Minutes of the *Plenaire vergadering* of the CSR on the 26th of September, 2018

**Council members**
Jamie van den Berg, Sofie ten Brink, Casper Colenbrander (11:29–14:01), Kseniia Golub, Alex Gritsay (from 11:15), David Nelck (11:11-12:55), Omar Seleim (from 11:06), Sujet Hashemi Shams (from 11:17), Ivanna Slipets, Malou Sprinkhuizen, Blink Ujjin (from 11:06), Roeland Voorbergen;

**Absent**
Michele Murgia, Stijn Tesser;

**Guest(s)**
Moataz Rageb *Centrale Studentassessor*;
Tamara van den Berg *Ambtelijk secretaris*;

**Concept agenda**

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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.*

--- Omar Seleim & Blink Ujjin enter the meeting. ---

3. Concept minutes
The minutes of PV180912 and PV180919 are set with a textual change.

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

5. Announcements
- Roeland compliments the council with the progress made in the PV meeting pieces and written updates.

6. Updates DB & taskforces, delegates, central student assessor
*The written updates are discussed briefly.*

- Jamie asks whether the proposal of the FEB to create a cloud in which the different legal bodies share and access student data is overlapping with the information provided in UvA-data but this doesn’t seem to be the case. Ivanna will give an update when the FSR-FEB is working out the initiative.
- Roeland suggests the FSR-FEB to call LOF with questions about their faculty regulations.

--- David Nelck enters the meeting. ---

7. Setting the agenda
*The agenda is set with changes.*
Updated: Student assessor is moved up, International Youth Forum is granted more meeting time.
Taken off: CSR: PV meetings; Public voting records;

--- Alex Gritsay enters the meeting. ---

Roeland proposes a trial for a couple of weeks to not discussing delayed meeting pieces during the PV from next week onwards. There are no objections.

--- Sujet Hashemi Shams enters the meeting. ---

8. CSR: goals
*The CSR discusses setting shared goals for the upcoming year and the collaboration with the CvB.*
**Diversity:** Roeland suggests O&O going over the Diversity report and looking at the recommendations. **Accessibility:** Roeland suggests O&O working out a proposal. Sujet says accessibility could be a subgoal of diversity while seeing diversity in a broader sense. Alex suggests concentrating on safeguarding the quality of education and intensifying education and its resources. This can be worked out further in O&O. Sujet suggests also discussing mental health in O&O.
**Decentralization:** Malou suggests decentralizing the university. Sofie and Alex are not in favor of decentralization as a goal in itself.

--- Casper Colenbrander enters the meeting. ---
**Sustainability:** Some council members are in favor of making this a shared goal. Alex is against and suggests focusing on a sustainable housing policy instead. Preliminary shared goal.

**Study success 2.0:** Sofie does not want to push students forward and suggests refraining from using this term. Alex suggests focusing on the quality of education. Blink and Malou find this too broad and open to interpretation.

**Student engagement:** Alex says this goal would not be ambitious enough and can be created or improved by focusing on other goals. Blink finds the goal important in itself. Moataz gives examples of different conceptualization of student engagement: in management, in education, in research, in the local community. Clarifying this can help in the discussion with the CvB. Moataz will forward the research done at AMC about different forms of student engagement. Omar finds student engagement important and wants to spread awareness about current events and the organization. Sujet agrees that this would increase the turnout for the council elections. Preliminary shared goal.

The committees discuss the (possible) shared goals of the CSR and work out a proposal for PV181003. (action) O&O: diversity; accessibility; intensive education; mental health; strengthening the position of OC’s; study success; O&F: decentralization of the university; sustainability; PR (+O&O): student engagement

**Year plan:** The council is in favor of creating a year plan working out the goals of the CSR for 2018-2019. The DB will discuss how to spread the workload of this year plan. (action)

9. **PR: Constitutieborrel**

The CSR decides on organizing their constitutional drinks.

**Atmosphere:** Malou asks whether the CSR can organize a constitutieborrel (CoBo) without the traditional aspects but as an informal event instead. PR agrees with this. Jamie is in favor of a formal CoBo with recipiëren, presents, drinking, etc. Alex in favor of a formal atmosphere without the rituals. Blink would like to see a middle option. Roeland suggests organizing a kennismakingsborrel (KeBo) with an open bar. Most council members are in favor of this proposal. Sofie suggests organizing a year plan presentation with drinks afterward but not everyone agrees.

**Voting proposal:** The CSR decides to organize a 'kennismakingsborrel' (KeBo) for the maximum budget of €1800.-.

In favor 10
Against 1
Blanco 1
Abstain 0

The voting proposal is adopted.

**Location:** Kseniia asks whether CSR agrees to organize the KeBo in CREA due to the low costs and central location. Alex suggests leaving this to PR and says De Brug might be an option. Sofie suggests doing it at a different location as last year the CoBo was at Science Park and the year before at REC.

