

Minutes of the *Plenaire vergadering* of the CSR on the 7th of February 2018

Council members	Sasha Borovitskaja, Guido Bakker, Jern Ken Chew, Pim van Helvoirt, Bram Jaarsma, Michele Murgia, Kjeld Oostra, Sebastian Proos, Mees van Rees, Loraine Smith, Teodor Todercan;
Council assistants	Quinta Dijk, David Nelck;
Absent	Deval Raj;
Guest(s)	Moataz Rageb <i>Studentassessor-CvB</i> (from 15:08), Sofie ten Brink <i>FSR FdG</i> (from 15:08), Mourad Farahat (15:32-16:05)
Minutes	Tamara van den Berg <i>Ambtelijk secretaris</i>

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1. Opening

Pim opens the meeting at and welcomes everyone.

2. Mail

The council discusses the in- and outgoing mail.

3. Concept minutes

Setting of the minutes of PV180117, PV180124, and PC180131 is postponed until next week.

4. Checking the action list

The action list gets updated.

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-- Sofie ten Brink and Moataz Rageb enter the meeting --

Guido makes a proposal for the *pro memorie* list. He proposes that council members try to take care of expressing their opinions and give arguments for their standpoints. Pim says that due preparation will also contribute to this. **(pro memorie)**

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5. Announcements

- Raj is absent. Michele will be absent next week, and Kjeld the week after that.
- An English meeting on the allocation has been organized for February 16th.
- The follow-up session to the CSR internal evaluation will take place after the PV.
- Council members should include Evelien Moors in e-mails regarding the GV.

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

The written updates discussed briefly.

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- Mees asks whether any policy will be written about the balance between education and research. This has been addressed during the roundtable conversations and will be taken up into the *Instellingsplan*. Mees suggests discussing this within the faculties.
- Guido states to be against spending the funds from the *Middelen Wet Studievoorschot* only on honours students, which is what the FdR is currently planning to do. Bram explains that a compromise has been reached to spend these funds also on educational modes for different parts of the student population.
- Kjeld asks the council to consider a proper mailing policy when addressing the faculty councils.
- Kjeld asks whether there are updates regarding the mandatory purchase of study material binders and the *Studentenstatuut*. Guido is working on the mandatory binders. The *Studentenstatuut* has been postponed by JZ.
- Roan has offered to give a presentation on setting an OC for honours programs. This plan can be presented during the file holder meeting.
- Pim asks whether the FSR-FMG has a stance on the protests. Loraine explains that the council facilitates the protest but that it is too soon to take a stance. There is, however, an ongoing discussion about these topics within the council.

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-- Guest Mourad Farahat enters the meeting --

7. Setting the agenda

The agenda is set with changes.

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Added: Media

Taken from the agenda: Student assessor evaluation



8. Model-OER

The CSR decides on its advice about the model-OER for bachelors and masters.

40 To support the CSR's proposal for changing the name of the model-OER, Bram brought forward an example of the dean referring to the model-OER in a strict way. The references in the summary will be updated and stated clearly. Also, points about the language policy have been added, and the demand for a formal reply from the CvB on sending the model-OER to the deans.

Kjeld suggests mentioning that the CSR is principally against the model-OER. Mees is against adding this. Sasha questions whether it would be useful as this might deviate from the content and Pim agrees.
45 Guido is also against, as it has already been made clear to the CvB before.

Voting proposal: The CSR adds to the advice on the model-OER that they are fundamentally against the existence of the model-OER.

In favor 2

50 *Against 7*

Blanco 2

Abstain 1

The voting proposal is not adopted.

55 Tamara says that the CvB has asked for a reference to, or quotation of, the points of the advice that came (directly) from the juridical advice. Sasha is in favor of adding this. Michele is against this as this would counter the previous decision of the CSR to not share the advice. Pim says this might differentiate between the juridical advice and the points of advice that came from the CSR, and therefore, in line with Michele, he is not in favor. Bram agrees.

60 Bram asks why compulsory lectures are being taken up into the OER B bachelors and masters. Mees says that the regulations should be in line with the *Studentenstatuut*, as this only refers to mandatory tutorials. Bram suggests making more explicit that medezeggenschap should not be bypassed in this choice.

Voting proposal: The CSR decides to give a negative advice on the model-OER with additions of the
65 PV180207.

In favor 8

Against 4

Blanco 0

Abstain 0

70 *The voting proposal is adopted.*

The advice will be open for an editorial round until February 8th, 10.30h as the advice should be sent to the CvB that morning.

