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

Guido Bakker (15:02), Sasha Borovitskaja, Sofie ten Brink (15:06), Pim van Helvoirt, Bram Jaarsma (15:02), Michele Murgia, Kjeld Oostra, Sebastian Proos (15:02), Deval Raj (15:02), Mees van Rees (15:02-16:52), Loraine Smith (from 15:09);

Council members
Guido Bakker, Sasha Borovitskaja, Sofie ten Brink, Pim van Helvoirt, Bram Jaarsma, Michele Murgia, Kjeld Oostra, Sebastian Proos, Deval Raj, Mees van Rees, Loraine Smith

Council assistants
Quinta Dijk

Absent
Jern Ken Chew, David Nelck, Teo Todercan

Guest(s)
Moataz Rageb *Studentassessor-CvB*

Minutes
Tamara van den Berg *Ambtelijk secretaris*

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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.

-- Deval Raj, Mees van Rees, Guido Bakker, Sebastian Proos, and Bram Jaarsma enter the meeting --

3. Concept minutes
The minutes of PV180207, PV180214, PV180218, and PV180228 are set based on small textual changes.

-- Sofie ten Brink enters the meeting --

4. Checking the action list
The action list gets updated.
Action point 180228-09 The DB will discuss including the events in the CSR agenda.

-- Loraine Smith enters the meeting --

Pro memorie 140908-05 Michele stresses that council members should pay more attention to grammar and spelling when sending out e-mails.

Pro memorie 161031-01 Guido is looking forward to helping Bram organize these fun activities.

5. Announcements
- Teo, Ken, and David are absent. Mees is leaving early. Guido, Quinta Loraine have to leave timely.
- Sasha says that Sebastian, Pim and herself are staying in the council on a personal title after the De Decentralen has stopped. Guido says that De Vrije Student is staying on and will keep on fighting.
- Guido met with the staff from Learning Analytics and will write an informative meeting piece about this for next week. (action)
- Michele invited an audience for the GV of March 9th. Sasha says that the experiment with written translation will also take place, and asks Michele to announce this invitation sooner next time so seating arrangements can be made for the audience.
- Rens Bod has invited the council members to the action meeting from WO in actie on March 12th in the Doelenzaal (UB).
- The time management training for the whole council is on March 12th.

6. Updates DB & taskforces, representatives, Studentassessor-CvB
The written updates discussed briefly.
- Quinta recommends the FSR-FEB to contact AUC about their master database.
- Mees asks whether all delegates have discussed with their faculty council what they will vote during the allocation model vote at the GV.
- Bram gives an update about the brainstorm session ‘midden in de samenleving’.

7. Setting the agenda
The agenda is set with changes. Internationalization & medezeggenschap is taken from the agenda. REC lecture hall and Flexstuderen are added to the agenda.

8. Student assessor evaluation [confidential]
The CSR decides on the set up for an evaluation of the function of student assessor CvB.
9. University Forum

This agenda point is postponed until next week.

10. PV: technical chair

The CSR decides whether they will experiment with rotating the technical chairing of the PV.

Voting proposal: The CSR decides to experiment with switching technical chairing of the PV weekly.

In favor 5
Against 4
Blanco 1
Abstain 3

The voting proposal is not adopted.

11. GV: allocation model

The CSR discusses the allocation model to prepare for the GV on March 9th.

Loraine asks which arguments should be considered in favor of the new model. Pim mentions the link between education-research, and the self-image as a broad university and the way in which interdisciplinary study and research is supported. Kjeld mentions the transparency, and Bram says that despite the arbitrary factor of the model their choice is apparent. The council disagrees whether the model is transparent. Michele says that the procedure for setting the model has no democratic legitimacy.

Sebastian asks which arguments should be considered against the new model. Kjeld mentions the stimulation for faculties to grow by financially compensating them, but Bram says that this is inherent to an allocation model. Pim says that no faculty will be disadvantaged, although some faculties will not be advantaged either. Kjeld explains how reallocating money between faculties will always negatively affect some faculties.

