Minutes of the *Plenaire vergadering* of the CSR on the 5th of September, 2018

**Council members**

Jamie van den Berg, Casper Colenbrander, Ksenia Golub, Alex Gritsay, Omar Seleim, Ivanna Slipets, Malou Sprinkhuizen, Blink Ujjin (11.10-13.23), Roeland Voorbergen;

**Absent**

Sofie ten Brink, Michele Murgia, David Neck, Sujet Shaams, Stijn Tesser;

**Guest(s)**

Moataz Rageb *Centrale Studentassessor*;

Tamara van den Berg *Ambtelijk secretaris*;

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1. **Opening**

*Roeland opens the meeting at 11:05h and welcomes everyone.*

2. **Mail**

*The council discusses the in- and outgoing mail.*
3. Concept minutes
The minutes of PV180613, PV180620, PV180627, PV180704, are set without changes.
The minutes of PV180822 and PV180829 will be set next week.

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

-- Blink Ujjin enters the meeting. --

5. Announcements
- David has given a voting mandate. Tamara suggests giving mandates via e-mail (reply-to-all in reaction to the PV convocation). This will be suggested for updating the working agreements.
- Alex and Sujet will meet Anouk Tso to discuss the housing issues for international (and Dutch) students. This will be prepared in the O&O-committee meeting.

6. Updates DB & taskforces, delegates, central student assessor
The written updates are discussed briefly.
- Moataz will set a meeting with the vertrouwenspersoon to discuss the process for filing and handling complaints about sexual harassment and for setting a better policy for students and staff. More transparency in the process is required. Alex suggests implementing the report of AIM.
- Moataz explains that the VSNU has demanded more funding, separate from the demand of WOlActie on the budget cuts and doelmatigheidskorting. During the same period, the minister has decided to lower the BSA requirements to a maximum of 40ECTS. This implementation within the universities will take some time.

7. Setting the agenda
The agenda is set with changes.
Diversity is taken from the agenda.

8. Numerus fixus: decentrale selectiecriteria
The CSR reconsiders the CSR’s advice about the decentral selection criteria Tandheelkunde 2019-2010.
The exact details of the research that the selection committee refers to are not known to the CSR. However, the USR-VU has changed their stance and advises positively about the selection criteria. Alex asks what the updates of the selection criteria entail exactly.
The council questions whether it would be possible to further anonymize the judgment of motivational letters or other judgment of student’s files. The council wants to know more about the risks of not finding a suitable try-out day for prospective students.
Moataz suggests the CSR looks into the link between language proficiency and the bi-cultural background of students. O&O will check what the updated requirements are and for which purpose.
Jamie asks which extraordinary language achievements are taken into account by the selection committee. This mostly refers to language certificates.
Roeland explains that despite the 6 different types of tests existing, students only need to take a part in these tests. Jamie says this can cause students being tested only within their weaker fields, despite having the capacity to pass the other tests.
O&O will discuss the questions raised concerning the decentral selection criteria Tandheelkunde 2019-2020 and contact the selection committee, dean and/or USR-VU to gather the needed information. (action)
9. BSA evaluation committee [confidential]

The CSR decides about the CSR’s delegation in the BSA-evaluation committee.

**Decision:** The CSR decides to allow Michele Murgia to uphold his position in the BSA-evaluation committee on a personal title.

10. UvA-books

The CSR decides about promoting the website of UvA-books.

Jamie was informed by Robin van Schijndel that the campaign will start in October. The CSR was asked about promoting UvA-books within the upcoming 2 weeks. Malou says that promotion already started at Science Park. Jamie will ask Robin van Schijndel about the promotion material that can be found on campuses, despite the promotion starting in October. *(action)*

Alex suggests gathering input from the FSR’s. Jamie says that FSR’s can decide about promoting themselves, but for this project do not need to be included in the CSR’s procedure.

Blink says that student associations might have a personal interest in selling books and could oppose the promotion. Malou says that the study associations might ask the faculties for a financial compensation for their losses in the book sales. Alex says that besides income, student participation is at stake. Without the discount on study books the threshold for joining a study association increases. Jamie does not expect this will have a large impact on the active membership within study associations.

Ivanna is in favor of the promotion as it helps to connect people who want to sell or buy study books. Omar is in favor as it reduces costs for students. Kseniia adds that selling second-hand books is a sustainable solution and can help to boost the CSR’s image.