9. Collegegeldvrij besturen

The CSR decides on its stances regarding the tuition fee free board year.

75 Teo explains that the CvB would like to consider this separately from flex studying. Teo also conveyed during the informal meeting that the proposal is supposed to counter a problem that is mostly financial.

Kjeld says that the study delay that a board year costs should be considered as such. This would also be fairer towards the university in regard to the costs of education. Sasha states that the CvB is in favor of their students having a link to the university and their studies and that having an academic link
80 could be preferable indeed. Guido does not think that non-EEA-students should get the same

compensation. Bram, Ken, and Raj are already working on this separate issue. Bram suggests setting a boundary to the number of ECTS a student can take within the VU-model.

Kjeld proposes to follow the VU-model, or when this is not possible, the HvA-model. Michele sees more in looking into burnouts and the workload for students but otherwise agrees with Kjeld. Quinta cannot decide
85 which model to prefer. Ken proposes to look not only at the financial aspects but at the benefits as well.

In favor of the VU-model: Teo, Bram, Sebastian, Sasha, Sofie, David, Guido, Mees, Ken, Loraine, Pim

In favor of the HvA-model: Michele, Kjeld, (Ken)

Voting proposal: The CSR in favor of proposing the VU-model in the OV as an option for
90 implementing *collegegeldvrij besturen*.

In favor 10

Against 0

Blanco 1

Abstain 1

95 *The voting proposal is adopted.*

Michele and Sasha suggest asking the CvB about ways to invest in the medezeggenschap, but Kjeld says this is a separate issue.

-- Mourah Farahat leaves the meeting --

10. Housing & Internationalisation

100 *The CSR discusses organizing a creative session to debate the housing problems.*

Tamara says that the VU is also working on these topics and wants to stay informed.

Bram spoke to policymakers from the UvA who deal with the internationalization of the university. He says that short stay contracts have been made available for international students at the last moment.

This means that these student accommodations are no longer available via the 'regular' renting
105 channels, but are given to international students. Bram says that the CSR should not allow this as this both attracts international students and does not give an equal opportunity to all students. Loraine suggests bringing this up in the working group and addressing it during the creative session. Ken agrees but says that the housing problem is a shared problem between all UvA-students. Bram suggests first defining the stances of the CSR on the housing issues to address these in the working group, but
110 Loraine suggests organizing a creative session simultaneously.

Sasha is in favor of organizing the session. Bram and Guido are against organizing a creative session on internationalization and housing. Bram says these sessions tend to portrait the international students as being in disadvantage, but they are also creating problems for Dutch students. A session might not be able to show this nuance. Guido adds that all students should have equal chances, and he is
115 therefore against helping international students more and thereby discriminating Dutch students. Loraine says that the session would be to gather information from outside the medezeggenschap and prominent policymakers. This could help the CSR to form their opinion. Quinta is in favor of this. Loraine adds that the housing problem is a general issue and therefore does not need to be focused on international students.

120 Loraine, Ken, Bram, Raj, and Guido will for next week write a proposal on the angle and organization of the creative session on housing, and they will discuss who writes a meeting piece on the stances of the CSR in the working group. **(action)**



11. Working situation cleaners

The CSR prepares for the meeting with FS about the working situation of the cleaners.

125 Guido says the meeting should also be aimed at getting the UvA clean. Teo wants the cleaners to be happy. The council is in favor of pursuing the strategy proposed by Loraine. Based on the outcome, it can be considered to invite Harold Swartjes for the next OV.

12. UCO

The CSR prepares for the UCO-meeting on February 8th.

Pim wants to stress to the CvB that topics dealing with international students should also be accessible in English and for international students.

130 **Exam framework;** Pim says the 4-weeks deadline of the OER is not followed consistently. Mees says this deadline is not implemented in the agreements clearly. Pim says that *Studiesucces* might have a negative impact on the number and frequency of exams. Mees says that there are disadvantages with frequent tests but a yearly exam has the same risk of being disproportionate. The current suggestion is to change the way of compensation for grades in regard to the BSA. Sofie explains how the DSA, in a way, counts as a proper alternative. Pim says that the constant pressure of exams is problematic in the 8-8-4 semester planning, but Mees says that the amount of exams is not inherent to 8-8-4. Sofie says that the facilitation of exams should be taken into account as well. Pim adds that setting a strict deadline for grading exams is important for students and that there should be repercussions for teachers who fail to meet these deadlines.