Michele finds it problematic that the capaciteitsbudgetten have not yet been filled in, as they will only be set in the Kaderbrief, but will be voted on during the GV. Bram says that the model mimics the outside-inside funding of OCW. Michele says that the financing of education is too much dependent on ECTS and that this gives a negative incentive towards internationalization at expense of quality. Pim says that his has been addressed by the CvB and FP&C. Michele says that the high emphasis on ECTS might also cause problems for long sustaining research. Ken says that the policy budgets will partially be used to subsidize this.

Pim states that faculty councils should have more of a say about their faculty budgets. Pim suggests coming up with a proposal about this for the upcoming financial cycle. Bram stresses the importance of the consent of FSR’s on the lumpsum funds and policy budgets, and Michele states that the FSR’s should not only have a say but that the policy budgets should be larger at the faculty level and smaller at the central level. Moreover, Michele states that there should be a central buffer available to ensure sustainable growth of faculties and more stability.

The council briefly discusses their stances on the allocation model and whether council members already know whether they will vote in favor of the new allocation model.

12. Medezeggenschapsevenement

The CSR discusses the setup of the event for prospective council members.

Sofie questions the choice of the REC for the elections party. PR has offered the AMC to help organize something on their campus as well.

PR states not to have time to organize an event about the medezeggenschap prior to the elections. Michele suggests not organizing anything, as the turnout at the FGw was very low. Sofie and Kjeld say...
that this was also the case last year at the CSR and at the AMC. Guido proposes organizing a small info
night. Pim suggests asking the CvB to organize something. Quinta says that the organization of the
event should have been done earlier to prepare it sufficiently. Pim suggests increasing the visibility of
the CSR by being on location at the REC, and Sofie and Kjeld suggest visiting the different campuses. PR
will make a schedule to plan this. (action)
Moataz suggests working on a structural approach to inform people about the medezeggenschap,
attract candidates and increase the turnout for the elections. This could be taken up by a group outside
of the council, but Mees did not get a positive response about this from BC. PR and Pim write a memo
to propose appointing a promotion team during the IAO. (action)

13. Short stay student housing
The CSR discusses the short stay contract for student housing.
The council is in favor of Bram working on this file. Pim asks whether ASVA is also taking this issue up,
and Bram and Pim will discuss this. (action)

14. Besturingsmodel [confidential]
The CSR discusses the governance model of the university.

15. UvA-Q
The CSR gets updated on the latest developments in UvA-Q.
Guido did not receive a response from all FSR’s, but found so far that not all OC’s have access to the
UvA-Q evaluation reports in UvA-data. The delegates from the FSR-FMG and FSR-FdR check whether
the OC’s at their faculty receive the confidential information from UvA-Q. (action) Guido will call AUC
and ACTA to ask whether the OC’s at their faculty receive the confidential information from UvA-Q.
(action) This information will be discussed during the IAO, and if necessary, the OV.
Michele asks Raj why the FSR-FEB gets insight in the course evaluations, as this should be confidential
information. Raj says that the FSR-FEB finds this information valuable. Pim explains that FSR’s are
granted insight into certain data, such as the overall evaluation and grades.

15. W.v.t.t.k. / Any other business
• REC lecture hall; Bram gives an update on meeting with Tom Verhoek and says that the FMG is
looking into alternatives for the plans. Pim wants to ask for an update on building a new REC
lecture hall during the IAO. (action)
• Flexstuderen; Pim was informed by Arne Brentjes that the Bachelor and Master of Anthropology
want to join the pilot flex-studying. This will be discussed in the taskforce Programs &
Accessibility, and Pim will forward Arne Brentjes to Michele. (action)

16. Input request from the FSR’s
• Governance model
• OC’s access to UvA-Q evaluation reports

17. To the media
Canvas & Turnitin.
Quinta writes a meeting piece on Turnitin for PV180314. (action)
18. Questions

- Pim stresses the importance of all council members being present at the GV when voting about the allocation model.
- Quinta asks for input on where to publish updates about Turnitin, besides the student website. The council suggests on the screens, on Blackboard, and specifically at the AMC (as they are often not included in general communication by BC).
- Quinta says that the decision about the Grassroots projects is published online. Quinta will forward the link to the council. (action)
- Michele suggests merging the taskforce Finance & Collaboration with Facilities & Housing to decrease the workload. This will be discussed in the DB. (action)
- Kjeld informs the council that Janneke van Marle is appointed as director of StS. (action)
- Sofie asks where students who follow interdisciplinary programs can ask for study guiding. The council suggests contacting the study advisors of each faculty or to contact the student councilors (studentdecanen). Kjeld says that at some double bachelors coordinators have been appointed.

