

# Minutes of the *Plenaire vergadering* of the CSR on the 21<sup>th</sup> of February 2018

Council members	Guido Bakker (from 15:03), Sasha Borovitskaja, Sofie ten Brink (from 15:21), Jern Ken Chew, Pim van Helvoirt (until 16:29), Bram Jaarsma, Michele Murgia, Sebastian Proos, Deval Raj (from 15:03), Loraine Smith (from 15:02), Teodor Todercan (from 16:14);
Council assistants	Quinta Dijk, David Nelck;
Absent	Kjeld Oostra, Mees van Rees;
Guest(s)	Moataz Rageb <i>Studentassessor-CvB</i>
Minutes	Tamara van den Berg <i>Ambtelijk secretaris</i>

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### 1. Opening

*Pim opens the meeting at 15:00h and welcomes everyone.*

### 2. Mail

*The council discusses the in- and outgoing mail.*

-- Loraine Smith enters the meeting. --

### 3. Concept minutes

5 The minutes of PV180117 are set based on a small textual change.  
The setting of the minutes from PV180124 and PV180131, PV180207, and PV180214 is postponed until next week.

-- Deval Raj and Guido Bakker enter the meeting --

### 4. Checking the action list

10 The action list gets updated.

### 5. Announcements

- Teo will be later. Pim will leave earlier and Guido will be the technical chair from that moment.
- Guido will read the comments and questions that Mees has written about the meeting pieces.
- Guido states that GALOP was pleased with the CSR's positive advice about the name change of education and service desks.
- 15 • Guido is planning a meeting about Blended Learning and Michele will be invited for this.
- Sasha asks all taskforces to compose their (OV-)planning and provide their agenda points for the IO.
- Ken would like to include the AUC in the Mental Health file and perhaps in other files as well. Pim suggests getting in contact with them via Bram.

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

The written updates discussed briefly.

### 7. Setting the agenda

20 The agenda is set with changes. The agenda point *Reflection* is moved up on the agenda.

### 8. Student assessor evaluation

The CSR discusses the set up for an evaluation of the function of student assessor CvB.

Pim says that according to the University Regulations the UvA is not legally obliged to appoint a student assessor at the faculties as the deans are governing the faculties and other governors are mandated by the dean. Sasha will look into this. **(action)**

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-- Sofie ten Brink enters the meeting. Moataz Rageb leaves the room for this agenda point. --

Pim asks whether the CSR would like to recall its stances. Sasha will clarify the stances of the CSR from the last years and this year specifically. **(action)**

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**Origins** – Michele says that, at the time, the people in favor of the proposal to appoint a student assessor in the CvB were the chair of the CSR and the chair of the FSR-FGw. However, the CvB was composed of different board members back then. Loraine suggests providing this background information as an introduction to frame the discussion. Michele explains how originally the Studentassessor-CvB should have worked predominantly on the side of CSR to improve transparency, while the function now is balanced between CSR and CvB.

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**CSR's stances** – Guido says that the past stances of the CSR are a valuable asset but should not weigh too heavy on the evaluation. Sasha says that it would be useful to look into the disagreements and (negative) stances of the CSR and see how the function of the student assessor became institutionalized. Sofie says that the evaluation should start from a neutral position, but Sebastian disagrees as the CvB will start the evaluation based on their stances as well. Pim suggests learning the stances of the CSR over the last years informative and not to adopt them as a stance.

**Agreements, function description** – This will be part of the evaluation.

**Colleagues of the assessor** – Sasha says that the UvA staff direct their questions to the assessor and ask the assessor for an opinion about many different issues. This should be addressed, also for the faculty student assessors. Quinta suggests linking this to the function description and agreements between CSR-CvB-assessor. Sasha explains that the CSR should also consider which other people they would like to invite for the evaluation. Pim wants CSR and CvB to be the only ones present, and would only accept inviting an ex-student assessor.