**Voting proposal:** The CSR decides to promote the UvA-books website.

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

The voting proposal is adopted.

Roeland explains to have voted against the proposal as the CSR is often asked to promote initiatives and cannot support all. Moreover, UvA-books might have effects on study associations despite its merits.

11. CSR Treasurer

The CSR decides on the position of treasurer for the CSR’s internal finances.

The CSR decides to appoint Ksenia Golub as the treasurer of the CSR 2018-2019. *(decisions)*

12. OV: evaluation

The CSR goes over the course of the OV on September 4th.

**Positive points** The general atmosphere was good. The CvB was willing to hear the CSR’s arguments and take their vision into account. Attendance during the OV-preparation proved necessary.

**Attention points** The council should avoid cross-talking. Not that many arguments were exchanged. There was a lack of concrete commitments and action points were directed to the CSR.

**Technical chairing** - The council discusses the work of the technical chair. Tamara will ask Lianne Hooijmans whether she is available as technical chair for OV181016 and proposes possible alternative technical chairs to the DB. *(action)*

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13. GV: Kwaliteitsafspraken & Kader Kwaliteitszorg

The CSR discusses the quality agreements and Kader Kwaliteitszorg in preparation for the GV on September 7th.

**Quality Agreements** – O&F will prepare questions about the startnotitie Kwaliteitsafspraken in preparation for the GV. These will be forwarded to the council. *(action)* The quality agreements will also be discussed during the UCO-meeting this afternoon.

**Kader Kwaliteitszorg** – Casper asks for the advice of the Programmaad opleidingscommissies. Alex asks what the main issues were in the central facilitation. Roeland and Jamie explain that the hours for teachers in OC's are not sufficient to do the required work. Alex wants to ask for an update about the implementation of the advice on the facilitation of OC’s.

Casper says that hiring external specialists might be expensive. Roeland explains that this option is defined in the Kader to safeguard that the possibility.

Alex would like to see evidence supporting the stance of the CvB that the revision will not cause extra workload and suggests asking the members of the COR how they see this.

Jamie was informed that Eric Weijers wants to revise the manual after the ITK. Roeland suggests asking for a formal agreement that the manual will be revised after the ITK, possibly by a working group. Malou is not in favor of updating the UvA’s policy only with textual changes; this does not do justice to the formal rights of the medezeggenschap.

14. HR: public voting records

The CSR discusses changing their voting procedure to registering public voting records.

Alex suggests not only noting down the outcome of a vote within the CSR, but the votes of all council members individually. This would make the procedure more transparent and democratic and could be beneficial for the media campaign. Alex asks Tamara whether this would cause extra work. The voting procedure would take longer and would extend the minutes. A change in this respect would require a 2/3rd majority of the council to update the Huishoudelijk Reglement. Moreover, the personal noting can have negative effects on individuals and adds control mechanisms. Alex thinks the transparency outweighs these counter arguments and says it is important to give insight into the council’s work for their electorate. Kseniia thinks this would also be beneficial for the PR strategy.

Blink stresses that voting rounds and meetings will take longer. The low turnout for the elections would not be countered by this strategy, as students do not visit the CSR’s website to look for the minutes and outcome regardless. This would merely entail an administrative burden that is hardly effective. Moreover, it weakens the CSR's position as it would be more clear how they are divided internally.

Moataz is positive about personalizing the CSR and giving more information about different stances and their ambitions. He suggests the CSR look into the interaction with the student body via means such as a newsletter or Folia. Blink says that popularity contests should be avoided.

15. CSR working agreements

The CSR discusses the working agreements.

**1.d Textual change:** All PR actions need the approval of the PV.

**1.e.xii Addition:** Someone who is not present at the OV-preparation cannot be 1st or the 2nd speaker during the OV.

**2.a.iv Update:** DB-meeting time at 13.00-15.00h.

**2.j Textual change:** Installing a taskforce must be approved by the PV.

**3.a Update:** PV-meeting Wednesday 11.00-14.00h.

**3.c Update:** Delegates send their PV-updates before Wednesday, 09.00h.

**3.d.i Update:** Meeting pieces are uploaded in the relevant folder on the P-drive before Monday 17h.
3.d.iv Addition: For not being on time or submitting pieces late, money will be put in the a jar.

