Minutes of the Plenaire vergadering of the CSR on the 6th of June 2018

Sasha Borovitskaja, Jern Ken Chew, Pim van Helvoirt, Bram Jaarsma, Atma Jyoti Mahapatra,
Lorraine Smith (until 16:37), Teo Todercan;
Guido Bakker, Sofie ten Brink, Michele Murgia, Kjeld Oostra, Sebastian Proos, Mees van Rees,
David Nelck, Quinta Dijk;

Minutes

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1. Opening

Pim opens the meeting at 15.04h and welcomes everyone.
2. Mail
The council discusses the in- and outgoing mail.

3. Concept minutes
The minutes of PV180425, PV180502, PV180509 are set without changes. Setting the minutes of PV180516, PV180523, and PV180530 is postponed until next week.

4. Checking the action list
The action list gets updated.

5. Announcements
- Pim suggests discussing the ISO press statement on Internationalisation next week.
- Sasha asks the council to write their pieces for the Inwerkmap and do a double spelling check.
- Pim asks all council members to finish their council year as many regulations are expected for advice and consent, besides the files of the GV. Pim is worried about the number of council members being absent already during the beginning of June.

6. Updates DB & taskforces, delegates, Studentassessor-CvB
The written updates are discussed briefly.

7. Setting the agenda
The agenda is set with changes.
Student loans is moved up on the agenda.
Taken off: Collegegeldvrij besturen, OC-handreiking

8. Schakeltrajecten
The CSR decides whether they will co-sign the letter of the FSR-FMG on transition programs.
Sasha asks why the letter is not being sent to the minister but to the Kamерcommissie, Loraine and Bram explain that in this way, the letter is sent to all political parties and this improves the chance of being taken up in OCW, even it is not a priority for minister Van Engelshoven.
Bram would like the previous agreement between OCW and VSNU about funding to be included in the letter. Bram will take this up with Geertje Hulzebos of the FSR-FMG.
The CSR decides to co-sign the national letter of the FSR-FMG on the importance of transition programs. (decision)

8. Student loans
The CSR decides on their reaction to the proposed increase in interest of study loans.
Pim explains that the student loans are linked to the government loans and state obligations. Bram says that the government will increase the loan and set the period for a longer time.
Bram states that the CSR should be against the increase as it shames people for being (or have been) in a position where you need to take up a loan. Bram would accept an increase in study loans if this would lead to structural investments, but he says this would never happen.
Strategically the council thinks that it is better to give input as the council or to send out a press release. Bram says that the press statement had already been sent by ISO and LSVb so that it would not make a difference to send another press statement at this moment. Pim fills in the online consultation
to inform that CSR is against the plans of the government to increase the student loan interest on June 6th. *(action)*

**9. WHW-meeting CSR-RvT**

The CSR prepares for the CSR-RvT WHW-meeting on June 7th.

**Accessibility of the university:** Teo does not understand the point that Michele is making in the draft speech. Bram wants to address to the RvT where the CvB has been obstructing the medezeggenschap to function properly. Sasha suggests pointing out that an oversight of honours courses is missing. Bram says that structural problems need to be addressed. Pim says that Michele’s draft is sometimes too specific to make an overall point about the accessibility of the university, although the topics are individually important (BSA, Honours).

Bram wants to address the problems with UvA-matching. Pim says this has been discussed last week as well following up on the UCO. UvA-Matching will not be mentioned during the WHW-talk.

Loraine says that certain faculties are still reluctant to work on diversity and that this effects the accessibility of the university.

Loraine says that it is strange that REC won an architecture price considering the problems that still exist. A letter was written about this by different users of the building. Ken says that the CvB is making investments on upgrading the accessibility of buildings. Pim wants to stress the importance of working on this.

**Accessibility of information:** Sasha wants to mention that certain information is missing on the website (in English). Ken says that the university should show their responsibility in internationalization to translate documents for study associations. Pim says that this is larger than the (lack of a) language policy.