19. Ending

Pim closes the meeting at 17.56h.

Decisions

180307-01 [confidential]
180307-02 [confidential]

Action list

180307-01 Guido writes an informative meeting piece on Learning Analytics for PV180314.
180307-02 Sasha writes a concrete proposal for the setup of the evaluation and will inform Geert ten Dam and Mariska Herweijer that the CSR will finalize the evaluation setup in PV180314.
180307-03 Taskforce PR sets up a schedule to increase the CSR’s presence at UvA-locations.
180307-04 Taskforce PR and Pim write a memo to the CvB about a structural approach to inform students about the medezeggenschap and to get them involved.
180307-05 After discussing the issue with Pim, Bram contacts ASVA about his proposal to address short-stay student housing contracts.
180307-06 Sasha sends an e-mail to the FSR’s about the governance model. In addition, Pim will contact ACTA about this.
180307-07 Sasha asks Arne Brentjes for more information on the procedure for revising the governance model and the time frame for reactions.
180307-08 Bram and Loraine check whether the OC’s at their faculty receive the evaluation reports from UvA-Q.
180307-09 Guido contacts the FSR-ACTA and AUC to ask whether the OC’s receive the evaluation reports from UvA-Q.
180307-10 The DB asks for an update on building a new lecture hall at REC during the IAO.
180307-11 Quinta updates the council on Turnitin and writes a meeting piece for PV180314.
180307-12 Quinta sends a link to all the Grassroots projects that got funding to the council.
180307-13 The DB discusses possibly merging taskforces Facilities & Housing and Finance & Collaboration.
180307-14 Pim writes to Janneke van Marle to congratulate her on being appointed as director of StS.
Pim brings Arne Brentjes in contact with Michele about the programs that would like to be included in the pilot flexstuderen. Taskforce Programs & Accessibility discusses this request and the possible change of the regulations.

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

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

Bram gives an update on the brainstorm session ‘midden in de samenleving’ during PV180307.

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.

Guido writes a meeting piece for PV180307 to discuss Blended Learning and CILT after the file holder meeting took place.

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.

All council members who have input for the LOF/NUFFIC internationalization meeting inform Ken or Sasha before March 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 10.00h.

Council members declare their travel costs for the CSR weekend before March 2\textsuperscript{nd}.

Taskforce PR provides the council with a detailed time schedule for the election period and all the events and meetings that CSR members should attend.

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.

The DB discusses whether providing the CvB information for the OV’s can be done in another or better way than via a meelee memo.

Taskforce Finance & Collaboration discusses how to organize the institutional tuition fees in relation to the profiling funds.

The DB discusses the suggestion of rotating the function of the technical chair and comes back to the PV with a proposal.

Sasha asks Commoning UvA how many hours they spent on the CSR evaluations and how they see their own role as an organization.

Taskforce PR works out the proposals for the (public) event for prospective council members for PV180228.

All council members share their ideas on the organization of an event for prospective council members with the PR taskforce.

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.

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.

Lorraine writes a concrete proposal with an estimate of the costs for the organization of a creative session about housing.

Sebastian, Pim, Ken, Sasha, and Bram write as a follow-up meeting piece for PV180221 about the burnouts amongst student organizations and medezeggen schap.

Sebastian, Mees, and Bram will meet with Cormet to discuss the preparation and costs for the lunch that was organized on January 31\textsuperscript{st}. Sebastian sends out an e-mail before March 2\textsuperscript{nd}.
180214-09 Mees contacts Michele to discuss the honours report, as discussed during the UCO of February 8th.
180124-02 Michele looks up more 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.
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.

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.
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.
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.
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.
161031-01 Bram and Sasha Guido organize fun activities for the council on regular basis.
170201-04 The council DB 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 delegates 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.
180207-01 Council members try to take care of expressing their opinions and give arguments for their stand points.