9.a Addition: The primary language of the CSR is English. Meeting pieces are written in English. Minutes will be taken in the language spoken during the meeting.

General Textual change: The term 'chairperson' will be replaced by 'chair'.

Addition: The DB will propose a plan for the cleaning schedule. (action) The proposal is combining 1 DB-member and 1 non-DB-member per week.

Addition: Mandates for the PV are given by e-mail via a reply-to-all in the convocation.

Malou will update the concept working agreements for PV180912. (action)

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

- The delegates send the contact details of the PR fileholders to the PR committee. (action)

17. Input request from the FSR's

None.

18. To the media

- Folia has asked Roeland for a duo-interview with Gerwin van der Pol (COR). Roeland proposes to postpone for a little while so he can voice a vision that is shared within the council. Roeland will ask Folia whether it is possible to receive the questions upfront. (action) Alex and Blink will help Roeland to prepare for this interview. (action) Casper suggests mentioning that Folia is mainly in Dutch.

-- Blink Ujjin leaves the meeting. --

19. Questions

- Alex asks whether the sexual harassment policy should be discussed in O&O or O&F. As O&F is dealing with the complaints regulations, the topic will also be placed in this committee. O&F can take the file up, together with Sujet.

- Casper asks what can be done about the seat of Red-UvA within the CSR. Tamara suggests taking this up with the CSB and considering how to deal with the financial compensation for taking place in committees. Alex suggests the CSR to first appeal to their electorate.

- Tamara asks whether all council members have been transferred their printing cards.

20. Ending

Roeland closes the meeting at 13.28h.

Decisions

D180905-01 The CSR decides to allow Michele Murgia to uphold his position in the BSA-evaluation committee.

D180905-02 The CSR decides to promote the UvA-books website.

D180905-03 The CSR decides to appoint Ksenia Golub as the CSR Treasurer of the CSR 2018-2019.

Action list

180905-01 O&O discusses the questions raised concerning the decentral selection criteria Tandheelkunde 2019-2020 in PV180905 and contacts the selection committee, dean and/or USR-VU to gather the needed information.
180905-02 Jamie asks Robin van Schijndel about the UvA-books promotion material that can be found on campuses, despite the promotion starting in October.

180905-03 Tamara asks Lianne Hooijmans whether she is available as technical chair for OV181016 and proposes possible alternative technical chairs to the DB.

180905-04 O&F composes a list of questions about the Quality Agreements and sends these to the council as a preparation for the GV180907.

180905-05 Malou updates the draft CSR working agreements for PV180912.

180905-06 The delegate forward the contact details of the PR file holders in their FSR’s to the PR committee.

180905-07 Roeland asks Folia whether the questions for the duo-interview with Gerwin van der Pol could be sent up front.

180829-01 Pim sends the advisory letter on the decentral selection criteria 2019-2020 for an editorial round until Thursday August 30th 13.00h.

180829-02 Pim sends the letter on the installment of the numerus fixus for the bachelor Business Administration and the bachelor Economics & Business Economics and the decentral selection criteria 2019-2020 for an editorial round until Thursday August 30th 13.00h.

180829-03 Sujet gathers more information from ASAP on setting up a sexual harassment policy.

180829-04 Alex gathers more information from AIM on setting up a sexual harassment policy.

180829-05 Sujet asks Loraine about the transfers the working agreements that have been made with the Diversity Officer to the file holder from CSR 2018-2019.

180829-06 Sasha sends the consenting letter about the Klachtenregeling for an editorial round until Friday August 31st 12.00h.

180829-07 O&F discusses the points from PV180829 for the revision of the CSR-Regulations.

180627-02 O&O Loraine composes an overview of the current status of faculty diversity officers, the FTE and the involvement of FSR’s in the procedure.

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.

141208-04 Committee chairs 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 20.00h and write their updates linked to all specific files of the committees. Delegates send their updates before Wednesday 09.00h.

160502-01 Roeland and Sujet take good care of the plants.

161017-04 The committee chairs make sure that everyone gives proper feedback in their committees 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 committee chairs oversee the diverse division of speakers for the OV.

170201-04 The DB oversees a proper balance between small and large files in the PV.

171108-04 The delegations 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.

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.