that only have assignments.

75 Being flexible with 8-8-4. The council states to be in favor with following the advice from *Studiesucces*
76 report to make 8-8-4 more flexible. Mees explains that the CSR 16|17 has already asked the CvB to
77 discuss this with the deans. This can be brought up in the UCO by Sasha and Mees. Bram proposes to
78 also ask the CvB again to discuss this with the deans, and Pim proposes to discuss this with the FSR's.
79 Sasha stresses the importance of communicating this in the UCO first.

80 Michele says he is against the 8-8-4 system, and wants to discuss the fundamentals. Mees says that
81 *Studiesucces* recommends not going against 8-8-4, after which Michele says to disagree with the report
82 *Studiesucces*.

83 Round of opinions on 8-8-4. Guido says 8-8-4 is important for accessibility but courses and faculties
84 should have some leverage, so it the planning should be made flexible. Teo is not in favor of 8-8-4 but
85 does not know if a semester structure is better, and changing the structure would be very costly and
86 probably not preferable. Sebastian agrees that 8-8-4 is too rigid: programs should have the freedom to
87 make their own planning so 8-8-4 should be abolished. Raj is not in favor of 8-8-4 because a large
88 amount of students considers it very burdening and there is too little time for preparation of exams.
89 Kjeld agrees with Guido, and says that 8-8-4 increases the accessibility to other faculties. Changing the
90 system might make courses unaccessible. *Lorraine sluit zich aan bij Sebastian en vindt dat de studiedruk*
91 *te hoog is in 8-8-4.* Kathelijnn says that 8-8-4 allows students to follow a minor on another faculty, but
92 the *keuzeruimte* on the AMC does not fit within this structure. She believes that making the structure
93 more flexible could be a good option. Sasha says that the framework is good, but it should be
94 flexibilized. Michele believes that faculties should have full autonomy in planning their education.
95 Bram agrees with Michele but does not agree with the abolishment of 8-8-4: faculties are now used to
96 working in the structure and flexibilizing already allows refor distribution of the work load. Moreover,
97 it might be important for the staff to have a structure when offering or interchanging programs. Mees
98 agrees with Guido and Kjeld. Pim says abolishing 8-8-4 will not directly change anything as the courses
99 are already set up within the structure, but flexibilizing should be done throughout for educational
100 reasons.

101 Michele asks until which point the structure is still considered 8-8-4, and Mees says that a proposition
102 for this is made in *Studiesucces 2.0* by still sticking to blocks of 3ECTS. Michele says that being pressed
103 into a model leads to a loss of quality of education.

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105 **Proposal:** The CSR voices in the UCO the statement that the CSR wants 8-8-4 to be abolished.

106 In favor: 3

107 Against: 5

108 Blanco: 1

109 Abstain: 0

110 *The proposal has not been voted in.*

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112 **Proposal:** The CSR voices in the UCO that the CSR is in favor of flexibilizing the 8-8-4 semester structure..

113 In favor: 11

114 Against: 0

115 Blanco: 0

116 Abstain: 0

117 *The proposal has been voted in.*



13. Docent van het Jaar / Teacher of the year

The CSR gets informed about the organization of the Docent van het Jaar-award.

