

Minutes of the *Plenaire vergadering* of the CSR on the 28th of February 2018

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

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1. Opening

Sebastian opens the meeting at 15:04h and welcomes everyone.

2. Mail

The council discusses the in- and outgoing mail.

3. Concept minutes

5 *The minutes of PV180124 and PV18013 are based on textual changes.*
The council requests to postpone setting the concept minutes from PV180207, PV180214, and PV18021 until next week.

4. Checking the action list

The action list gets updated.

5. Announcements

- Pim is absent due to holidays. Guido, David, Sofie are ill. Raj has exams. Loraine is later.
- 10 • Michele says that on March 12th there will be a national meeting between university teachers to discuss the strategy for a 1-day strike on the high work pressure and insufficient funds.
- Moataz asks the council whether it is possible for him to attend the discussion on the function of student assessor.

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

The written updates discussed briefly.

- 15 • Mees asks for an update on flexstudereren. The CSR has advised positively on the change of the regulations, and the evaluation will happen after the 3-year pilot.

-- Loraine Smith enters the meeting --

7. Setting the agenda

The agenda is set without changes.

8. Statement about student housing

20 *The CSR decides on sending out a statement about the student housing situation in Amsterdam.*
Teo asks whether concrete constructive ideas can be included in the statement. Ken asks how many student houses are closed down yearly and Bram says this is about 400 a year. Bram addresses the tone of the statement: it is more direct and forward than regular CSR letters to address the political parties of the municipality.

25 **Voting proposal:** The CSR decides to send the letter on student housing to the parties of the municipality and send out a separate press release.

In favor 11

Against 0

30 *Blanco 0*

Abstain 0

The voting proposal is adopted.

35 Bram composes a press statement that will accompany the letter on the student housing issues that is being sent to the municipality parties. **(action)**



9. Deutsche Bank

The CSR decides on the follow-up steps they will take to discuss the universities banking.

Mees asks how addressing the issue of banking with Deutsche Bank in the sustainability policy counters changing the regulations of the treasury statute. Bram thinks that addressing the banking issue directly would be stronger, although only possible after setting the sustainability policy. Loraine proposes to both, but Bram is not in favor. Loraine proposes to directly address this in the sustainability policies and to add a clause in treasury statute afterwards. Michele proposes that the CSR works on the sustainability policy while the FMG pursues the treasury statute separately, but the council thinks it is stronger to follow this through together. The CSR can then write an advice to the CvB who can agendize it in the CBO. Bram says that the FSR FMG might not want to wait until the sustainability policy has been set. Loraine adds that implementing new policy will take several years and therefore it might be wise to address the treasury statute firstly, as leaving Deutsche Bank concerns more than only sustainability issues.

Voting proposal: The CSR decides to go forward with the FSR-FMG's proposal to write an advice to add a clause to the treasury statute about sustainable banking.

In favor 9

Against 1

Blanco 1

Abstain 0

The voting proposal is adopted.

Bram contacts Geertje Hulzebos (FSR FMG) to write an advice about the treasury statute. **(action)**

10. 'Midden in de samenleving'

The CSR decides who will attend the brainstorm session on March 6th about the universities' identity.

Mees states that the CSR does not have clear stances on the topics that will be discussed. Bram and Mees are interested in joining the brainstorm session, but Mees decides to retreat. Bram will represent the CSR in the brainstorm session on personal title, within the framework of the current stances of the CSR. He will give an update about the brainstorm session during PV180307. **(action)** Bram suggests mentioning the effects of high working pressure on the academic environment. Sebastian proposes considering other topics as decolonization and setbacks. Sasha suggests also looking into the PV-minutes about the Instellingsplan.

11. Raad van Advies [confidential]

The CSR decides on the appointment of members of the CSR 2016-2017 for the CSR's advisory board.

The council members confidentially list their preferred candidates for the *Raad van Advies* before voting. The CSR decides to appoint Alex Tess Rutten, Lianne Hooijmans, Annabel Wildschut and Tijmen de Vos as new members of the CSR's advisory board. **(decision)**

12. Student assessor evaluation [confidential]

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

The CSR will compose a list of *pros and cons* about the function and will decide on the set up of the evaluation next week.

13. REC: programmagroep

The CSR discusses the new REC lecture hall, parking sports and learning spaces at the REC.

75 **New lecture hall;** Tamara says that the COR and CSR will be asked for advice in case of a financial investment being made to build a new REC lecture hall. Mees asks for the timeframe. Bram says the building might start in September 2019 but this could be extended. Moreover, an agreement had been made to not build within 5 years after completing REC-A. Nevertheless, Bram says that the new lecture hall is needed. Michele asks whether the room could be split in smaller lecture halls and this is the case. Sasha says that the council should push for the building of middle size lecture hall if Bram suggests to do so.

