Samenvatting van de 170e overlegvergadering tussen de Centrale Studentenraad en het College van Bestuur, gehouden op 4 september 2018

Vastgesteld op 16 oktober 2018.

Van de zijde van de CSR 2017-2018: Sasha Borovitskaja, Pim van Helvoirt, Michele Murgia, Mees van Rees (from 15:09), Loraine Smith;
Van de zijde van de CSR 2018-2019: Jamie van den Berg, Alex Gritsay, David Nelck, Omar Seleim, Sujet Shams, Ivanna Slipets (from 15:36), Malou Sprinkhuizen, Blink Ujjin, Roeland Voorbergen;
Afwezig: Guido Balder, Sofie ten Brink, Jern Ken Chew, Casper Colenbrander, Quinta Dijk, Ksenia Golub, Bram Jaarsma, Atma Jyoti Mahapatra, Kjeld Oostra, Sebastian Proos, Stijn Tesser, Teo Tedercan;
Van de zijde van het College van Bestuur: Karen Maex (rector magnificus), Geert ten Dam (president CvB) from 14:49, Mariska Herweijer (bestuurssecretaris), Moataz Rageb (central student assessor);

Technisch voorzitter: Lianne Hooijmans
Verslag: Tamara van den Berg (ambtelijk secretaris)
Publicieke tribune: -

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1. Opening (14:30 uur) en vaststellen agenda
The technical chair opens the meeting and welcomes the meeting participants. The agenda is set without changes.

2. Vaststellen verslag van de Overlegvergaderingen // Setting the minutes
Setting the concept minutes of OV180501 and OV180619 is postponed until the next meeting.

3. Doornemen actielijst // Checking the actions list
Action point 180619-05 The CSR says that it is not clear to which level sustainability was considered when it was decided to create a new lecture hall at REC instead of the alternative of reconstructing REC J/K. The rector says that sustainability was always considered, for example by creating a ‘green wall’ that would face the neighbours of the REC. Van Helvoirt asks what will be done about the asbestos in REC J/K.
Action point 180619-07 The rector explains that 2 deans, respectively from the UvA and VU, will be responsible for the honours programmes. On behalf of the UvA, Peter van Tienderen will be in charge of setting up a new plan, which afterward will be discussed with the CSR. Voorbergen asks for a timeline, but this is not yet available. The CvB gives the CSR an update about the timeframe and new plans for the honours committee in due time. (action)

Action point 180619-09 The action point is updated. The CvB provides the CSR with a more detailed and precise planning of the running and upcoming files before OV181016. (action)

Action point 180327-10 The president of the CvB is looking into this. An update will be given at the W.V.T.T.K.

Pro memorie point 140415-04 The rector says that the policy for jaargesprekken (annual talks) is updated with the suggestion for 360 degrees evaluations. The CvB has made use of this instrument already. Voorbergen suggests giving the dean responsibility in including the FSR. The CvB will convey to the deans to involve the medezeggenschap when conducting annual talks with the help of 360 degrees evaluations. (pro memorie)

Pro memorie point 100907-02 Van den Berg says that bicycle places are needed to accommodate for the high school moving into REC-N. Van den Berg worries about this as a shortage of bike parking places is already causing issues. The CvB will check this. (action)

4. Mededelingen // Announcements

Announcements from the CvB:
• The rector asks what the CSR thought of the opening of the academic year 2018-2019. Van Helvoirt is positive about the speech of loco-mayor Van Aartsen and the topics that were discussed, following from the UvA's Institutional Plan.
• The CvB was surprised by the decision of minister Van Engelshoven to lower the BSA to a maximum of 40ECTS. This decision was not discussed or communicated to the universities prior, and should be considered carefully. The CvB is composing an overview and analysis of the effects of the BSA for the different programs of the UvA. The CSR will be updated about this in the BSA-working group.

-- Geert ten Dam enters the meeting. --

• The CvB made a decision about the installment of a numerus fixus for the Bachelor's program Business Administration at the FEB. The CvB hopes that the medezeggenschap and board can come to an agreement about this.
• The CvB will give a formal reply to the letters which the CSR sent before the summer recess.
• The CvB thanks the CSR for consenting to the procedure for spending the funding of the Quality Agreements.

