

Minutes of the *Plenaire vergadering* of the CSR on the 25th of October 2017

Present	Sasha Borovitskaja, Raj Deval, Pim van Helvoirt, Michele Murgia, Kjeld Oostra, Sebastian Proos, Mees van Rees (vanaf 17:57), Loraine Smith, Teo Todercan;
Absent	Guido Bakker, Jern Ken Chew, Bram Jaarsma;
Guest(s)	Kathelijnn Verdeyen <i>Voorzitter FSR-FdG</i> , Linda van Exter <i>Studentassessor-CvB</i> (from 15:53)
Minutes	Tamara van den Berg <i>Ambtelijk secretaris</i>

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1. Opening

Pim opens the meeting at 15h00 and welcomes everyone.

2. Mail

The in- and outgoing mail is discussed.

3. Concept minutes minutes + action list

The minutes of October 4th are set without changes.

The minutes of October 11th are set without changes.

4. Checking the action list

5 *The action list gets updated.*

Pim proposes that taskforce PR sends an e-mail to ask for input for the WC-krant upfront in order to produce the WC-krant more easily.

5. Announcements

- Taskforces need to discuss the year planning and OV-planning in their taskforces. **(action)**
- The GV regulations and HR have been forwarded to the council for comments. **(action)**
- 10 • The financial cycle and deadlines for advice on faculty budgets might cause problems with the deadlines and schedule for the central budget.
- The letter on the Lunch with the Rector will be sent for an editorial round. **(action)**
- Pim will ask Bram about the contact with AMC and ACTA regarding the housing and internationalization policy. **(action)**

6. Updates DB & taskforces, representatives, AMC, Studentassessor-CvB

15 *The written updates discussed briefly.*

The FSR FMG and FSR FdG are having problems with their faculty budgets.

7. Setting the agenda

The agenda is set without changes.

8. Council assistants: voting rights **[confidential]**

The CSR decides whether the council assistants will be granted internal voting rights.

20 **Decision:** The CSR grants the newly chosen council assistants 2017-2018 speaking right in the PV.

9. VSNU: meeting with Duisenberg

The CSR decides on the organization of the meeting on November 1st.

Kjeld explains that the VSNU does not want to organize an open event. Rethink has asked the CSR whether this information could be used in their statement or communication.

25 **Voting proposal:** The CSR allows ReThink to use the information that the negotiations between the CSR and VSNU have not been going smoothly.

In favor 9

Against 0

Blanco 0

30 *Abstain 2*

The voting proposal is adopted.

35 **Publicly announcing support for ReThink + writing a press release:** Teo asks an update on ReThink inviting Duisenberg, and Sebastian explains how ReThink will organize an event which the VSNU might not attend. Sebastian is in favor or supporting ReThink. Raj, Michele, Loraine, Ken and Sasha are also in



favor. Kjeld is in favor, but wants to inform the VSNU on this prior to organizing anything else. Teo is against this option. Pim is in favor of supporting ReThink, as long as the statement on VSNU would only be on the organization and not on content.

40 Informing VSNU about a public action: Kjeld proposes to announce a public event upfront. Sebastian says this might cause a legal problem. Pim agrees to indeed inform the VSNU that, based on the missing common ground, the CSR will end the negotiations. ReThink will not be mentioned in this. Michele agrees. Teo asks why the council would announce the end of negotiations, but the council prefers to give a heads up on this.

45 **Voting proposal:** The CSR will publicly announce that they are supporting ReThink and will write a public statement on the course of the negotiations with the VSNU.

In favor 9

Against 1

Blanco 1

50 *Abstain 0*

The voting proposal is adopted.

The taskforce PR will inform the VSNU that the negotiations have ended, communicates to ReThink that the CSR supports their action. **(action)** The PR taskforce and Pim write a public statement on the negotiations with the VSNU, and will make this available for an editorial round. The statement will be send out on October 30th. **(action)**

-- Linda van Exter enters the meeting --

10. Interview: EP-Nuffic

The CSR decides on the input for the EP-Nuffic interview.

60 Kjeld asks whether it is a problem for the CSR when Ken speaks to the media, instead of Pim who is the CSR chair. Sasha explains that based on the internal working agreements this would be possible, and the council agrees.