## 9. OV: recap

*The CSR briefly goes over the course of the OV CSR-CvB on February 20th.*

The DB will discuss whether providing the CvB information for the OV's can be done in another or better way than via a *meeleesmemo*. **(action)**

Taskforce Finance & Collaboration will discuss how to continue working on the *collegegeldvrij besturen* file and a way to organize the institutional tuition fees in relation to the profiling funds. **(action)**

-- Teo Todercan enters the meeting --

## 10. Reflection

*The CSR reflects on the course of the plenary meetings.*

**Personal achievements;** Raj is positive about the progress on creating a sustainability policy and reducing the PV meeting time. Ken is positive about the internationalization file and the atmosphere of the PV. Sebastian is positive about the election plan FB and design of the *WC-krant*. Bram is positive about getting study places back on the agenda. Michele, Teo, and Sofie are not proud of anything in particular. David is positive about the relation between the council assistants and the council. Loraine is positive about working on the working situation of the cleaners. Guido is positive about getting a better outreach to students and improving the visibility of the council. Quinta is positive about her personal growth. Sasha is positive about the course of PV and following the OV-cycle. Pim is happy about getting insight in the CBO minutes.

**Improvement** Guido informs the council that Mees sees improvements in the PV, despite the fact that not all council members actively participate. He proposes rotating the position of technical chair. Quinta, Sasha, Sofie, Raj Loraine Guido are in favor. Ken questions how productive this would be. Bram and David think this would be counterproductive. Pim thinks could be fruitful. Michele is strongly against this and thinks this should be up to a vote of the council. This will be discussed in the DB. **(action)** Sasha asks the council members to pay attention during meetings and put away their laptops, Loraine agrees and asks council members to hold each other accountable.

## 11. Budget: Commoning UvA

*The CSR discusses financially compensating Commoning UvA for their contribution to the CSR-evaluations.*

Sasha summarizes that Commoning UvA has spent about 15-20hours on the recent evaluations. Ken asks how Commoning UvA felt about the compensation last time, and Sasha says that there was no negative reaction. Bram asks what direction Commoning UvA is taking: helping grassroots and non-

profit projects by facilitating them or trying to become a professional organization that helps with evaluations. Ken says that the CSR pays a lot of money to other organizations such as TAQT for their training. Sasha will ask Commoning how they see their position and how many hours they spent on helping the CSR with the evaluation. **(action)** Tamara stresses that the financial compensation should be agreed upon prior to the training.

-- Pim van Helvoirt leaves the meeting. Guido Bakker takes up the position of technical chair. --

## 12. PR: medezeggenschap event

*The CSR discusses organizing an event for prospective council members.*

85 Loraine and Ken ask for a timeline of the event, and Bram is against the structure of the meeting piece and the proposal of a public PV. Sebastian says that the *kandidaatstelling* is in April and the elections will be in May, so the event should be prior to that. Sofie suggests taking into account the internal deadlines that parties set for candidates to apply. Loraine suggests discussing the event with the parties to see whether they are positive about the proposal and ask them about their internal  
90 deadlines. Sofie asks what the difference between the event and a with regular PV would be and Sebastian says that people would be actively invited. Bram says that the proposal for a public PV is very lazy, not thought out well and not attractive to prospective council members. Loraine disagrees. Guido says that Mees had proposed to plan an additional presentation before the PV. Sofie thinks that attending a PV can be informative, but that the council should still organize something to inform and  
95 enthusiast the prospective council members and Loraine agrees. Ken suggests including this into a larger timeline for election-related events. Sebastian says the budget should be taken into consideration. Taskforce PR will further work out the proposals for an event for prospective council members for PV180228 and all council members share their ideas with the PR-taskforce. **(action)**

## 13. International students in medezeggenschap

*The CSR discusses the plans to make the medezeggenschap accessible for all students.*

100 Michele asks which 'study delay' would be compensated based on the proposal and Ken says this is linked to the expected graduation date and the delay that is caused by medezeggenschap. Bram explains that this would cover a study duration of *nominal + 1*. Moreover, it is not possible to reduce the fees of international students to *wettelijk collegegeld*. Guido and Mees ask why only full-time functions are included. Ken proposes to fund the board years for international students from a central level. Sofie says that international students shouldn't pay a tuition fee if they don't take any ECTS. Bram says that the CvB is not in favor of *collegegeldvrij besturen*.

