Minutes of the *Plenaire vergadering* of the CSR on the 8th of November 2017

Guido Bakker (until 17:57), Sasha Borovitskaja (until 17:57), Jern Ken Chew, Pim van Helvoirt, Bram Jaarsma, Michele Murgia, Kjeld Oostra (until 17:57), Sebastian Proos, Mees van Rees (from 15:16), Teodor Todercan; Quinta Dijk (until 17:57), David Nelck; Deval Raj, Loraine Smith; Kathelijn Verdeyen *Voorzitter FSR-FdG*, Linda van Exter *Studentassessor-CvB*; Tamara van den Berg *Ambtelijk secretaris*

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1. Opening

Pim opens the meeting at 15h02 and welcomes everyone.

2. Mail

The in- and outgoing mail is discussed.

3. Concept minutes + action list

The minutes of October 25th are set without changes. The confidential minutes of October 25th will be set next week. The minutes of November 1st are set without changes.

4. Checking the action list

The action list gets updated.

5. Announcements

- Kjeld and Guido need to leave at 18.00h. Loraine is absent and has mandated Sasha. Raj is absent.
- The taskforce Programs & Accessibility has changed their meeting time to Fridays at 9.00h.
- Sebastian’s phone is broken, so will respond later than normally.

-- Mees van Rees enters the meeting at 15:16h --

- ASVA is looking for people to join the search committee for board members. Sebastian will take this up. (action)
- Based on the survey, the trainings that the council is most interested in are: time management & writing meeting pieces. Tamara and Sasha will check the possibilities and arranges these. (action)
- Mees will checker whether he can be present at the ISO working group on Tuesday, November 14th.
- Pim will discuss the ‘general guidance for students’, as discussed with the Rector Magnificus, with the PR taskforce. (action)
- Pim wants to discuss the official documents that the CSR should have received from the CvB in the discussion on the CSR regulations.
- Pim states that not all FSR’s publish their agendas, minutes and letters online. The representatives will check this with their faculty councils. (action)

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

The written updates discussed briefly.

- Kjeld says the FNWI is investigating the mandatory binders that contain the study material for students and asks whether these problems also occur on the other faculties. This will be discussed at the W.V.T.T.K.

7. Setting the agenda

The agenda is set with changes.

- Instellingscolleegeld is granted more discussion time.
- Regeling Selectie en Plaatsing Fixusopleidingen is postponed until next week.
- Black Pete at the Canteen is added to the agenda at the W.V.T.T.K.
8. Council assistants: voting rights [confidential]

The CSR decides whether to grant the council assistants internal voting rights.

The CSR plans to evaluate the functioning of the council assistants in 8 weeks and investigates further the legal possibilities of granting voting rights to these council assistants. **(decision)**

Tamara, Sasha, and Mees will further investigate the legal possibilities of granting voting rights to the council assistants and come back to this in January. **(action)**

9. Regeling Studiekeuzeadvies

The CSR decides on the advice request on the Regeling Studiekeuzeadvies.

**Editorial** - It is agreed that editorial remarks to the letter can be made after the PV.

**Content** - Bram states that not all students might be financially able to attend, which should be taken into account. Mees suggests asking the CvB to provide digital means for those who cannot attend by distance. Ken says a digital option is already available for a small group of students, and this falls together with defining the reasonable distance. Currently, only those present in the Netherlands are expected to attend UvA matching. Michele suggests to incorporate the specific considerations for distance measurement, and Bram wants to see the financial considerations to be mentioned explicitly. Michele says this might imply the need for setting up a definite list. Therefore, it would be better to not specify these requirements but to bring forward points of attention. Pim suggests providing a list of points of attention, such as reasons based on health or financial status. Guido says bringing up the financial implications also implies defining who is financially able to attend UvA Matching.

Ken says article 4 is only addressing the distance of an applicant who is abroad, and it is this distance that defines the costs. Michele suggests to not mention ‘specific requirements to measure distance’.

**Voting proposal:** The CSR sends a positive advice on the **Regeling Studiekeuzeadvies**, after an editorial round.

- **In favor** 7
- **Against** 1
- **Blanco** 3
- **Abstain**

The voting proposal is adopted.

Mees will send the letter for an editorial round, that will be open until November 9th 12h00. **(action)**

10. D&D: refund of campaign money

The CSR decides whether to give the surplus of the campaign money to D&D in Progress.

**Voting proposal:** The CSR decides to demand the D&D campaign money back.

- **In favor** 4
- **Against** 5
- **Blanco** 1
- **Abstain** 1

The voting proposal is not adopted.