The council discusses the proposed answers to the questions as written by Ken.

65 Michele does not agree that problems are arising “especially for international students”. Pim states that international students have a ‘longer way to go to catch up’ since they are also blocked by a language barrier. Michele does not agree that this means international students have to come a longer way, as all students face different problems, and certain groups do not even have access to the university. Teo proposes to address the fact that international students have a longer way to go than Dutch students, but Michele and Loraine disagree with this. It is agreed upon to make explicit that international students face certain barriers, but without emphasizing the difference with Dutch students.

70 Loraine proposes to first state that housing is an issue for students in general, and only then discuss inclusivity. Kjeld disagrees, as the problems are linked directly to the university, and more specific than problems of the city. The council agrees to firstly address the universities’ issues and afterwards the broader problems.

75 Sasha stresses that teaching staff should not be forced to be sufficient in English. Michele says Ken should also mention the fact that problems are changed into English programs. Therefore, the students are affected by internationalization, as is the level of education and discussion in the classroom. Kjeld

adds that teachers are being judged on their proficiency of English nowadays as well. Raj agrees with
80 Michele. Sebastian agrees with Sasha.

Pim says that a sufficient level of English can be expected from teachers. Michele says that this might
cause problems when changing the programs to English while also keeping on the teachers. Moreover,
there is a difference between sufficiently speaking English and teaching in English. Kjeld agrees. Raj
states that the staff should be trained in English, especially when changing programs to English.

85 Raj says it is not true that internationalization is an elitist project, as it is more inclusive. Kjeld agrees
with addressing this issue as having both elitist and non-elitist aspects; the council agrees. Michele
suggests to link this elitism to the housing issue in Amsterdam, as the CSR finds it important to offer
housing to all students. Raj says housing for internationals is only covered during the first year.

11. OV: debriefing

The CSR discusses the course of the OV on October 24th.

90 8-8-4 semester planning: The possibility of flexibilization will be addressed to the deans, and will be
taken up in the *Studiesucces scan* and the UCO.

Student assessor CvB: The CSR is asked to propose candidates for the BAC. This will be further
addressed at the *W.V.T.T.K.*

95 Rearranging the holidays: This will be brought to the UCO. Michele adds that the CvB does not find it a
priority, although in Institutional Research the high work load came up as a pressing problem, so it
could be linked to this. Kjeld says that the staff should be taken into account.

Teacher of the Year award: Michele says delegating the organization still includes planning and
knowing how to do organize the event overall. The CvB in this way still listed the award as the
responsibility of the CSR. Sebastian will discuss the follow up with BC and ASVA. The PR taskforce will
100 work out this plan to documented proposal to send to the CvB. **(action)**

Model-OER: Michele says the discussion on binding guidelines should be held with JZ, while the
discussion on the ideals should be with the CvB. For the next OV, it can be made more explicit what the
CSR wants to discuss and what is already clear about the discussion.

Dutch language courses: The CvB will invest this and discuss this with the VSNU.

105 CBO agenda and minutes: The agenda will be send, based on which the CBO will be orally explained.

12. IO agenda

The CSR brings forward topics to put on the IO agenda for November 1st.

Discussion points: Budgets, Jaarplanning, Taalbeleid, BAC Studentassessor-CvB.

13. Werkgroep Sterke Medezeggenschap

The CSR gets informed on the matters which will be discussed with the working group.

110 Proper connection: Michele explains that at the FGw, the *medezeggenschap* is being instructed to not
speak with policy makers, and vice versa, as the faculty board is their official conversation partner. It will
be conveyed that this is an issue, as CSR and FSR's should always be able to speak to policy makers.

Framework of rights: Sebastian says that the CSR should strive to get a right of consent on as many
issues as possible, and the council agrees. Kathelijnn says at the AMC the faculty has sufficient rights.
Sasha says that merely asking for mere rights would be an empty statement. Michele says 'adherence'
115 to the *medezeggenschap* should be specified, as defending why an advice is not followed is still
adhering. It should be addressed that deans do not always correctly deal with the advices of faculty
councils. Michele stresses that OC's are now *medezeggenschap* as well. Michele adds that
Onderwijsdirecteuren do not always write their yearly reports, and Pim says that they are also not



120 democratically chosen. Kjeld proposes to bring the points forward as additions or ways of improvement, and not starting from a negative stance on the framework.