105 Bram explains how the government stops financing diplomas when the study duration goes over the nominal period, and that because of the height of the fees international students usually graduate within the nominal period. Guido says that the feasibility of Bram's proposal to reduce the fees to *wettelijk collegegeld* depends on the funding, but Bram says that this does not need to be the case as the UvA would break even in costs, and only missed the surplus or profit that is now earned by accepting international students. Guido says that international students should get a chance to be involved in *medezeggenschap* but not by offering them a preferred position in comparison to EEA-students by giving them a larger discount on their study costs. Bram says that in both cases it is only  
110 the study delay that is being covered. Sasha asks whether anyone is principally against the proposal principally, and Guido and Mees are based on financial principles as it puts EEA-students at a disadvantage. Ken says that the international students are currently in a disadvantaged position. Teo is in favor but understands skepticism from a Dutch perspective but he suggests considering what



120 international students contribute to boards and how much money this is worth. Bram will further  
work out the financial aspects of the proposal for PV180307 to clarify the existing questions and show  
whether the situation is (un)equal. **(action)** Sasha proposes to share this with the FSR's as well after  
next week to ask them for their opinion.

#### 14. Besturingsmodel

*The CSR gets informed about the governance model of the university.*

125 Mees has asked about the timeframe but this is not known. Sasha will inquire this and see when the  
CSR should give input. **(action)** Sasha is pessimistic about the amount of leverage the CSR would have  
in changing the position of educational directors. Ken says that the communication between the  
different levels has not been included as well as the shared services between UvA-HvA. Sofie says that  
the ACTA and AMC should also be listed as faculties and that the information about the bachelor-  
130 master split of the AMC is outdated. Michele will inform Sasha further about the position of  
educational directors and medezeggenschap at the FGw. **(action)**

#### 15. W.v.t.t.k. / Any other business

- **Bike parking spots:** Bram will meet with Wil van Zijl (FS) tomorrow to discuss the problems with  
bike parking and the underground parking spots and parking system. Bram asks for a mandate to  
demand a solution and clearer communication about the closing times of the parking spots.  
Lorraine asks why parking spots next to REC-G have been removed and Bram says this was an  
135 order of the municipality. Bram says that the plans for the extra building at REC is being set and  
will also cause problems for the current parking situation. Lorraine states to be aware of  
complaints from the bike coaches, but she will gather those and come back to this later. The  
council is in favor of Bram asking for a solution and communication about the opening hours.
- **USR-VU / ACTA;** Pim was asked by the USR-VU whether UvA-students from ACTA can be eligible  
140 to join the USR-VU. Bram says that it is legally not possible as the UvA is *penvoerder* of the ACTA  
and therefore UvA-students joining the USR-VU would not be according to the WHW. Sasha  
understands why the FSR-ACTA would be interested in the option. Sofie and Ken propose asking  
the FSR-ACTA for their input. The council would like the USR VU to work this out first and come  
back with a more concrete proposal. Tamara will inform the USR-VU. **(action)**

#### 16. Input request from the FSR's

145 *None.*

#### 17. To the media

- David asks whether the CSR would like to create a poll on Facebook about their preference for the  
implementation of the OC's in the DLO. Michele stresses that the poll should not be steering and that it  
should be made clear to students that Canvas is only intended as being an online learning environment.  
David will send a proposal to PR for a statement and poll. **(action)**
- Final advice from the *Werkgroep Sterke Medezeggenschap* / Folia article about the presentation.  
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#### 18. Questions

- Sofie asks where the PR elections file holder meeting will take place, but Sebastian does not know.
- Tamara asks the council members to reimburse their travel expenses for the CSR-weekend.

## 19. Ending

Guido closes the meeting at 17h25.

## Decisions

None.