Guido states that is ridiculous to not ask the money back as there is no plan for spending the money. Tamara will inform Annelieke Muller that the CSR does not ask their contribution to the D&D campaign back. **(action)**
11. **Machiavelli congress committee**

The CSR decides on the request of study society Machiavelli to join the congress committee. Michele asks who houses the congress, as it is in collaboration with the VU. Kjeld proposes to suggest to Machiavelli to address the CvB directly. Pim has told Machiavelli they can address this at the academisch uurtje. Guido asks if there are financial components, and there are none for the CSR to take into account.

Pim says it might only be possible to support the initiative on personal title and proposes to support the committee on personal title if it turns out that it is not possible to do so as CSR. Guido says De Vrije Student might support this as a party.

**Voting proposal:** The CSR becomes a member of a committee of recommendations to get the Landelijk Congres der Bestuurkunde to Amsterdam.

- **In favor:** 8
- **Against:** 0
- **Blanco:** 1
- **Abstain:** 2

The voting proposal is adopted.

12. **ISO**

The CSR decides on its general position in the ISO. Sasha asks about ISO’s stances on flexibilizing programs and privacy. Pim explains they that ISO is mostly still investigating what are the current issues and will react to this afterward. Kjeld asks about ISO’s vision on diversity, and Pim says ISO focuses mostly on financial accessibility.

Guido asks what makes the CSR and ASVA the only critical organs within the meetings. Pim says not all organs are as informed and ASVA and CSR, and they are often the only parties responding. Guido says this is not at ISO’s fault per se, and Kjeld says this does not need to be negative. Sasha says it is the responsibility of ISO to organize the meetings in a way that the councils can come prepared.

Linda explains the difference between position papers and long-term plans between ISO and LSVb. Mees asks if at ISO this depends more on the members through a vote, and this is the case. In the LSVb this is based on the working groups and unions, but Pim adds that ISO also has working groups and a general assembly.

**Membership at ISO:** Kjeld says that when leaving ISO, it might be hard for the CSR to join if the ISO would be more aligned with the UvA’s vision.

**Writing a letter to ISO:** Mees says addressing structural problems could be wise, but the letter should not be directed at the content. Guido and Sasha agree. Kjeld says this might give the current board a chance to change their structure, but Pim says this has been tried before. Michele says this can be addressed in the letter as well. Guido says it is also possible to bring arguments to meetings and address issues there. Bram says sending an angry letter might not be constructive, and then it would be better to have a conversation. The invitation for a conversation will be taken up in the letter. Mees is against bringing up the democratic representation, as this counters over-shadowing smaller organizations. Pim also sees structural issues with the division of seats. ISO will be asked whether organizations and councils can join when they ask. Pim says that nonetheless, members are not always properly consulted, as happened with the letter of the technical universities.

Pim will draft a concept letter from the CSR to ISO. *(action)*
13. M-OER

The CSR discusses its stances on the model-OER.

Michele says that the FSR FGw would like to discuss this internally as the M-OER also affects the faculties. The meeting piece is therefore postponed until next week. During the IAO it will be addressed to the CvB that the CSR is internally discussing the M-OER and still waiting for input from the FSR’s. (action)

14. RvT: WHW-conversation

The CSR gets informed on the course of the WHW-conversations with the RvT.

Possible topics to address during the WHW-conversation, which Pim and Tamara will prepare with Marise Voskens next week:

- Language policy
- Negative advice of FSR’s based of lack of information
- WvB and elections of OC’s
- Informing & including medezeggenschap
- Topics discussed with the Werkgroep Sterke Medezeggenschap

15. CSR Reglement

The CSR discusses the CSR regulations and any proposed changes.

Possible changes

- Michele says it should be checked whether the articles that concern faculties are also taken up in the faculty regulations, and not only in the central regulations.
- Mees suggests adding that the CSR represents all students of the UvA, and in this regard cannot be bypassed. Mees suggests asking for consent on the appointment of the student assessor.
- Pim wants to specify the rights of the decentral medezeggenschap on the richtlijnen the CvB gives to the faculties and thereby aligning the consenting, approval and hearing rights between the CSR, FSR’s and OC’s.

Kjeld explains that Juridische Zaken has been informed that the CSR is currently waiting for the English translation, in which changes will be proposed via track-changes.

Pim says that the CvB did not send the Bestuursconvenant, although this should happen based on the CSR Regulations.

16. Instellingscollegegeld

The CSR discusses the institutional tuition fees.

Mees asks if HBO is also included for the Rijksbekostiging in the first 3 years of studies, and Linda affirms that this is the case.

Mees asks whether opening up the information on the costs might show the differences between faculties and thereby causing negative consequences. Bram says that if it is decided to calculate these costs, the information will be out, accessible to all.