There are no announcements from the CSR.
5. **Duurzaamheid // Sustainability**

De CSR en het CvB bespreken het opstellen van een UvA-brede visie op duurzaamheid. // The CSR and CvB discuss setting an UvA-wide vision on Sustainability.

Van Helvoirt is positief over het feit dat de CSR en CvB hebben geüpdate in de eerste stappen van het opstellen van een duurzaamheidsvisie. De CSR ontmoette Jan Lintsen en de CvB heeft de sectoren over duurzaamheid in het midterm review en het jaarlijkse verslag van 2017. Van Helvoirt suggereert volgende stappen voor een ontmoeting tussen de CSR, Jan Lintsen en de collaborerende partijen binnen de universiteit.

De President van de CvB accentueert dat de CvB duurzaamheid zeer belangrijk vindt. Calluna euving is bezig met hoe dit momenteel in de beleidsplannen, onderwijs/onderzoek, en organisatie van de UvA wordt ingevoegd, en hoe deze initiatieven kunnen worden samengevoegd op de niveau van de medewerkers. De CSR zal ontmoeten met Jan Lintsen, Harold Swartjes, Ewout Doorman over het opstellen van een UvA-breed visie op duurzaamheid. De CSR zal input verzamelen van de relevante partijen in voorbereiding op deze ontmoeting. *(action)*

6. **Decentrale selectiecriteria // Decentral selection criteria**

De CSR en het CvB bespreken de adviesaanvraag over de decentrale selectiecriteria en het opstellen van een procedure voor toekomstige adviesaanvragen over de decentrale selectiecriteria. // The CSR and CvB discuss the advisory request for the faculty selection criteria and regulations, and the setting up of a procedure for upcoming advisory requests on decentral selection.

Van Helvoirt zegt dat de volgende procedure voor het vaststellen van de decentrale selectiecriteria niet optimaal is omdat de beslissing dienst moet bieden aan het decentral niveau. Van Helvoirt herhaalt de CSR's standpunt dat de toegankelijkheid van de programma's dient te worden beschermd voor alle studenten. De CSR ook aanduiding het vaststellen van een procedure voor het aanpakken van de decentrale selectiecriteria voor de komende jaren.

During an informal meeting with Legal Affairs, it was noted that the selection criteria might again be set at the decentral level from 2018-2019 onward. Miek Krol is checking the jurisprudence on this topic to clarify whether the selection criteria are set at decentral/central decision level. The rector wants to consider safeguarding the view of the broad university while also looking at the selection criteria at a decentral level. The CvB informs the CSR whether the advisory requests for the decentral selection criteria 2020-2021 will formally be on the table of the FSR or CSR. *(action)* De CvB ook aanduiding de CSR over de procedure en de betimetable voor het vaststellen van de selectiecriteria 2020-2021. *(action)*

Voorbergen aanzoek hoe de UvA's politiek in band met de nationale politiek. De Rektor zegt dat minister Van Engelshoven is op zoek naar nieuwe modellen om internationale studenten in programma's op te nemen. Als de wet wordt bijgewerkt, dient dit overweging te worden gegeven hoe dit verband houdt met de UvA's taalbeleid.

Van Helvoirt zegt dat de CSR zal openen de (internal) discussie over de decentrale selectiecriteria voor *Tandheelkunde* na de CSR besproken deze criteria met de VU's selectiecommissie en de USR-VU. De CSR is overwegen of de initial advice te reviseren. De CSR informeert de CvB of ze hun advies over de decentrale selectiecriteria en procedure voor *Tandheelkunde* 2019-2020. *(action)*
7. **Internationalisering // Internationalization**

De CSR en het CvB bespreken het advies van de CSR over internationalisering, de international classroom en het taalbeleid. // The CSR and CvB discuss the advice of the CSR on internationalization, the international classroom, and the language policy.

