

Minutes of the *Plenaire vergadering* of the CSR on the 30th of May 2018

Council members	Pim van Helvoirt, Michele Murgia, Kjeld Oostra, Sebastian Proos, Mees van Rees, Loraine Smith, Teo Todercan;
Council assistants	David Nelck (until 17:05), Quinta Dijk;
Absent	Guido Bakker, Sasha Borovitskaja, Sofie ten Brink, Jern Ken Chew, Bram Jaarsma, Atma Jyoti Mahapatra;
Guest(s)	Moataz Rageb <i>Studentassessor-CvB</i> , Jason Biemond <i>FSR-FdG</i> (until 17:05), Marc Lamin <i>USR-VU</i> , Liz ten Bergen <i>USR-VU</i>
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1. Opening

Pim opens the meeting at 15.02h and welcomes everyone.

2. Mail

The council discusses the in- and outgoing mail.

3. Concept minutes

Setting the minutes of PV180425, PV180502, PV180509, PV180516, and PV180523 is postponed until next week.

4. Checking the action list

5 *The action list gets updated.*

5. Announcements

- Pim will write a speech for the Article-24 meeting during the OV on June 19th. Council members can give input.
- The procedure Quality Agreements is under construction and is being discussed in taskforce F&F.
- The Education Day will take place on May 31st.

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

10 *The written updates are discussed briefly.*

7. Setting the agenda

The agenda is set with changes.

Taken off: Collegegeldvrij besturen

Added: Amsterdams StudentenOverleg

8. Burnouts

The CSR decides on sending a memo on burnouts in the medezeggenschap.

15 Michele says that the points he had brought forward on the content have not been adopted. Michele disagrees with the paragraph on offering access to the company doctor. Michele says that being in the *medezeggenschap* should not give you priority to other people who need mental help. Moreover, the paragraph lacks a structural critique and Michele, therefore, suggests removing the suggestion. The memo will be sent on May 31st. Editorial remarks can be given until 12.00h. **(action)**

9. Catering

20 *The CSR decides on co-signing the advice of the FSR-FGw on the catering.*

Michele explains that the FSR-FGw suggests sending the advice to the CvB in the template of the CSR.

Kjeld suggests not signing the letter as it addresses several issues that the CvB is already aware of and which are being discussed with FS and the Caterer. Jason, Loraine, David, Quinta, and Sebastian agree despite also agreeing with the content of the letter. Teo says that the letter demands too many things

25 at once. Mees disagrees with Kjeld and says it is good to keep these issues on the agenda. Michele says that the demands are not unrealistic request and that it is good to keep pressure. Pim finds this inconsistent with not signing the petition as decided last week, but Mees disagrees.

Kjeld says that the FSR's and CSR were involved in the initial discussion on the contract with Cormet. Moreover, the CvB is not the speaking partner of Cormet directly. Michele says that the opening hours

30 do concern the CvB's responsibility.

Loraine says that the other points in the letter are also important to be made, for example, the suggestion to internalize the catering into the university.



Voting proposal: The CSR decides to co-sign the advice of the FSR-FGw on Catering.

35 *In favor 8*

Against 3

Blanco 0

Abstain 1

The voting proposal is adopted.

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Textual remarks can be sent to the FSR-FGw.

10. Sustainability

The CSR discusses setting an UvA-broad sustainability policy.

Michele says that the UvA will be appointing somebody to carry responsibility for the sustainability file, perhaps even hiring someone for this. Michele says that an exemplary role in education/research within the field of sustainability is needed as well. Kjeld suggests linking the responsibility that needs to be taken with putting someone with tenure on the function. This person could set up a platform and involve medezeggenschap to improve communication and consciousness on the topic and to strengthen the say of students and employees in this.

Michele says that sustainability for UvA the UvA should be focused mostly on education & research (the universities' core business) and less on housing. Michele asks how sustainability and diversity can be integrated into the studies while also demanding from students to graduate nominally.

Pim proposes organizing a Sustainability Day as happens at the FNWI.