Pim asks why there is no calculated average on the national level, as there is for normal tuition fees. Bram explains that this is the case based on the prices for Wettelijk collegegeld and the costs for a Rijksbekostigde diploma. After this, it would be considered a price agreement as a private educational institute, which is not allowed between EU-states. Bram explains that the costs are calculated to keep the income the same for Rijksbekostiging and institutional tuition fee. Teo says that there are different
ways of calculation the allocation of costs, but that it is not possible to calculate the cost per student per se. Mees adds that it is not known what accepting (non-)EEA students costs in comparison to each other.

Pim proposes to make an average fee for all faculties. Mees asks if, in that case, the CSR would still open the information on costs. Bram says this might cause issues for accepting students who are not financed based on the Rijksbekostiging. A way to counter this is by financing them through the Eerste geldstroom in the allocation model, but Pim says this has been changed since last year. Pim is in favor to ask for a calculation framework, as the UvA is a public institution. Bram says this is sensitive competitive information. Moreover, it might cause changing the way of thinking about the university into a merely financial one. Mees says it might cause to push out non-EEA students.

Voting proposal: The CSR decides to pursue transparency and openness in the way in which the costs of programs are calculated in regard to the institutional fees.

In favor 3
Against 3
Blanco 5
Abstain 0

The voting proposal is not adopted

Bram says that the reason faculties attract students who pay institutional tuition fees might hint that there is an incentive. Pim says some faculties might overcharge or undercharge as the costs are not known. Bram says the current methodology of calculating the fees is functional as the income remains equal in comparison to Rijksbekostiging.

Pim will help Bram to write a follow-up meeting piece on the availability of information. (action)

17. UCO: debriefing
The CSR gets informed on the course of the UCO meeting on November 2nd.
Michele asks Mees and Sasha if it would be possible to discuss/prepare the UCO in the taskforce and inform the representatives timely, so input can be given. As the meeting pieces for the UCO have been sent late this has not been possible.

18. REC: lecture halls
The CSR gets informed about the plans to create new lecture rooms at the REC.
The council agrees with the points Bram has addressed in the program group regarding a large lecture hall at the REC.
Pim explains that BOL that controls the UvA lecture halls are under FS, which is shared between UvA and HvA.

19. Ontwerpbegroting 2018
The CSR gets informed about the budget for 2018.
Kathelijn explains that the FSR FdG did not advice negatively but have asked for extra time. Michele asks to next week further elaborate on the advice of the faculty councils, so they can be taken into account. Pim says that all faculties’ advice will be shared with the GV so that the GV can take these into consideration, as the faculty councils have more insight in their faculty budgets.

-- Kjeld Oostra, Guido Bakker, Sasha Borovitskaja, and Quinta Dijk leave the meeting --
20. Sustainability

The CSR gets informed about the developments regarding sustainability policy.

Michele says it would be best when the taskforce Facilities & Housing writes a concept vision on sustainability and to discuss this in the PV. *(action)* Linda suggests taking into account the work done by CSR 16-17, and more specifically, Tijmen de Vos.

21. ASVA/CSR

This is postponed until next week.

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

- **Black Pete:** *This will be discussed next week.*
- **Mandatory binders:** The mandatory binders of study materials will be discussed in the taskforce Digitalization & Study Support. *(Action)*

23. Input request from the FSR's

*No specific input needed.*

24. Questions

- Guido asks the council members about problems with digitalization in the broad sense. Guido will mail the central en student councils to gather information on this. *(action)* Pim will take this up with him.
- Michele has contacted Mariska Herweijer for extra information on the financing of honors programs. Until more information is available, the meeting piece on honors will be postponed.
- Michele says there are plans for Student housing OMHP. This will be addressed at IAO.

25. Ending

Pim closes the meeting at 18h03.

Decisions

171108-01 The CSR plans to evaluate the functioning of the council assistants in 8 weeks and investigates further the legal possibilities of granting voting rights to these council assistants.

171108-02 The CSR sends a positive advice on the Regeling Studiekeuzeadvies, after an editorial round.

171108-03 The CSR becomes a member of a committee of recommendations to get the Landelijk Congres der Bestuurkunde to Amsterdam.

Action list

171108-01 Sebastian takes up the request of ASVA to join their searching committee for new board members.

171108-02 Sasha and Tamara arrange a training on the writing of meeting pieces and time management.

171108-03 Pim discusses the document on the general guidance of students with taskforce PR.

171108-04 The representatives check whether the agendas, minutes and letters of the FSR's are being published online.

171108-05 Tamara, Sasha, and Mees will further investigate the legal possibilities of granting voting rights to the council assistants and come back to this in January.