Rights of medezeggenschap used correctly; Michele says this implies there are no problems with the rights available. The rights can only be used correctly when the conversation partner agrees to cooperate. Kjeld proposes to address the budget, and the way in which this can be used by the *medezeggenschap*. Michele proposes to address the rights of OC's to have elections, and to see what
125 "using rights" means exactly. Loraine says that the *zeggenschap* does not always provide the means to take up the rights correctly, by not giving enough time/information/etc. Pim adds that involving *medezeggenschap* earlier in the process would improve the situation.

Sufficiently being representative; Pim says that the *medezeggenschap* is being blamed. Sasha says it has been addressed that this problem comes from the *zeggenschap*. Pim says the board is implicitly
130 responsible for the representation of their councils, but as this is open to interpretation so will not be addressed during the discussion.

Dialogue medezeggenschap-zeggenschap-academic community; Kjeld says that in general discussions often deviate from the points the CSR is trying to bring forward. Kjeld adds that it is not always clear which party to contact when information is needed. Pim says that the CvB and deans forward the CSR
135 and FSR's towards each other, and Loraine says that domain directors do this too. Kjeld says that public involvement is not always visible or possible. Michele links this to the facilities that are offered. Pim says that BC has an authority to send a mail-to-all, while faculty councils and OC's cannot always reach their programs. Pim says OC's are not facilitated sufficiently due to budget issues. Michele says that *Studiesucces* measures as the BSA also influence students' participation in councils and their
140 engagement in the academic community. Sebastian wants to stress that the function of the student assessor should not bypass the *medezeggenschap*.

General; Pim states that no current members of the *medezeggenschap* (central, faculty, OC) are included, and that faculties and studies are also not represented properly. The balance between students and board and staff members is therefore not correct. Loraine adds that the composition of
145 the working group might influence the upcoming advice and might bypass student interests or the *medezeggenschap*. Pim says the direction of the working group is mostly blaming the *medezeggenschap*. Sasha says the directing of questions, and therefore possibly later the advice, should be more directed from the *medezeggenschap* to the *zeggenschap*.

150 **Voting proposal:** The CSR is of the opinion that the composition of the *Werkgroep Sterke Medezeggenschap* is wrong.

In favor 10

Against 0

Blanco 0

155 *Abstain* 1

The voting proposal is adopted.

Voting proposal: The CSR is of the opinion that the direction of the questions of the *Werkgroep Sterke Medezeggenschap* is wrong.

160 *In favor* 9

Against 0

Blanco 2

Abstain 0

The voting proposal is adopted.

14. Statement: Volkskrant interview rector magnificus

165 *The CSR discusses its statement as a reaction to the interview on October 6th.*

Educational programs deciding on the language: Pim says the educational programs can decide on this. Michele says FSR's also have a say on the language change, and he disagrees with the KNAW putting this at the educational level. Loraine informs the council that Ken wants to see this being addressed at the OC level, and that he would like to see an overarching framework for facilitation of integration into the university.

170 Internationalization with(out) policy: Loraine says that Ken would like to see a policies and soft structures, and that he stresses that internationalization affects all students.

Reacting Michele does not agree to write a reply to the interview, as the statement should be on the larger discussion regarding internationalization. Pim, Michele and Ken rewrite the statement to frame it within the larger discussion on internationalization. **(action)**

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15. ISO

This agenda point is postponed until next week.

16. Regeling Flexstuden

The CSR discusses the advice request for the Regeling Flexstuden.

Pim asks why the tuition fee is higher, and Michele expects this to be correction for inflation.

180 **Voting proposal:** The CSR gives a positive advice on the *Regeling Experiment Flexstuden 2018-2019*.

In favor 9

Against 0

Blanco 2

Abstain 1

185 *The voting proposal is adopted.*

Michele will write a concept advice which will be brought to the PV on November 1st. **(action)**

17. Statement: Housing at REC-A

This agenda point is postponed until next week.

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

190 • *Access to exams;* Pim suggests to mention problems with (entering) exams in the WC-krant and on Facebook. Taskforce PR will take this up. Michele suggests to address this to the FSR and exam committees. Pim says it has been addressed to the complaints committee.