The CvB was positive about the points of recommendation and the general advice of the CSR and will consider how the various points could be implemented. This will be discussed with the UvA’s staff dealing with the internationalization policy and the relevant people from the education programs. Borovitskaja goes over the list of recommendations from the CSR’s advice:

*The CSR recommends the CvB to further investigate the current role of the teaching staffs in facilitating a welcoming environment and culture within classrooms.* The CvB agrees that this is important and this was discussed, in relation to the international classroom, during the Educational Day. This is taken up in the Taskforce Internationalization and will be discussed with the program directors. For future curricula, a plan about the international classroom (considering topics such as learning outcomes and exchange experience) will be created. The CvB forwards this document to the CSR after realization. *(action)*

*The CSR recommends a review of examination and course materials prior to their release, and a curriculum scan for the inclusion of relevant elements in regards to the respective course.* Borovitskaja adds that the use of British and American English should be considered, as well as the broader context that is provided. The CSR will forward exemplary material to the CvB. *(action)*

*The CSR recommends the timely inclusion of relevant stakeholders in the language change process for programmes, and a relook at the learning outcomes within international classrooms.* The CvB is positive about this and it will be taken up in the Taskforce Internationalization. A guide for (the preparations for a) language change should be part of the guide *Handreiking Taalwijziging.* The CSR will be updated about the creation and content of this document. *(action)*

*The CSR recommends the CvB to take the escalating workload of staff members due to additional responsibilities in relation to internationalisation into account.* The CvB finds this very important as well.

*The CSR recommends a continuous review of its communication to its students and prospective students with regards to the clear representation of reality.* Borovitskaja adds that the international marketing of programs needs to be considered. The rector stresses that it is important for prospective students to know that the UvA’s study environment is bilingual, which means that this also includes the Dutch language. Besides this, it is important to inform prospective students about the matching and study programs, and selection criteria. The CvB checks which information (international) students receive during the UvA-matching period and whether this is representative. *(action)* Van Helvoirt adds that the housing situation in Amsterdam also deserves attention and representative information.

*The CSR recommends student-centric communication and services that are of greater value and engagement for its UvA community.* Borovitskaja says that not only the marketing to prospective students should be considered, but the way in which the UvA helps current students to get
involved in the UvA and its community as well. The CvB agrees that this is important. Ten Dam states that the role of study and student associations is important as well. These organisations should also be accessible to international students and more broadly than in communication only. Borovitskaja and Van Helvoirt say that the study associations need to be facilitated and financially compensated in order to become more international.

-- Ivanna Slipets enters the meeting. --

The CSR recommends the development of orientation package and communication that facilitate new students’ integration within the UvA community. The rector explains that the Intreeweek also became bilingual. This helps in providing information and with the orientation period for new students. The faculties also play a role in providing an orientation in the education programs. Van Helvoirt says that it might be helpful to provide international students with information about the Dutch culture as, for example, the video of Nuffic does. The CSR will ask Intreeweek and Helena van der Steege which information is provided to international students and considers what is lacking in this. (action) The rector suggests doing this before the Intreeweek 2019 is set up.

The CSR recommends a greater empowerment to grassroots student organisations which are involved in the integration of students in their academic community. Borovitskaja says that study and student organizations are important in this regard, as the medezeggenschap also is. The CSR thanks the CvB for the memo. Borovitskaja asks how the CSR will be involved in implementing and monitoring the internationalization policy. The rector explains that different options were worked out by the Taskforce Internationalization. The follow-ups will be discussed in the UCO, but the CvB wants to refrain from writing many papers and documents that only increase the workload. The CvB forwards the documentation from the Taskforce Internationalization to the CSR. (action) Borovitskaja asks for an update on the budget of €100,000,- that was expected to be spent before the end of 2018. This is addressed in the plan for the International Classroom that will be shared with the CSR.

The CvB incorporates the recommendation points from the CSR into the Handreiking internationalization and keeps the CSR informed about the progress. (action)

8. Overdracht // Transfer


Van Helvoirt says that a year in the CSR is a fun, social experiment within a short time span. In 2017-2018, the council became bilingual with 3 international students and during the upcoming year, 5 international council members have a seat in the CSR. Van Helvoirt says that the CSR dealt with the absolution of de Decentralen and the police violence at REC. The CSR also waited for the Studentenstatuut, received a lot of documents for request/consent shortly before the summer recess, and discussed the facilitation of the medezeggenschap. Moreover, the CSR and CvB collaborated on working on sustainability and are looking forward to the WOinActie action week. Van Helvoirt thanks the council members for their critical approach and discussions and for representing the students of the UvA. He also thanks the CvB for their collaboration and receptiveness to the CSR’s critiques and points of advice.
The rector states to have valued the open discussions with the CSR. Last year was the first year in which the university really function as a bilingual university. De rector moedigt de internationale studenten aan om de Nederlandse taal te leren en gebruik te maken van het aanbod van de UvA om taalcursussen Nederlands te volgen. Dit zal de studenten helpen om tijdens discussies en overleg zowel het Engels als Nederlands te kunnen volgen. The rector says that the CvB and CSR collaborated on creating the bilingual policy and making sure that gradually more documents are available in both Dutch and English.