140 **BSA;** Michele says that the working group will be using data from *Studielink*, so no data on self-identification of gender is available. Moreover, no connection with the UvA-matching evaluation is made, although these 2 evaluations will be linked. Michele would like to take place in the working group.

UCO-planning; *rescheduling tutorial rooms, rescheduling the holidays, Turnitin, Honours.* Michele says that the honours committee has been put on non-active status, and he would like to stay updated.

145 **Functional limitation** Ken suggests highlighting the link to the student disability platform. Moataz says that there are plans to transform the platform. Sasha will voice in the UCO that the platform and FSR's should be included. Michele says that these matters are not discussed by the faculty board despite having to be implemented faculty-wide. The FSR's should be notified about the responsibility of the educational directors in this. Kjeld says that this can be done by the delegates. Ken Ken will also bring this up during the upcoming file holder meeting.

13. OV: Sustainability

The CSR discusses its strategy for addressing the universities sustainability policy.

Mees asks Teo for an update on the contact with Deutsche Bank. Teo does not know and the meeting did not take place yet.

155 Mees asks what is meant with the proposal to offer organic dishes. Teo has no plan. Guido suggests offering regional and seasonal food. Bram and Teo explain that these suggestions fall under the set contract with the caterer. Kjeld says that Cormet can hire contractors that offer seasonal products. Guido suggests giving away left-over food. Pim suggests taking care of products not being used in a sustainable fashion. Ken asks about the sustainability of the coffee cups, and Teo says that this a part of the proposal on recycling. Ken suggests to explicitly include paper materials and to offer alternatives.

160 Guido is against polystyrene coffee cups as an alternative and Michele agrees.

Sasha suggests including the facilitation of bottom-up initiatives and grass root projects. Sebastian suggests setting policy on the heating of rooms and buildings. Sasha suggests linking this to the eco-friendly protocol. Loraine suggests looking into possibilities of re-using waste as not just a form of

recycling. Guido proposes to reduce the amount of waste. Sebastian is against 'fun trips' by plane for the CvB, and Michele suggests in that regard to put a quota on the number of exchange students.

15. Media

P&A: student assistants, international student barometer, mental health

D&P: university forum, new student assessor

D&SS: WhatsApp of StS,

F&H: Turnitin, working situation cleaners

F&C: *collegegeldvrij besturen*, English allocation model

General: platform for books exchange, master weeks

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

- **Digital examination rooms;** Taskforce Facilities & Housing asks whether student bodies are aware of this shortage and whether there are reports supporting this claim. Guido and Quinta had been notified about the shortage in different working groups. Guido says a shortage is emerging due to the increase of digital exams.
- **Bike parking;** Bram says that the parking spots are very busy and that the underground spots cannot be used by those who work or study until late. Loraine asks why the parking spots at G-building have been removed. F&C will take this up and will ask the FSR's who reside at REC about their experiences. **(action)** Sofie adds that there should be parking places for the daily visitors of the REC.
- **English Allocation model;** An meeting has been organized to give English speaking students and staff the possibility to ask questions about the allocation model. Michele suggests inviting the ASVA, NU! And OC's.
- **Education desks;** Guido says that GALOP asked for the opinion of the CSR about the name change of education and service desks. The council asks for more background information. Guido will write a meeting piece to form an official CSR opinion. **(action)** The delegates check the names of the desks at their faculties and how they came to be and why they are named in a certain way. **(action)**

17. Input request from the FSR's

None.

18. Questions

- Michele asks whether all FSR's have written an advice on the allocation model to the GV.
- Kjeld suggests looking into the solar benches that have been placed on the campus. Taskforce Facilities & Housing will take this up and Kjeld can give more information. **(action)**
- Sebastian wants to take a new group picture and asks when everyone can be present.
- Bram says that a concept press statement about the housing situation in Amsterdam can be expected by tomorrow.
- Bram asks PR to give an update on the finances of the lunch for the students from Minsk. **(action)**
- Pim says that the rector wants to discuss burnouts and solutions with the CSR. Sebastian, Pim, Ken, Sasha, and Bram write a meeting piece. **(action)**

19. Ending

Pim closes the meeting at 18.00h.



Decisions

- 200 **180207-01** The CSR decides to give a negative advice on the model-OER with additions of the PV180207.
- 180207-02** The CSR in favor of proposing the VU-model in the OV as an option for implementing collegegeldvrij besturen.