195 • *CBO;* The CvB has agreed that the COR and CSR would get the CBO agendas. Pim says the information from the CvB on the CBO can be incomplete or biased. Pim wants to get access to the minutes confidentially, as this has been agreed upon before. Pim proposes to send a letter. Kjeld says to start with the discussion in the I(A)O but still ask for the minutes. Pim will draft a concept letter. **(action)**

-- Mees van Rees enters the meeting --

200 • *BAC Studentassessor-CvB [confidential]*
The CSR will formally announce to the CvB that they do not agree with the current proposal of



the CvB on the composition of the BAC, and will stick with having 2 CSR members in the BAC.
(decision)

19. Questions

- Tamara asks whether the CSR would like to receive the agendas and minutes of the FSR FNWI, as is decided in the faculty regulations. The council agrees that these minutes being available on the website is sufficient.
- Tamara asks which council members would like to follow an English course, and to notify her by e-mail.

20. Ending

Pim closes the meeting at 19h17.

Decisions

- 210
- 171025-01** The CSR grants the newly chosen council assistants for academic year 2017-2018 speaking right in the PV.
- 171025-02** The CSR allows ReThink to use the information that the negotiations between the CSR and VSNU have not been going smoothly.
- 171025-03** The CSR will publicly announce that they are supporting ReThink and will write a public statement on the course of the negotiations with the VSNU.
- 215 **171025-04** The CSR is of the opinion that the composition of the Werkgroep Sterke Medezeggenschap is wrong.
- 171025-05** The CSR is of the opinion that the direction of the questions of the Werkgroep Sterke Medezeggenschap is wrong.
- 171025-06** The CSR gives a positive advice on the Regeling Experiment Flexstudereren 2018-2019.
- 220 **171025-07** The CSR will formally announce to the CvB that they do not agree with the current proposal of the CvB on the composition of the BAC, and will stick with having 2 CSR members in the BAC.

Action list

- 225 **171025-01** All taskforces discuss the year planning and planning for the upcoming OV-cycle.
- 171025-02** All council members check the GV Regulations and HR and inform Pim whether they want to propose any changes.
- 171025-03** Council members give editorial feedback on the letter on Lunch with the Rector before Monday.
- 171025-04** Pim asks Bram whether contact has been made with AMC and ACTA regarding the problems with housing and internationalization policy.
- 230 **171025-05** The taskforce PR will inform the VSNU that the negotiations have ended, communicates to ReThink that the CSR supports their action.
- 171025-06** The PR taskforce and Pim write a public statement on the negotiations with the VSNU, and will make this available for an editorial round. The statement will be send out on October 30th.
- 235 **171025-07** Michele writes a positive concept advice on the *Regeling Experiment Flexstudereren 2018-2019*, which will be brought to the PV on November 1st.
- 171025-08** Pim drafts a concept letter to ask for (confidential) insight in the CBO-minutes.