The rector says that the CSR had some internal disagreements but did manage to come to a shared standpoint. The rector praises the numerous initiatives of the CSR, such as opening up extra study places, revising the honours programs, and evaluating the catering. The timing of some files was not optimal for both CSR and CvB as the GDPR and the policies following from this put extra workload on Legal Affairs. The rector thanks the CSR for their flexibility in dealing with the high workload at the end of the year. The rector adds that the working pressure and WOinActie are of high importance to the CvB. Lastly, the rector thanks the CSR for their critical stances and contribution to the university.

Voorbergen compliments the CSR and CvB with their work of the last year and notes that the CSR 2018-2019 has big shoes to fill. Voorbergen thanks the President of the CvB for her speech during the opening of the academic year. As was mentioned in the speech of Van Aartsen, Voorbergen says that sharing perspectives brings people together. The CSR is also composed of council members with different perspectives, from different faculties and academic background, but also from different student parties. Voorbergen hopes this will bring out the best in the individual council members and in the discussions. Voorbergen thanks Borovitskaja and Tamara van den Berg for organizing the elaborate transfer period that prepared the CSR for the upcoming year.

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

- Action point 180327-10 The president of the CvB discussed the status and heights of these funds with different Diversity organizations. In addition to the grassroots projects funding, a budget of €10.000,- per year will be made available for the Diversity Forum to organize events.

10. Rondvraag // Questions

- Smith asks when the CSR will receive the advisory request about the Schakeltrajecten. The CvB has collected the different policies from all faculties and will discuss the most sufficient way of financing the programs with the HvA and VU. The intention is to maintain the transition programs due to their importance for students. The CvB will inform the CSR when the meeting with the HvA and VU takes place and informs the CSR about the advice and the trajectory for the medezeggenschap. (action)

- Borovitskaja thanks the CvB for the collaboration during the last year. Van den Berg, Gritsay and Hashemi Shams state to be looking forward to the upcoming year.

- Van Helvoirt asks whether it was formally decided to move out of the Maagdenhuis. The CvB explains that no formal decision was made and that the UvA is in the middle of the process. It is currently being considered to move the Executive Staff to the REC, which means that accommodation at REC-P should be provided first. Afterward, when a formal decision is made, a broad discussion about the prospective function of the Maagdenhuis can be organized with the academic community.
• Van Rees asks what the UvA will do with regard to the parliamentary decision not to charge students for initial (entry) tests. The rector says that this only applies to the FEB. A policy will be worked out for next year.

• Murgia asks for an update about the GDPR. The COR has consented to the Privacy Policy which means that the CSR and COR will soon receive the more detailed and concrete privacy policy.

• Murgia asks when the OC-manual will be revised. Herweijer says that this will be during the fall of 2018. The CvB will inform the CSR about their involvement in the procedure. (action)

11. Sluiting // Ending

The technical chair closes the meeting at 16:17h and thanks all meeting participants for their contributions.

Actielijst OV

180904-01 The CvB updates the CSR about the new plans for the honours committee and honours programs and the subsequent timeline.

180904-02 The CvB checks whether extra bike parking places will be created to accommodate the increase of demand at REC-N.

180904-03 The CvB sets up a meeting between the CSR, Jan Lintsen, Harold Swartjes, and Ewout Doorman to discuss setting an UvA-wide vision on Sustainability. The CSR gathers input from the relevant parties in preparation for this meeting.

180904-04 The CvB informs the CSR whether the advisory requests for the decentral selection criteria 2020-2021 will formally be sent to the FSR or CSR. The CvB also informs the CSR about the procedure and timetable for setting the selection criteria 2020-2021.

180904-05 The CSR informs the CvB whether they will revise their advice about the decentral selection criteria and procedure for Tandheelkunde 2019-2020.