118 Sebastian explains that the award is assigned and financed by the UvA, but the responsibility for the
119 organization is then given to the CSR and ASVA who did not demand this, and that the organization is
120 partly executed by *Bureau Communicatie*. Sebastian says this should not be a core task of the CSR.
121 Bram says that organizing the election costs too much and is used by the CvB to show their interests in
122 education and the medezeggenschap. Loraine says that also positive reactions are given by the staff.
123 Kathelijnn says that in the AMC faculty the award is evaluated positively. Pim proposes to include the
124 opinion of the FSR's in this. Sebastian says that delegating the organization to the FSR's is already a
125 part of the plan, but in practice the organization is mostly done by the CSR and ASVA. Pim says last
126 year the direction of the event and the organization had been changed. Teo asks if the CvB would be
127 willing to take this organization on, and Linda says the CSR should ask this to the CvB if they want to
128 know. Kjeld proposes to contact the FSR's about changing the role of the CSR and discuss this and
129 bring this to the CvB.
130 Sebastian expects that the awards will still be organized by BC and ASVA if the CSR does not want to be
131 involved in the organization, for example by hiring other people. Bram says the efforts delivered by
132 teachers are far more than can be measured by the award, and that therefore an award is not a correct
133 representation. Raj agrees with this. Teo disagrees and thinks the award gives an incentive to do your
134 job as the award is a big compliment, but the CSR should do less in the organization. Guido agrees with
135 this. Loraine says that the CSR should ask the teachers what they feel about the elections, and that
136 regardless the CSR should be responsible for a smaller part of the organization. Bram says the CSR
137 should either withdraw or organize it properly. Teo proposes to let the COR organize the awards, but
138 Sebastian says they probably don't have time for this. V&C will work out a proposal on how to change
139 the role of the CSR in organizing the award. **(action)**

14. VSNU: meeting with Duisenberg

The CSR discusses how to organize the meeting with Pieter Duisenberg on November 1st.

140 There are different opinions in the council about organizing the meeting with Duisenberg in the format
141 of *Room for Discussion*. Mees elaborates that the idea was to have open questions from the audience.
142 Guido wants there to be a small introduction with a couple of questions from the presenter after which
143 the floor can be opened. Bram says it is important to have a setting in which the ideas of Duisenberg
144 can be contested, for example in a panel and with open questions. Guido asks who would be in the
145 panel. Bram says the CSR 16|17 should be included, as well as other critical students. Mees wants to
146 ensure that the event is open for all students who want to join. Raj says that it is important to realize
147 that the students are capable to judge the discussion and answers of Duisenberg themselves. Teo also
148 proposes to leave this up to the students. Bram says it is important to have someone to measure the
149 power imbalance. Pim proposes to have a critical moderator to fix the power imbalance, and Linda
150 suggests to look for a good technical moderator. Sasha agrees that it is important to have a critical
151 moderator and proposes Bram to be involved in choosing one. Pim proposes to invite the critical
152 students and critical employees of ReThink just in the audience. Teo disagrees with this invitation as
153 he says it would be like an ambush. V&C will come up with a proposal to find a host and Bram will be
154 included in this discussion. **(action)**
155 The council is not in favor of having a separate discussion with Duisenberg, but Pim says the CSR
156 should be willing to clarify the content of the letter and it is better to do this in private.

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159 **Proposal:** The CSR will talk to Duisenberg separately.

160 In favor: 4

161 Against: 5

162 Blanco: 1

163 Abstain: 1

164 *The proposal is not voted in.*

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166 Mees says to be skeptical that Duisenberg will be willing to meet with the students if the CSR does not
167 want to meet him as well.

168 The council is in favor of having a live stream from the event. There are no objections to allow ASVA to
169 join the meeting with the VSNU in Den Haag.

15. CoBo

The CSR discusses how to organize its constitutional drinks.

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171 **Proposal:** The CSR spends €1.000,- of the CoBo budget on an open bar.

172 In favor: 7

173 Against: 1

174 Blanco: 1

175 Abstain: 3

176 *The proposal is voted in.*

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178 Kjeld proposes to organize the CoBo on November 10, but as not everyone has their agenda available,
179 PR will send out a Doodle. **(action)** Pim proposes to have a Spotify list for the music. Kjeld proposes to
180 have a DJ, and Sasha and Teo want to volunteer. PR gets the mandate to organize this.

16. RvT

181 Pim has given a positive reaction to the re-appointment of Gerard Mols, the current RvT-member with
182 special confidence of the *medezeggenschap*, as a regular member of the RvT. Pim explains why he has
183 done so. Sasha has mixed feelings about this and says this should have been communicated to the
184 council, and Mees agrees. The council agrees with the reply but not with the procedure.