**Review of the year:** Bram suggests addressing collegelegeldvrij besturen and medezeggenschap for international students, both being postponed to the evaluation of the Profileringsfonds. Bram says that the CvB led the CSR on and only in the end of the process told the CSR that their plans were not possible to execute.

Other points that will be mentioned are the language change and the missing delegates and the relation with the COR/GV in language and preparation.

Pim will talk about the regulations and documents that are still coming from Juridische Zaken and the pressure and workload because of this and the workload in general.

Pim suggests talking mostly about the review of the year during the WHW-conversation.

**Student involvement:** Sasha suggests including the point about OC’s inclusion in Canvas. Loraine suggests linking to the D&D-report / University Forum / Decaanbenoemingen as students don’t have much of a say in the university. Pim asks whether the culture or the structure is the problem, but the culture needs to be changed before it is useful to change the structure. Sasha suggests making a link to the advice of the werkgroep sterke medezeggenschap.

Sasha suggests mentioning the different strategies for the elections and the organization of the elections and quitting parties. Pim says that the CvB should follow up on student involvement because of the Instellingsplan.

**10. Instellingsplan**

The CSR discusses the midterm review for the Strategic Plan 2015-2020.

Points of the CSR’s opinion about the midterm review Instellingsplan that will be mentioned in the WHW-conversation RvT-CSR are:

- Being positive about the process (roundtable, input.)
- All the CSR’s points on Education, this has the most priority for the CSR.
If there is time left during the WHW-meeting the CSR will mention:

- RPA of Research, balance within the university
- Endangering independence of education/research from companies. Loraine links this to the research of KNAW about business intervening with education/research.
- The balance between education-research, valuing them equally
- Lowering overhead costs might cause extra working pressure on teaching staff
- Faculty level involvement on financial policy
- NSE should not be considered; it is not in the Dutch version of the IP but it is in the English
- Universiteitskwartier

**11. Information security policy**

*The CSR gets informed about the request for consent on the Informatiebeveleiligingsbeleid and the Acceptable Use Policy.*

Pim suggests including the structural access to the yearly report of the CISO in the CSR-Regulations. There are no further questions.

**12. Functional limitation**

*The CSR gets updated on the latest developments in the functional limitation file.*

Sasha asks what modular education is. Ken explains that students can choose their courses on top of compulsory courses, in a module. Ken says this is program specific (not all programs would allow for it) and that it could help those with a functional limitation. Ken says that the plans on Modular Education are preferable and ambitious, but probably more than the UvA can do, at least for the moment. Ken prefers conveying the input of the FSR’s in this regard to focus on what can be done at this moment.

A section on functional limitation will be added to the Studentenstatuut. Pim will implement the changes on functional limitation into the Studentenstatuut to send these to JZ. *(action)*

Pim says changes in Educational Vision will not work, Ken says Brigitte and Anouk stated this as well, as it just had been set only last year. Pim suggests already announcing that it should be included in the midterm review *Instellingsplan*, and later in *Instellingsplan* and Education Vision.

**13. W.v.t.t.k. / Any other business**

- Inwerken – The transfer file should contain what the CSR has been working on and what they have tried to achieve and how.

**14. Input request from the FSR’s**

- Internationalization.

**15. To the media**

*None.*

**16. Questions**

- Tamara asks who wants to organize the *inwerkweekend*. Nobody offers help.
17. Ending

Pim closes the meeting at 16.54 h.

Decisions

180606-01 The CSR decides to co-sign the national letter of the FSR-FMG on the importance of transition programs.

Action list

180606-01 Pim fills in the online consultation to inform that CSR is against the plans of the government to increase the student loan interest on June 6th.
180606-02 Pim implements the changes on functional limitation into the Studentenstatuut to send these to JZ.
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.
180530-05 Quinta and Moataz check the CSR-budget for organizing a council dinner.
180523-04 Pim calls Folia to ask them to remove the CSR from the list of parties supporting the catering petition.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
Bram and Guido organize fun activities for the council on regular basis.

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

The delegates check whether the agendas, minutes and letters of the FSR’s are being published online.

Council members try to take care of expressing their opinions and give arguments for their standpoints.

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.