171108-06 Mees will send the letter on the Regeling Studiekeuzeadvies for an editorial round, that will be open until November 9th 12h00.
Tamara will inform Annelieke Muller that the CSR does not ask for a refund of the D&D campaign money.

Pim drafts a concept letter to ISO.

During the IAO, the DB will address to the CvB that the CSR is internally discussing the M-OER and still waiting for input from the FSR’s.

Bram and Pim write a meeting piece on Instellingscollegegeld and the availability of information.

Taskforce Facilities & Housing writes a concept vision on sustainability and brings this to the PV. To draft this statement, the taskforce will take into account the works of the previous file holder.

Taskforce Digitalization & Study Support discuss the obligatory purchase of binders with study materials.

Guido mails the central and faculty councils about problems with digitalization in the broadest sense.

All council members archive their documents in the P-drive.

Mees, Kjeld, and Loraine discuss the plan for setting up the ILO soundboard group.

Teo informs Marloes van Wagtendonk that the CSR cannot attend the festive opening of the study places at REC A due to the PV.

Bram sends the statement on the housing situation at REC A for an editorial round over the weekend, so the statement can be sent out on Monday November 6th.

Pim takes up the letter on ISO and the beta universities with ASVA, and forwards the letter to the CSR before signing it.

Pim writes a meeting document to discuss ISO, and the proposal to write a letter as a CSR will be included in this.

Loraine will contact Mariska to get more information in the controlling role of the CvB in the application of the fixus selection criteria.

Loraine drafts a positive advice letter on the Regeling Selectie en Plaatsing.

Bram will further inquire the costs of the institutional tuition fee, and the reasoning behind the distinction between (non-) EEA students.

The taskforce Finance & Collaboration discusses who can take place in the working group on institutional tuition fees.

Raj discusses the file on medezeggenschap for international students with Bram, Kjeld, and Ken.

Ken requests more information on the financial implications for SIS of the distinction between (non-) EEA students from the CvB, and will ask whether the CSR can be included in the restructuring of SIS.

Ken writes a formal letter on the restructuring of SIS, and Pim will help him to do this.

Ken investigates who is responsible for determining and judging the regulations on distance in regard to UvA matching, and will check whether it is being implemented to prevent no-shows.

Sasha helps Ken and Michele to write the advice letter on the Regeling Studiekeuzeadvies in Dutch.

The taskforce PR discusses different proposals for the UB night, while also taking into account alternatives for the reserved budget.

Council members send their suggestions on the organization of the UB night to the PR taskforce.

Tamara adds the agenda point ‘input from FSR’s’ to the format of the PV agenda.
171101-19 Pim will inform the CvB that the CSR has issues with the materials used to promote the vacancy for the Studentassessor-CvB 2018.

171101-20 Taskforce Finance & Collaboration will discuss the letter on Voorinvesteringen.

171101-21 Guido writes a meeting piece on the voting rights of the council assistants.

171101-22 The taskforce PR informs the organizers of the Christmas volunteering event that the CSR will not participate.

171101-23 Pim writes a meeting piece to discuss the request of Machiavelli to form a recommendation committee for the organization of a congress on Bestuurskunde.

171025-01 All taskforces discuss the year planning and planning for the upcoming OV-cycle.

171025-04 Pim mentions the housing and internationalization issues at the PV of to ACTA.

171018-01 Council members send content for the WC krant and FB-page to the PR taskforce before Friday November 3rd 15h00. Teo writes a piece on the Catering.

171018-05 Sebastian will write a meeting piece on the refund for November 8th.

171018-09 Facilities and Housing will organize a meeting on Catering for the file holders, where they will discuss the possibility of setting out surveys per faculty.

171018-12 Taskforce Democratization & Policy discusses the role of Onderwijsdirecteuren in the medezeggenschap.

171018-13 Kjeld or Pim send the results of the FSR FNWI survey on catering to the taskforce Facilities & Housing.

171011-05 Kjeld will further investigate the possibilities of a tuition fee free board year, and will present this to the PV.

171011-08 Pim announces at the GV that all GV-members have the opportunity to put topics on the GV-agenda.

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.

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.

171004-07 Teo prepares a statement regarding the language in the GV and Pim or Sasha assists him with this. Teo sends out a Doodle to organize this.

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.

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.

151019-03 Sasha notifies the FSR’s after the PV on which topics the CSR needs input.

160502-01 Pim and Sebastian take good care of the plants.
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.

The taskforce heads oversee the diverse division of speakers for the OV.

Bram and Sasha organize fun activities for the council on regular basis.

The council oversees a proper balance between small and large files in the PV.

The AMC letter regarding the allocation model will be taken into account during the upcoming discussion on the new allocation model.

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.

The taskforce heads agendize ‘the media’ for every taskforce meeting.