17. Updates DB, representatives, Studentassessor-CvB

185 *The written updates are discussed briefly.*

186 - Kjeld says that choosing student members for the OC's is being based on the students' grades, and the
187 FSR FNWI wants to investigate whether this is a structural problem. Pim proposes to discuss this in
188 the CSR, and Kjeld will write a *vergaderstuk* about this. **(action)**

18. W.v.t.t.k. / Any other business

189 - Next week the PV will discuss the working agreements CSR-AMC (Kathelijn).
190 - Bram says Jasper Blok has asked him on his opinions on the catering. Bram will voice his personal
191 opinion, and add that he can later inform Jasper on the official opinion of the CSR. This will be
192 taken up in the taskforce meeting.

19. Questions

193 - Teo is meeting with FS, and this meeting will be discussed in the taskforce.



- 194 - Kjeld proposes to move the updates back to the top of the agenda. The council agrees.
195 - Linda is content with the decisions of the PV on the working agreements with the student assessor.
196 - Pim asks if the council would like to discuss the financial cycle, and this will be discussed next
197 week informatively. **(action)**
198 - Pim proposes to go to the *Hortus Botanicus* for a council getaway.
199 - Pim proposes to have a discussion on the tent, this will be taken up in the taskforce Facilities & Housing.

20. Ending

200 Pim closes the meeting at 18h45.

Decisions

- 201 **170920-01** The CSR voices in the UCO that the CSR is in favor of flexibilizing the 8-8-4 semester
202 structure.
203 **170920-02** The CSR spends €1.000,- of the CoBo budget on an open bar.
204 **170920-03** The CSR sends Loraine Smith to the working group Housing for international students.
205 **170920-04** The CSR will send the concept minutes for the PV to Linda van Exter.
206 **170920-05** The CSR will allow Linda van Exter to receive the report of the DB-meeting.
207 **170920-06** The CSR will allow Linda van Exter to be present at OV-preparations.

Action list

- 208 **170920-01** The taskforces discuss what needs to be addressed in the mail-to-all, and inform
209 Sebastian about this.
210 **170920-02** Guido will ask Rosa d'Adelhart Toorop if she would be available as a technical chair for
211 the upcoming OV.
212 **170920-03** The DB will set up a list with possible technical chairs for the OV's.
213 **170920-04** The taskforce Facilities and Housing discusses the working group on housing for
214 international students in relation to the larger problems with housing in Amsterdam.
215 **170920-05** Michele and Bram write a concrete proposal for the redistribution of the Bestuursbeurs.
216 **170920-06** Pim writes a meeting piece about the CSR's wish to get the CBO agendas.
217 **170920-07** Pim asks Intreeweek on their view on the collaboration with commercial businesses.
218 **170920-08** Sacha checks the legal status of the SwapFiets contract.
219 **170920-09** Pim will incorporate the discussion on grades between 5,1 and 5,9 in the M-OER in the
220 meeting material for the upcoming PV.
221 **170920-10** Pim does a double check on the right of consent for the FSR on the language change of
222 programs, and sends Michele the document and *Memorie van Toelichting* regarding article
223 x of the M-OER.
224 **170920-11** V&C writes a proposal on how to change the role of the CSR in the Teacher of the Year-
225 award.
226 **170920-12** V&C writes a proposal on the factual organization of the meeting with Duisenberg on
227 November 1 and includes Bram in the discussion on the choice for the host.
228 **170920-13** V&C sends out a Doodle to set the date of the CoBo.
229 **170920-14** Kjeld writes a meeting piece on the hiring procedure for OC-members based on their
230 grades.
231 **170920-15** The taskforce Facilities and Housing discusses a statement on the tent and brings this to
232 the PV.
233 **170920-16** Pim writes an informative meeting piece on the UvA financial cycle.