Loraine suggests offering a clear operationalization and definition of sustainability. Michele says that the vision document will set up in a broad manner, the CSR18-19 can then continue working on this file and operationalize their concrete goals. However, the CvB can already be asked to think in concrete goals.

Michele states to be in favor of cutting exchange programs to avoid students flying around the world.

11. Blended Learning

The CSR discusses their input for the brainstorm session on CILT and Blended Learning.

Michele stresses the importance of privacy and the AVG for teaching staff. Michele adds that all pilots on Blended Learning so far have failed. Pim says that finding new strategies for teaching students, if suitable, is important. Mees says this will always be based on trial and error.

Pim says that the proposals need to be discussed as CILT will be funded in the *Kaderbrief 2019* as the rector has asked to come with concrete Blended Learning goals and to possibly reorganize CILT under AZ, but Mees says this is not true. Pim suggests including the preferences of students in this. Michele says that it might be a problem to involve teachers if this adds to their workload; it is therefore needed to invest in the primary process first. Pim says that digitalization can also be a part of this, but Michele says that until it is integrated in the primary process, it concerns a separate project.

12. WHW meeting CSR-RvT

The CSR gets informed about the proposed agenda for the CSR-RvT WHW-meeting on June 7th.

CvB's presence: Pim asks the council why they think that the conversation's atmosphere changed after the CvB had left the room. The RvT had noticed this and had asked about it. Loraine and Kjeld think this is inherent to talking about somebody when they are present.

Topics that will be addressed: midterm-review Instellingsplan, Accessibility (Michele), Student involvement (Quinta), review of the year.

Student involvement: Quinta suggests when discussing the student involvement to not talk about the relationship between students and the CvB but amongst the community itself. Michele says that the UvA is responsible for community building, and Kjeld adds that the UvA is responsible for ensuring that students can be able to organize and relate to each other. An increased pressure on students to get their diploma affects this negatively. Moataz says that the report on Student Involvement that was used by the FSR-FdG can also be used for this purpose, as it addresses the change from students as a consumer to co-creator. Quinta says that the UvA cannot force students to relate, but enable them to do so. Moreover, a distinction between CvB/staff/students in terms of community building should not be so strictly in place.

Review of the year: AVG, OC-Kiesreglement, model-OER, policy/regulations from JZ, the organization of the student council elections, language/internationalization, absence delegate FSR-ACTA.

13. Instellingsplan: midterm review

The CSR discusses the midterm review for the Instellingsplan 2015-2020.

Education; Mees and Michele are against *Bildung*. Michele is negative about the examples listed about the student experience. Pim is positive about the points mentioned and about the vision in general as he says it improves the accessibility. Loraine suggests enhancing diversity under education as well and not only under the Talent Policy.

Research; Michele asks what is meant in the *Instellingsplan* by 'interdisciplinary research'. Michele says that €3mln is reserved for the IDA fund, which does not cover FGw and FMG. Michele says that the list of research challenges should be composed by the faculty and in a balanced matter.

Innovation and impact; Michele is against tightening links with business as this should be done at the Hbo. Pim says that valorization is required by law, but that companies partake only in a small amount in the core business of the university. Michele says there could be societal valorization instead of economic. Kjeld says that the desirability of this valorization differs per faculty and type of research. For the FEB and FNWI, it is desirable to have the academic research linked to companies, but Michele disagrees. Teo proposes rephrasing to: 'society and/or business'.

Talent policy; Kjeld says that students should be enabled to follow extra courses. Michele says that the talent policy is for employees only. Pim stresses the balance between research and education.

Financial policy; Michele wants to abolish UvA-holding. Pim wants to demand sustainable financing. Kjeld asks about the involvement of the decentral medezeggenschap in the financial process. Michele suggests including to offer sufficient opportunities for students and staff to give input on financial policies. Kjeld suggests addressing the role of budget cuts and the involvement of the *medezeggenschap* and taking into account the different situations at the faculty level.

Infrastructure; Michele likes that the decisions about the University Quarter are worked out. Michele says that the program group Institutional Research is considering to change the NSE, which therefore should not be addressed positively in the *Instellingsplan*. Kjeld suggests finding better ways to improve the relatively low student satisfaction.