180904-06 The CSR provides the CvB with an example of examination and course material that needs an English language revision.

180904-07 The CvB checks which information (international) students receive during the UvA-matching period and whether this is representative.

180904-08 The CSR asks Intreeweek & Helena van der Steege which information is provided to international students and considers what is lacking in this.

180904-09 The CvB forwards the documentation from the werkgroep internationalisering to the CSR.

180904-10 The CvB incorporates the points of recommendation from the CSR into the Handreiking Internationalisering and keeps the CSR informed about the progress of setting up this document.

180904-11 The CvB will inform the CSR when the meeting with the HvA and VU takes place and informs the CSR about the trajectory for the medezeggenschap.

180904-12 The CvB informs the CSR about the procedure for revising the OC-Handreiking and the timing of involving the CSR in this.

180619-01 The CvB and CSR discuss the evaluation criteria that could be used for the evaluation of the Profiling fund in 2019.

180619-02 The CvB forwards the letter of minister Van Engelshoven on the installment of numeri fixi to the CSR.

180619-03 The CSR discusses their points of advice and suggestions for rephrasing the ITK self-reflection with Alexander Babelowsky.

180619-04 The CSR drafts a vision on Sustainability that will be used as a basis for writing an UvA-wide vision on Sustainability, for OV180904.

180619-05 The CvB looks into the level of sustainability of the plans for building a new lecture hall at REC.

180619-06 The CvB incorporates the input of the CSR in the oplegger for the Instellingsplan midterm review.

180619-07 The CSR and CvB engage in discussion about the restructuring of the honours program in general and come back to this in September 2018.
180619-08 The CSR and CvB use the CSR’s memo on Burnouts as input for the hei-avond between CvB and CSR18-19.

180619-09 The CvB will look into providing a more detailed and precise planning. The CvB provides the CSR with a more detailed and precise planning of the running and upcoming files before OY181016.

180619-10 The CvB forwards the UvA’s year report 2017 to the CSR once it becomes available.

180327-06 The CSR discusses their recommendations and concerns about the first meeting of the University Forum with Arne Brentjes and Jan Ruth.

180327-10 The CvB checks whether the annual funds of €10.000,- for bottom-up Diversity initiatives is still available and whether this falls under the working budget of the Diversity Officer.

170704-02 Het CvB zal bij het opstellen van een taalbeleid het instellen van numeri fixi en de voertaalwijzigingen samennemen, en treedt hierover in gesprek met de CSR.

180904-01 The CvB emphasizes the importance of incorporating the input of the medezeggenschap while preparing for the annual talks with the deans.

170411-08 Het College ziet er op toe dat de frase over het optimaal gebruiken van de wettelijke mogelijkheden van masterselectie zal worden geschrapt bij de herijking van het Instellingsplan voor 2020.

161011-01 Het College houdt toezicht op de betrokkenheid van promovendi en postdocs.

140604-01 Het College geeft indien van toepassing de CSR een update ten aanzien van de samenwerkingsplannen met andere instellingen of instituten.

140415-04 Bij jaargesprekken in november met decanen en bestuurders wordt voor de zomer informatie ingewonnen bij de betreffende studentenraad over de omgang met de medezeggenschap.

130416-01 De studentenraad wordt regelmatig geïnformeerd over de vordering op het gebied van studieadvisering.

100907-02 Het CvB zal de capaciteit van fietsenplekken, studieplekken en ruimtes voor studieverenigingen tijdens het realiseren van de nieuwbouw en verhuizingen scherp in de gaten houden en ingrijpen wanneer een tekort ontstaat.

Voor het komende artikel24-overleg:

130610-01 Het College voorziet de CSR van een halfjaarlijkse tijdsplanning voor adviesmomenten.

130123-07 Er zal duidelijk worden stilgestaan bij (mondelinge) toezeggingen van het College, zodat er geen onnodige schriftelijke reacties hoeven te worden gegeven, maar de toezeggingen wel helder worden genoteleerd.

130123-08 Indien de CSR vraagt om een motivatie voor vertrouwelijkheid van een stuk, zal het College het stuk daarvan voorzien.

130123-09 De contactpersoon van de medezeggenschap kan ook worden benaderd voor vragen en het verstrekken van informatie aan de FSR’en.