- 240 **171025-09** Pim writes a concept letter on the composition of the BAC Studentassessor-CvB that will be made available for an editorial until Monday. Pim will also inform Mariska that the CvB can expect a letter on this matter.
- 171025-10** Pim informs the CvB that the FSR's are facing problems with their faculty budgets, which might have negative impact on the process for the GV.
- 245 **171018-01** Council members send content for the WC-krant and FB-page tot he PR taskforce.
171018-02 The taskforce heads agendize 'the media' for every taskforce meeting.
~~**171018-03** Pim writes a meeting piece on the mandate for ISO meetings.~~
~~**171018-04** Pim looks into the legal status of Zorgplan and will get a legal second opinion on this.~~
171018-05 **Sebastian will write a meeting piece on the refund.** Sebastian will contact D&D in progress to ask them for a plan before the CSR decides on whether to ask for a refund of the money or not.
- 250 **171018-06** Facilities and Housing will organize a meeting for the file holders, where they will discuss the possibility of setting out surveys per faculty.
~~**171018-07** Pim asks Linda van Exter to informally discuss the LOF proposal on medezeggenschap as social service with the CvB.~~
- 255 **171018-08** Council members can send their input regarding the informative video and infographic to the PR taskforce. **The PR taskforce will draft a plan.**
171018-09 Bram, Sasha, and Pim look into the previous discussions and proposals that could be included in the revision of the CSR regulations.
~~**171018-10** Tamara informs Mick Krol that the CSR would like to use a couple of week to discuss and propose changes to the CSR regulations.~~
- 260 ~~**171018-11** Kjeld will ask for a translation of the CSR regulations.~~
171018-12 Taskforce Democratization & Policy discusses the role of Onderwijsdirecteuren in the medezeggenschap.
171018-13 Kjeld sends the results of the FSR FNWI survey on catering to the taskforce Facilities & Housing.
- 265 ~~**171011-04** Ken, Loraine, and the taskforce PR write a concept statement to react to the interview with the Rector Magnificus in the Volkskrant.~~
171011-05 Kjeld will further investigate the possibilities of a tuition fee free board year, and will present this to the PV.
~~**171011-06** Council members send their ideas and suggestions regarding the role of the CSR as 'middle man' in the organization of the Lunch with the Rector to the PR taskforce.~~
~~**171011-07** Ken will investigate why the proposed costs for taking an IELTS exam are 50 euros.~~
171011-08 Pim announces at the GV that all GV-members have the opportunity to put topics on the GV-agenda.
- 275 ~~**171011-10** Bram writes a concept statement regarding the housing situation at REC A, taking into consideration the points of PV171011.~~
171011-11 Taskforce Education & Vision researchers the amount of study weeks at the UvA in comparison to other Dutch universities.
171011-13 The representatives ask their FSR's to discuss the relation between internationalization and student housing problems, and the proposal to write an unsolicited advice together with the medezeggenschap in Amsterdam.
- 280 **171011-14** If the FSR's give positive feedback on the proposal to write an unsolicited advice on the housing situation, Bram will contact the USR VU and CMR.
~~**171011-15** Tamara will check the legal rights of the CSR in the Decaanbenoemingen.~~
- 285 ~~**171011-17** Sasha will ask the CvB on their stance on open and/or closed meeting sessions with dhr. Duisenberg on November 1st.~~



- 290 ~~171011-18~~ Council members who have suggestions for the location of the CoBo send these to the PR-taskforce.
- ~~171004-03~~ During the OV, the DB will ask about the UvA taking responsibility in informing the academic society about the period of advice regarding the allocation model process.
- 171004-07 Teo prepares a statement regarding the language in the GV and Pim or Sasha assists him with this.
- 295 ~~171004-08~~ During the OV, the DB will ask about the faculty budgets and the plan for the Middenen Wet Studievoorschot.
- 170927-09 Bram, Mees, Guido, Teo and Ken will work out a concrete proposal for the factors based on which the re-allotment of the bestuursbeurs can be done. This will be brought to the PV on November 1st.
- ~~170920-03~~ The DB will set up a list with possible technical chairs for the OV's.
- 300 170913-06 All council members research which topics linked to the ITK they are dealing with in their files and/or faculties, and inform Sasha about this.

Pro memorie

- 140908-04 The DB is strict about *nazendingen* and being present in time.
- 140908-04 A double check on the spelling and grammar should be done for all communication. Taskforce heads have the final responsibility in this.
- 305 141208-04 The taskforce heads notify the PR-taskforce after their meetings which files should be raised in the media.
- 150420-01 All DB-members send their updates before Sunday 20h.
- 150907-02 Sasha sends a weekly Monday mail with all the activities of the upcoming week.
- 151019-03 Sasha notifies the FSR's after the PV on which topics the CSR needs input.
- 310 160502-01 Pim and Sebastian take good care of the plants.
- 161017-04 The taskforce heads make sure that everyone gives proper feedback in their taskforces about the work, steering and soundboard groups, and they make sure the documents are saved on the P-drive.
- 161017-05 The taskforce heads oversee the diverse division of speakers for the OV.
- 161031-01 Bram and Sasha organize fun activities for the council on regular basis.
- 315 170201-04 The council oversees a proper balance between small and large files in the PV.
- 170823-01 The AMC letter regarding the allocation model will be taken into account during the upcoming discussion on the new allocation model.
- 170823-06 Michele will make a plan to involve the FSR's in setting up the BSA-evaluation, and informs the FSR's about the position of the deans in this.