**Date:** Omar and Blink suggest organizing the KeBo in October. Jamie, Roeland, and Kseniia suggest November for the preparations, invitations and the possibility of the board to attend. David says that the last week of October is exams week.

PR will work out a plan for the location, date, and practicalities to organize the KeBo. (action)
10. Red UvA within the CSR [confidential]
The CSR decides on their stance towards the legal and practical position of Red UvA in the CSR.

**Voting outcome:** The CSR did not decide to try to remove Red UvA of their seat in the CSR.

8. Comenius evaluation committee
The CSR discusses the possibility of applying for a position in the Comenius evaluation committee.

Roeland explains that initiatives and ideas for programs and courses that request funding are sent to the Comenius program and afterward need to be evaluated. The committee is looking for judges and CSR members can apply for the position on personal title.

9. International Youth Forum
The CSR reconsiders giving a financial reimbursement for the tickets to the International Youth Forum in Minsk.

**Voting of last week**
David says that his voting mandate for the vote of last week was not cast to his liking. Jamie says that a given mandate can be accompanied by an instruction but is not revocable. The status of mandates will be discussed next week when discussing the conduct of the PV. Malou does not want to re-open votes if people disagree with the outcome until the desired outcome is reached. Roeland agrees that this should not be common practice but says that there are reasonable grounds for a re-vote in this case.

**Reimbursing travel costs**
David, Blink, and Alex are traveling to Minsk as a CSR delegation. Jamie suggests council members to abstain from voting when personal interest is at stake. Alex and Blink disagree that this concerns personal interests as they are going on behalf of the university and will bring back knowledge and new insights. Alex says that the delegation will need to cover part of the costs themselves nonetheless.

**Voting proposal:** The CSR decides to give a financial reimbursement up to a maximum of €300,- in total for the CSR delegation traveling to the International Youth Forum in Minsk.

- **In favor** 6
- **Against** 5
- **Blanco** 0
- **Abstain** 1

The voting proposal is adopted.

**Voting clarifications:** Alex voted in favor. Jamie, Casper, Sujet, and Malou voted against.

8. Central Student assessor
The CSR discusses the procedure and application procedure of the central student assessor.

**General:** Sofie says the function of the student assessor could be more useful if the assessors were less restricted in their work. Moataz says that he does not feel obstructed in his work because of the collaboration with the CSR. Malou says that the CvB has a different vision of the role of the assessor and that Miek Krol is not in favor of having 2 CSR-members in the BAC. The role of the assessor can be clarified when updating the job description.

**Stances on the function of the central student assessor:** Omar is neutral as he does not yet have enough information. Jamie says the benefits outweigh the negative sides. Casper and Kseniia agree with Jamie. Blink is neutral as the function description needs to be clarified first. Ivanna, Malou, Sujet agree with updating the function description. Ivanna is slightly in favor of the function. Malou and Sujet are in favor of the function. Alex is generally in favor of the position but says that mechanism to refrain from appointing an assessor if the candidates are not satisfactory should be in place. Roeland is
slightly in favor but agrees with Alex proposal. Sofie and David are in favor of the position based on their experiences.

Composition of the BAC: Jamie, David, and Kseniia are in favor of having 2 CSR-members in the BAC. Casper suggests composing half the BAC of CSR-members. Sofie, Malou, and David agree with this proposal. Sofie suggests noting down in the CSR Regulations that the student members in the BAC are chosen by the CSR as this could include council assistants or involved students. Alex wants to only include CSR-members.

9. CSR Regulations

The CSR discusses the revision of the CSR Regulations. Article 12: Composition of BAC for student assessor It will be indicated to Miek Krol that this will be discussed during the OV first. Tamara will ask the CvB whether Miek Krol can be invited for the OV.

-- David Nelck leaves the meeting. --

Article 3: Council assistants It will be indicated to Miek Krol that this will be discussed with the CvB during the OV first. Roeland wants to include council assistants in the CSR Regulations as in some cases they are practically a part of the CSR. Their financial compensation, people running for elections, etc. should be considered in this regard. Malou will ask Miek Krol for an update on her meeting with Mariska Herweijer about the position of council assistants. (action) Sujet says that the legal status and voting rights of council assistants should be clarified in the regulations as this might otherwise undermine the democratic legitimacy of the CSR.

Article 9.3 There are no objections to the proposed follow up. Article 12.b There are no objections to the proposed follow up. Article 12.c(1) There are no objections to the proposed follow up. Article 12.c(2) There are no objections to the proposed follow up.

10. PR: year plan

The CSR goes over the PR’s proposal to organize events throughout the year. Kseniia explains that PR wants to organize events to raise awareness about student councils and to increase visibility and the turnout during the elections.