Action list

- 205 **180207-01** Taskforce Facilities & Housing looks into the bike parking places that are available at the REC, and inquires whether the limited amount of bike parking spots is a problem for the other FSR's at the REC as well.
- 180207-02** Guido writes a meeting piece for PV180214 on the proposed name change of the Educational Desks.
- 180207-03** The representatives check the names of the (educational) desks at their faculties and check why these desks have been installed and why they are named as they are.
- 210 **180207-04** Taskforce Facilities & Housing addresses the solar benches that have been placed at the UvA campuses, and asks Kjeld for more information, if needed.
- 180207-05** Taskforce PR gives a financial accountability and budget overview about the lunch with the students from Belarus.
- 215 **180207-06** Sebastian, Pim, Ken, Sasha and Bram write a meeting piece on burn outs, to take up this issue with the CvB.
- 180207-07** Loraine, Ken, Bram, Raj and Guido will for next week write a proposal on the angle and organization of the a creative session on housing, and they will discuss who writes a meeting piece on the stances of the CSR in the working group.
- 220 **180131-01** Taskforce Democratization & Policy discusses whether setting the deadline for the FSR's to give input on the different procedures of dean appointments in 4 weeks is suitable.
- 180131-02** Kjeld inquires what different possibilities JZ is researching to possibly compensate 1st-year OC-student members for their work.
- ~~**180131-03** Pim writes a concept advice on the model OER for PV180207 and looks more into the proposals about model OER part B articles 6.1, 6.2, and 8.1.~~
- 225 ~~**180131-04** All council members forward their input for the roundtable discussion *Instellingsplan* to taskforce Education & Vision.~~
- ~~**180124-01** Taskforce Facilities & Housing works out the plan and strategy to discuss sustainability.~~
- 180124-02** Michele looks up more information on temporary contracts in UvA-data and contacts UvA-Holding for information about the temporary contracts which fall under the UvA-Holding.
- 230 **180124-06** All taskforces set a goal (or two) which they sent to Pim, prior to February 5th. Pim shares the goals with Kjeld and Michele and they present an overview and plan at PV180207. Sasha makes sure all taskforce heads are informed about this plan.
- 180117-01** Sasha writes an update to inform the council why it is not possible to grant voting rights to the council assistants.
- 235 ~~**180117-03** Taskforce Programs & Accessibility researches the possibilities to extend the model of a tuition fee free board year to international students.~~
- 180117-06** Bram writes a meeting piece for PV180124 on Housing and Internationalization.
- 180117-07** Taskforce Facilities & Housing checks the shortage of examination rooms for digital exams.
- 240 **180117-08** The taskforce heads of Dig&SS, E&V, F&C and D&P write a short text of 150 words in Dutch and English about the files and subjects they are working on, before January 26th.
- 180110-03** The representatives discuss the proposed procedures for dean appointments with their FSR.
- 180110-04** David organizes a file holder meeting on the procedures for dean appointments, after the initial stances of the council are known.

- 245 **171220-05** Loraine checks whether the cleaners on the UvA-locations are hired by different companies.
~~**171220-07** David asks the FSR's about their vision on the NSE and organizes a file holder meeting afterward.~~
171220-09 The representatives from the FSR-FdR and FSR-FEB check their FSR-archive for discussions and information on the NSE.
- 171220-11** Pim and Sasha discuss the Draaiboek Opleidingsaanbod.
- 250 **171213-05** Pim voices at ISO that the FSR FMG and the CSR see the importance of schakeltrajecten.
~~**171206-02** Raj gathers information about peer reviewing at the different faculties.~~
~~**171108-02** Sasha and Tamara arrange a training on the writing of meeting pieces and time management.~~
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.

Pro memorie

- 255 **140908-04** The DB is strict about *nazendingen* and being present in time.
140908-05 A double check on the spelling and grammar should be done for all communication. Taskforce heads have the final responsibility in this.
- 141208-04** The taskforce heads notify the PR-taskforce after their meetings which files should be raised in the media.
- 260 **150420-01** All DB-members send their updates before Sunday 20h. and write their updates linked to all specific files of the taskforces.
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, **if mentioned explicitly during the PV.**
- 265 **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.
- 270 **161031-01** Bram and Sasha organize fun activities for the council on regular basis.
170201-04 The council oversees a proper balance between small and large files in the PV.
171101-01 All council members archive their documents in the P-drive.
171108-04 The representatives check whether the agendas, minutes and letters of the FSR's are being published online.
- 275 **171129-14** Mees and Sasha keep in mind for the upcoming UCO-meeting on Honours that UvA-Q reports are filled in for honours courses, while there are no OC's to check these evaluations.
180207-01 **Council members try to take care of expressing their opinions and give arguments for their stand points.**