80 **Active learning spaces;** Sasha asks why active learning spaces are being created. Bram says this is part of the REC development and concerns investments from *Huisvestingsontwikkeling* at central level. Michele says that this is an institutional issue that concerns multiple faculties. Bram explains that the policy budget for blended learning is used to create these spaces, and Sasha asks why this is not decided on within the faculty. Bram explains that *Huisvestingsontwikkeling* is positive about the plans which might have impact on the lump sum financing.

85 **Parking spots** Kjeld says REC-A bike parking already full, but Bram explains that these parking places will be expended. Michele asks whether car parking is also for personal use. He states it should be available only for people with a functional limitation. Mees says that there should be parking spots for people from outside Amsterdam as well, and Loraine adds that public transportation can be costly and very time consuming. Quinta says that Amsterdam will be made car-free within the next years anyway. Bram explains that the *Gemeente* demands that the UvA builds car parking spots. Bram asks whether the council finds it more important to have 2 bike spaces (in REC-A and REC-E) or 1 bigger parking space (in REC-A). Teo says that it is no problem if the parking is slightly further away from REC-H. Sasha asks whether 36 car parking sufficient, and Bram thinks it should be. Teo says there might be problems with traffic to enter the parking spaces, but Bram and Sasha say this should not be a problem.

14. REC: creating study spaces

The CSR discusses pursuing the creation of more study spaces in the new REC lecture hall.

100 Bram did not yet inform the *programmagroep* REC about his proposal to build another floor with study places in the new lecture hall. Mees, Sebastian, Guido, Kjeld are in favor of the proposal. Kjeld proposes to ask the *programmagroep* to investigate the possibilities. Teo asks why an extra floor needs to be build an suggests focusing on quiet study spaces. Teo asks whether the nuisance for neighbours is taken into considerations, as the plans might lead to a lot of students gathering at the entrance.

105 Bram suggests financing the extra floor by setting a lump sum fund aside centrally. Michele says that this would privilege the students of that study at the REC with central funding and he asks how, after constructing the study places, this would be financed structurally. Bram says that only marginal costs will be made as it concerns a single investment and the UB would not need to pay for the m2. Kjeld and Michele stress the importance of considering the yearly costs that will be made afterwards and Bram will work this out. **(action)**

15. Blended Learning

The CSR gets updated on the latest developments in Blended Learning and CILT.

110 Mees explains that the plan for Blended Learning and CILT was received last week: it is a proposal to continue working on the development of Blended Learning. Michele says that the initial idea was that faculties would be deciding whether they want to use the funds of blended learning, while the plans now set very top down. Mees says that Peter van Baalen would disagree with this as the document focuses on



115 bottom up plans and Kjeld adds that there are grassroots options. Michele says that the plans are not truly bottom up as people are pressured to start new initiatives. Mees asks Michele whether it should concern facilitation instead of nudging, and he agrees.

Guido writes an *oordeelvormend vergaderstuk* for PV180307. **(action)**

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

- 120 • **Besturingsmodel;** Sasha asked Arne Brentjes about the governance model and the timeframe in which the CSR can give input. The CSR can give their comments over the coming weeks. Michele asked to also inform the FSR's. Sasha and Michele will e-mail the FSR's and ask them to form their stances. **(action)**
- 125 • **ASVA meeting with Pieter Duisenberg;** Kjeld explains that ASVA proposes to organize a meeting with Duisenberg in small groups and with a livestream. Kjeld says that the CSR had earlier decided to not be in favor of events setup in this way. Michele is also not in favor of promoting the event. Mees is in favor of joining the organization of the events and promoting it.

Voting proposal: The CSR will promote the meeting with Duisenberg organized by ASVA

130 In favor 5
Against 6
Blanco 0
Abstain 0

The voting proposal is not adopted.

- 135 • **ASVA free soup demo;** Teo informs the council that ASVA wanted to hand out soup to protest the high prices of the canteen. Bram had volunteered to help cooking. The costs for the ingredients would be shared between ASVA and CSR and should not be too high. Tijmen is gathering the utensils. Teo states to be against the plan as he is maintaining the relationship with Cormet Today. Mees says that ASVA can organize this protest themselves.

140 **Voting proposal:** The CSR will co-organize the soup action with ASVA.

In favor 9
Against 2
Blanco 0
Abstain 0

145 *The voting proposal is adopted.*

- 150 • **GV;** Michele says that the FSR is discussing whether they want to advice the CSR about the structure of the GV and the impact of being in the GV on personal title as a delegate. Loraine says this could be part of the working agreements between the representative and the faculty council. Michele says that the specific faculty points are not being discussed when preparing for the GV. Michele wants to discuss whether a discrepancy between the position of delegates in the CSR and GV exists.