- 234 **170920-17** The taskforces make an overview of all the working, steering and other groups the CSR is
235 partaking in.
- 236 ~~170913-01~~ Mees writes a proposal for the discussion and meeting with Pieter Duisenberg on
237 November 1.
- 238 ~~170913-02~~ During the IO, the DB asks for clarification regarding consultation of the academic
239 community regarding in the renewal of the allocation model.
- 240 **170913-03** Mees and Sasha write a proposal on the language of the GV.
- 241 **170913-04** Bram and Ken will gather more information on the (financial) background of the
242 reduction of *schakeltrajecten*.
- 243 **170913-05** Guido discusses the document on Open Educational Resources in the taskforce and writes
244 another meeting document on this for the upcoming PV.
- 245 **170913-06** All council members research which topics linked to the ITK they are dealing with in their
246 files and/or faculties, and inform Sasha about this.
- 247 **170913-07** Ken, Sasha and Loraine will work out the sessions to discuss and set shared goals within
248 the CSR.
- 249 ~~170913-08~~ Pim writes a short statement regarding the language in workgroups for the IO, but
250 upfront sends this out for an editorial round.
- 251 ~~170913-09~~ During the IO, the DB will bring up the fact that the CSR is starting to research Dutch
252 courses on a larger scale.
- 253 **170913-10** Teo contacts UvA-talen and LOF to work out a proposal on Dutch language courses.
- 254 ~~170913-11~~ All council members inform Loraine about their findings regarding the gender questions
255 in UvA surveys.
- 256 **170906-02** The taskforce heads will set up a year planning, after the DB has created a format for this.
- 257 ~~170906-04~~ Michele will contact the UvA Risk Manager about the burglaries and safety measurements at
258 the campus.
- 259 ~~170906-07~~ Michele informs the FGW about their position in the klankbordgroep for the ILO.
- 260 **170906-17** Sasha drafts a cleaning schedule for the CSR office.
- 261 **170906-20** Pim plans a meeting with the FSR ACTA.
- 262 **170830-02** Teo contacts David Jan about the GV letter about the services and will send out the letter
263 for an editorial round to the GV.
- 264 ~~170823-02~~ Loraine will contact Brigitte about the followed procedure of the installment of the numeri fixi
265 at the FEB.
- 266 **170823-05** Teo will meet with the VOLGB. **Tamara will contact VOLBG.**
- 267 ~~170823-06~~ Michele will make a plan to involve the FSR's in setting up the BSA evaluation, and
268 informs the FSR's about the position of the deans in this. → **Pro memorie**
- 269 **170823-07** Pim discusses the BSA-evaluation with the FSR's during the VZO.

Pro memorie

- 270 **140908-04** The DB is strict about *nazendingen* and being present in time.
- 271 **140908-04** A double check on the spelling and grammar should be done for all communication.
272 Taskforce heads have the final responsibility in this.
- 273 **141208-04** The taskforce heads notify the PR-taskforce after their meetings which files should be
274 raised in the media.
- 275 **150420-01** All DB-members send their updates before Sunday 20h.
- 276 **150907-02** Sasha sends a weekly Monday mail with all the activities of the upcoming week.
- 277 **151019-03** Sasha notifies the FSR's after the PV on which topics the CSR needs input.
- 278 **160502-01** Pim and Sebastian take good care of the plants.



- 279 **161017-04** The taskforce heads make sure that everyone gives good feedback to their taskforces
280 about the work, steering and soundboard groups, and they make sure the documents are
281 saved on the P-drive.
- 282 **161017-05** The taskforce heads oversee the diverse division of speakers for the OV.
- 283 **161031-01** Bram and Sasha organize fun activities for the council on regular basis.
- 284 **170201-04** The council oversees a proper balance between small and large files in the PV.
- 285 **170823-01** The AMC letter regarding the allocation model will be taken into account during the
286 upcoming discussion on the new allocation model.
- 287 **170823-06** Michele will make a plan to involve the FSR's in setting up the BSA-evaluation, and
288 informs the FSR's about the position of the deans in this.