## Action list

- 155 **180221-01** Sasha looks into the legal obligations of the UvA to appoint student assessors at a faculty level, both in accordance with the WHW and the University Regulations.
- 180221-02** Sasha clarifies the stances about the function of the student assessor CvB from the CSR17|18 and during the earlier years and includes this in the follow-up meeting piece about the setup of the evaluation of the function.
- 160 **180221-03** The DB discusses whether providing the CvB information for the OV's can be done in another or better way than via a *meeleesmemo*.
- 180221-04** Taskforce Finance & Collaboration discusses how to organize the institutional tuition fees in relation to the profiling funds.
- 180221-05** The DB discusses the suggestion of rotating the function of the technical chair and comes back to the PV with a proposal.
- 165 **180221-06** Sasha asks Commoning UvA how many hours they spent on the CSR-evaluations and how they see their own role as an organization.
- 180221-07** Taskforce PR works out the proposals for the (public) event for prospective council members for PV180228.
- 170 **180221-08** All council members share their ideas on the organization of an event for prospective council members with the PR-taskforce.
- 180221-09** Bram writes a meeting piece for PV180307 to inform the council about the financial aspects of offering international students a financial compensation for a delay in their studies due to a board or council year.
- 175 **180221-10** Sasha asks Arne Brentjes for the planning to give input on the Besturingsmodel.
- 180221-11** Michele informs Sasha about the position of educational directors and the medezeggenschap in the Besturingsmodel of the FGw.
- 180221-12** Tamara informs the USR-VU that the CSR would like to await a concrete proposal for including UvA-students from the ACTA in the USR-VU.
- 180 **180221-13** David sends a proposal for a statement and voting poll on the inclusion of the medezeggenschap in Canvas to taskforce PR to publish this on Facebook.
- ~~**180214-01** David calls ACTA and FdR to gather their stances about the different procedures of dean appointments.~~
- ~~**180214-02** Guido and David compose the positive advice on the name change of the central service desks and education desks.~~
- 185 **180214-03** Bram asks Mariska Herweijer for policy documents on student housing.
- 180214-04** Loraine writes a concrete proposal with an estimate of the costs for the organization of a creative session about housing.
- 180214-05** Sebastian, Pim, Ken, Sasha, and Bram write as a follow-up meeting piece for PV180221 about the burnouts amongst student organizations and medezeggenschap.
- 190 ~~**180214-06** Sasha informs the chair of the CvB that the CSR will discuss the evaluation of the function of student assessor CvB during PV180221.~~
- 180214-07** Sebastian, Mees, and Bram will meet with Cormet to discuss the preparation and costs for the lunch that was organized on January 31<sup>st</sup>.



- 195 **180214-08** Sasha asks the members of the CSR 16-17 whether they would be interested to join the CSR's *Raad van Advies*.
- 180214-09** Mees contacts Michele to discuss the honours report, as discussed during the UCO of February 8<sup>th</sup>.
- 200 ~~**180214-10** Taskforce Facilities & Housing contacts Peter van Baalen to discuss the study places REC, as a follow up to the UCO of February 8<sup>th</sup>.~~
- ~~**180214-11** The delegates from the FdR, FEB and FMG contact their education directors about the study places and status of the plan to reschedule empty tutorial rooms.~~
- ~~**180214-12** Bram asks the CvB for an update on the rescheduling of empty tutorial rooms during the OV on February 20<sup>th</sup>.~~
- 205 ~~**180214-13** Pim asks whether other ISO members have information about the plagiarism software Scorum.~~
- 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.
- 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.~~
- ~~**180131-02** Kjeld inquires what different possibilities JZ is researching to possibly compensate 1<sup>st</sup>-year OC student members for their work.~~
- 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.
- 215 **180117-07** Taskforce **Digitalization & Study Support** ~~Facilities & Housing~~ checks the shortage of examination rooms for digital exams.
- ~~**180117-08** Guido, Mees, Bram, and Loraine write a short text of 150 words in Dutch and English about the files and subjects they are working on in the taskforces, before February 16<sup>th</sup>.~~
- 220 **180110-04** David organizes a file holder meeting on the procedures for dean appointments, after the initial stances of the council are known.
- ~~**171213-05** Pim voices at ISO that the FSR FMG and the CSR see the importance of schakeltrajecten.~~
- 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

- 225 **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.
- 230 **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.
- 235 **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.
- 240 **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.

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**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.