Strategic Key Themes; Sustainable future & sustainable partners (such as banking). Michele and Pim are positive about the section on sustainability. Pim and Kjeld are positive about the vision in general, but Michele disagrees. Pim suggests writing in the reaction that the CSR is positive about the vision and Quinta agrees.

Worries about the implementation; Michele says that the KPI's have not really been taken up before. Michele asks which real changes will happen if the KPI's are not changed by a midterm review (and no revision of the Strategic Plan). Pim suggests highlighting that the KPI's say something different than the written text of the midterm review. E&A will look into this. **(action)**



14. UCO

The CSR gets informed about the UCO-meeting on May 22nd.

Michele asks whether earlier objections against the chair of the UCO need to be addressed, but Mees and Pim are positive about the way Lucy Wenting is dealing with the topics as chair. They expect that the planned themed UCO's might just be put on the agenda regularly.

120 Michele asks whether privacy was addressed in Open Educational Research. Pim says it was only mentioned that this concerned a level 3 access. The AVG was also addressed.

Pim brought up including OC's and exam committees in the Quality Assurance.

Pim will inform the COR about prioritization of education in relation to research in the Educational Indicators Project. **(action)** Michele says this also concern students.

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-- David Nelck & Jason Biemond leave the meeting. --

Moataz asks what was said about UvA-matching and the dropout rate. Mees says that the expected self-selection through UvA-matching did not happen, but that the UCO saw a valuable correlation between the grades that students get at UvA-matching and their exams later on. UvA-matching is therefore considered valuable and the UCO finds that it gives a realistic expectation of what a study program entails. Moataz says that the program is quite work-intensive for teachers and staff. Perhaps getting this realistic insight would also be possible getting without the test. Mees says that the UCO values the prediction and the community bonding through the exams.

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135 Michele says that the CvB is waiting for the advice of the Institutional Research programme group to check the benefits and costs.

15. Taskforce merger

The CSR decides on the merger of taskforces D&SS and D&P with taskforces E&A and F&F.

Kjeld asks whether it would be useful to add extra files to taskforces F&F that will be dealing with the Kaderbrief, while taskforce D&P is expecting many regulations before the summer.

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Voting proposal: The CSR decides to merge the taskforce D&SS into E&A.

In favor 8

Against 0

Blanco 1

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Abstain 3

The voting proposal is adopted.

16. March for Education

The CSR decides whether they support the March for Education on June 8th.

Michele says that the March for Education is organized by ASVA, NU, Humanities Rally and WOinActie, and asks whether the CSR would support this. Kjeld says that the CSR supports WOinActie because of their claim against OCW but not to support potential occupations or an active protest against the UvA. Loraine says that problems exist at the UvA-level as well. Pim finds it problematic that the CvB was explicitly not invited for the Marc, but Loraine says that the CvB is not an ally in the battle against *rendementsdenken*. Mees is against a protest that goes against the UvA.

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Michele says that the protests are directed against budget cuts, the *Rijksbijdrage* the transparency of the financial policy and the structural problems in investing in scientific research. Democratization will

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also be a theme. Sebastian says that other universities will be present as well and that the protest is therefore against OCW.

Voting proposal: The CSR decides to support the March for Education on June 8th.

160 *In favor 4*

Against 6

Blanco 2

Abstain 0

The voting proposal is not adopted.

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Voting proposal: The CSR decides to support the March for Education on June 8th on the points of the structural funding problems from OCW in higher education.

In favor 8

Against 4

170 *Blanco 0*

Abstain 0

The voting proposal is adopted.

Pim suggests sending a press statement. Pim will write a draft statement for an editorial round until Monday 12h. **(action)**

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13. Amsterdam StudentenOverleg (ASO)

Kjeld is positive about forming this group and doing things together as students from Amsterdam. This would also help to get an insight how things are being done at the other institutions. The council agrees to join the *Amsterdams StudentenOverleg*.

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

- **Cleaning schedule;** Teo states not to want to clean the office as other council members have not taken their responsibilities in this either.