- 155 • **LOF / Nuffic Internationalization vision meeting;** Ken and Sasha will attend the meeting from LOF on March 2nd and ask for input from the council. Teo suggests addressing Dutch language courses. Michele suggests addressing sustainable internationalization, and Kjeld suggests doing so

160 in relation to housing as well. Bram suggests mentioning how OCW is giving a reversed incentive to increase internationalization. Quinta and Loraine agree with the mentioned points, and Loraine stresses the difference between diversity and internationalization and the importance of a comprehensible language policy. Sasha suggests addressing integrating international students into the structure of the university. Sebastian suggests addressing student housing problems while still attracting new international students. Council members who still have input can inform Ken and Sasha before March 2nd 10.00h. **(action)**

16. Input request from the FSR's

- *Besturingsmodel*
- REC new lecture hall / study places

17. To the media

165 *None.*

18. Questions

- Sasha looked into the CBO minutes and says that the CvB has stated the importance of Diversity Officers. Sasha will inform the faculty councils.
- Tamara asks the council members to reimburse their travel expenses for the CSR-weekend. **(action)**
- Ken asks PR for a timeline for the elections and related events. **(action)**
- 170 • Kjeld asks the delegates to get an inventory of the contact details of the (new) parties and inform PR and Tamara about this.
- Michele invites the council for an event of the OC Philosophy on decolonizing the curriculum that will take place on March 16th.
- 175 • Mees explains that a story board about the council work and university is being developed. PR would like to know who wants to be involved. Kjeld suggests informing everybody by e-mail and asking for input via e-mail.

19. Ending

Sebastian closes the meeting at 17.18h.

Decisions

180 **180228-01** The CSR decides to send the letter on student housing to the parties of the municipality and send out a separate press release.

180228-02 The CSR decides to go forward with the FSR-FMG's proposal to write an advice to add a clause to the treasury statute about sustainable banking.

180228-03 The CSR decides to appoint Alex Tess Rutten, Lianne Hooijmans, Annabel Wildschut and Tijmen de Vos as new members of the CSR's advisory board.

180228-04 The CSR will co-organize the soup action with ASVA.

Action list

185 **180228-01** Bram composes a press statement that will accompany the letter on the student housing issues that is being sent to the municipality parties.

180228-02 Bram contacts Geertje Hulzebos (FSR-FMG) to compose an advice about adding a clause to the treasury statute.



- 190 **180228-03** Bram gives an update on the brainstorm session 'midden in the samenleving' during PV180307.
- 180228-04** Bram further works out the proposal for creating an extra floor with study spaces in the new REC lecture hall, taking into account not only the marginal costs but the yearly (maintenance) costs as well.
- 180228-05** Guido writes a meeting piece for PV180307 to discuss Blended Learning and CILT.
- 195 **180228-06** Sasha and Michele e-mail the FSR's about the *besturingsmodel* and ask the FSR's to gather information about the faculty governance model and form a stance on this.
- 180228-07** All council members who have input for the LOF/NUFFIC internationalization meeting, inform Ken or Sasha before March 2nd, 10.00h.
- 180228-08** Council members declare their travel costs for the CSR-weekend before March 2nd.
- 200 **180228-09** Taskforce PR provides the council with a detailed time schedule for the election period and all the events and meetings that CSR-members
- 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.
- 205 ~~**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.~~
- 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.
- 210 **180221-05** The DB discusses the suggestion of rotating the function of the technical chair and comes back to the PV with a proposal.
- 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.
- 215 **180221-07** Taskforce PR works out the proposals for the (public) event for prospective council members for PV180228.
- 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.
- 220 ~~**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.~~
- 225 ~~**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.~~
- 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.
- ~~**180214-03** Bram asks Mariska Herweijer for policy documents on student housing.~~
- 230 **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.
- 180214-07** Sebastian, Mees, and Bram will meet with Cormet to discuss the preparation and costs for the lunch that was organized on January 31st. **Sebastian sends out an e-mail before March 2nd.**
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- ~~180214-08~~ Sasha asks the members of the CSR 16-17 whether they would be interested to join the CSR's Raad van Advies.
- 240 180214-09 Mees contacts Michele to discuss the honours report, as discussed during the UCO of February 8th.
- ~~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.
- 245 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.
- 180117-07 Taskforce Digitalization & Study Support checks the shortage of examination rooms for digital exams.
- 180110-04 David organizes a file holder meeting on the procedures for dean appointments, after the initial stances of the council are known.
- 250 ~~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

- 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.
- 255 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. 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.
- 260 151019-03 Sasha notifies the FSR's after the PV on which topics the CSR needs input, if mentioned explicitly during the PV.
- 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.
- 265 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.
- 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.
- 270 171108-04 The representatives check whether the agendas, minutes and letters of the FSR's are being published online.
- 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.
- 275 180207-01 Council members try to take care of expressing their opinions and give arguments for their stand points.