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15. Input request from the FSR's

- Catering
- Sustainability
- Instellingsplan midterm review

16. To the media

- *Kwaliteitsafspraken* survey
- *Instellingsplan* midterm review
- *Schakeltrajecten*: the working group is still looking for people

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17. Questions

- Tamara asks who would like to help to organize the introduction weekend. As there is no response, Tamara asks the council to consider this. Mees asks who would like to help organize the simulation for the introduction weekend as PR is quite busy already.



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- Moataz asks whether the council is interested in a council dinner, and asks whether this should come from CSR or personal budget. One council member wants to pay for the dinner themselves, 5 council members want to use CSR budget. Moataz and Quinta will look into this. **(action)**

18. Ending

Pim closes the meeting at 17.59h.

Decisions

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- 180530-01** The CSR decides to co-sign the advice of the FSR-FGw on Catering.
 - 180530-02** The CSR decides to merge the taskforce D&SS into E&A.
 - 180530-03** The CSR decides to support the March for Education on June 8th on the points of the structural funding problems from OCW in higher education.

Action list

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- 180530-01** Council members send their editorial/textual remarks to the memo on burnouts before May 31st, 12.00h.
 - 180530-02** Taskforce E&A checks whether there are KPI's in the *Instellingsplan* that indicate something else then is being stated in the mid-term review.
 - 180530-03** Pim informs the COR about the relationship between education and research as was addressed during the UCO meeting on the educational indicators project.
 - 180530-04** Pim writes a draft press statement for an editorial round until June 4th, 12h.
 - 205 **180530-05** Quinta and Moataz check the CSR-budget for organizing a council dinner.
 - ~~**180523-01** Michele writes a reaction letter on the Privacy policy and processing of personal data, including a note on the model *verwerkerovereenkomst* and the followed procedure.~~
 - ~~**180523-02** Michele informs Mariska Herweijer about the consent of the CSR on the Privacy policy and to discuss the procedure for setting these policy and regulations.~~
 - 210 ~~**180523-03** Loraine writes a concept letter on the request for advise on installing two *numeri fixi* at the FEB for an editorial round until May 28th 13.00h.~~
 - 180523-04** Pim calls Folia to ask them to remove the CSR from the list of parties supporting the catering petition.
 - ~~**180516-03** Michele works out the proposal on sustainability and asks the FSR's for input.~~
 - 215 **180509-04** Pim incorporates the points of the study associations and internationalization in the Studentenstatuut and forwards these to Miek Krol.
 - 180509-05** Pim asks Erik Boels for an overview of the general costs of international students, to get more insight into the rationale of money division.
 - 180502-05** Ken tries to gather more information about the rationale behind the division of university spending.
 - 220 **180418-11** Pim asks ISO during the next AV to give an explanation of their statement about the national labour market.
 - 180411-03** Taskforce F&F considers the proposal to name the new bridge at REC.
 - ~~**180411-11** Guido writes a follow-up meeting piece to discuss the proposals from the file holder meeting on Blended Learning.~~
 - 225 **180328-05** Taskforce Democratization & Policy writes a memo on the ideal structure of the CSR and afterwards discusses this with the FSR's.

Pro memorie

- 140908-04** The DB is strict about *nazendingen* and being present in time.

- 230 **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.
- 150420-01** All DB-members send their updates before Sunday 20h and write their updates linked to all specific files of the taskforces. Delegates send their updates before Wednesday 12h.
- 235 **160502-01** Pim, Teo 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. Council members archive all their documents in the P-drive.
- 161017-05** The taskforce heads oversee the diverse division of speakers for the OV.
- 240 **161031-01** Bram and Guido organize fun activities for the council on regular basis.
- 170201-04** The DB oversees a proper balance between small and large files in the PV.
- 171108-04** The delegates check whether the agendas, minutes and letters of the FSR's are being published online.
- 180207-01** Council members try to take care of expressing their opinions and give arguments for their standpoints.
- 245 **180319-01** The DB makes sure that the CSR 18-19 gets informed properly about the request for advice on *schakeltrajecten* that can be expected in September 2018.