Drinks for all councils Ivanna says that the FSR’s might not be able to finance their share of the event. Roeland suggests everyone pay for their own drinks. Sofie suggests providing the first drink. Blink suggests setting a price cap. Alex suggests a formal event where the councils present themselves with drinks and snacks. Blink wants to have informal drinks. Kseniia suggests combining the drinks with the medezeggenschapsevenement by having an informational part with drinks afterward. The council agrees. Orchestra Roeland wants to keep a link with student governance. Alex disagrees as the CSR should stand for bringing student welfare. Roeland suggests linking the event to mental health. Sofie says that it is not the responsibility of the CSR to organize these events but it can help to promote the CSR. Blink agrees with organizing the event while promoting the CSR and mental health. Alex says the event is good for the visibility of the CSR. Kseniia says the event is not out of the CSR’s reach. Sofie suggests linking the event to registering for student parties or voting during the elections.

UB night The council is in favor. Roeland worries about workload but PR says this will not be a problem. Sofie suggests organizing a workshop about the CSRs council work.

Yoga at a loan The council is in favor.

Invite speakers The council is in favor. Sofie asks how the lectures will be different from other events. Alex says it shouldn’t be repetitive or conflict with other organizations. Ivanna wants to organize
inspirational and friendly and warm lectures in the morning with people from staff of the university who deal with politics as well. Roeland and Alex suggest linking the lecture to politics or council work. Sujet suggests inviting people from the municipality.

**Medezeggenschapsevenement** The council is in favor of the proposal to combine the event with drinks with all the student councils.

**New Year drinks** The council is in favor.

**Other event suggestions:** end of the year drinks; doing something around the public holidays and take a picture which the CSR sends out as a card or group picture; fair ('kermis') around election time; organizing an international youth forum at the UvA; traditional Dutch culture events related to multiculturalism;

PR will work out the different proposals and schedule suitable moments for these events. *(action)*

### 11. Student mail

The CSR discusses the new mail system for students in Office365 as was discussed in GALOP.

**Input from FSR’s** The FSR-FdR is in favor. The FSR-FNWI was critical of the current mail system. The FSR-FEB is not in favor of changing the system as this costs time and does not benefit students. The FSR-FMG and FSR-FGw have not yet decided on their stance. Alex expresses worries about the mandatory character of the mail system.

**Costs** Roeland asks how it is possible that little costs are made for migrating the mail. Jamie explains that the budget from Gmail will be used for Office365. The current payment to Microsoft Office per computer will be calculated per user from now onwards regardless. This means that staying with Gmail would not save money in comparison to switching to Microsoft.

**Other** Sofie asks where the Microsoft office is located. Jamie says that it was guaranteed that the data are saved within the European Union and that the Microsoft office is in the Netherlands. Sofie asks whether the servers are compatible with the open protocol mail systems. This will be asked in GALOP. Sofie asks whether a different system for AMC students will be in place or whether extra licenses are bought for them as they are not currently within the Gmail system. This will be asked in GALOP.

### 12. W.v.t.t.k. / Any other business

- **Chair of the LSVb:** Jamie explains that the chair of the LSVb was discharged. Sujet asks the CSR to sign the petition asking to reinstate Geertje Hulzebos as chair of the LSVb. Malou says that the ALV of the LSVb is coming up. Roeland will ask LOF whether they have more information. *(action)*

### 13. Input request from the FSR’s

- The (legal) position of council assistants;

### 14. To the media

The CSR discusses how to bring the topics of sexual harassment and Red UvA to the media.

--- Casper Colenbrander leaves the meeting. ---

### 15. Questions

- Ivanna asks whether PR can post what CSR is working on. This will be discussed weekly under the agenda point ‘To the media’.
- Tamara asks the council to fill in the evaluation forms from the Training Day on September 15th.
Tamara asks the council to indicate their availability for the first plenary session training of the coaching program.

Omar asks the council to fill in the attendance sheet for the constitutional drinks.

Omar invites the council for a housewarming and drinks/dinner on Friday.

16. Ending
Roeland closes the meeting at 14.05h.

Decisions
D180926-01 The CSR decides to organize a ‘kennismakingsborrel’ (KeBo) for the maximum budget of €1800,-
D180926-02 The CSR decides to give a financial reimbursement up to a maximum of €300,- in total for the CSR delegation traveling to the International Youth Forum in Minsk.

Action list
180926-01 The committees discuss the (possible) shared goals from PV180926 and make a proposal for PV181003.
180926-02 The DB discusses how to spread the workload of writing a year plan outlining the CSR’s goals for 2018-2019.
180926-03 PR works out the organization of the KeBo (location, date, and practicalities).
180926-04 Tamara asks Mariska Herweijer whether Miek Krol can be invited for OV181016.
180926-05 Malou asks Miek Krol for an update on her meeting with Mariska Herweijer about the position of council assistants.
180926-06 PR works out the different proposals for events during 2018-2019 schedules suitable moments for these events.
180926-07 Roeland asks LOF whether they have more information about the discharging of the former chair of the LSVb.
180919-01 PR works out a proposal for organizing joint (regular) drinks between the CSR and FSR’s.
180919-02 PR works out a proposal for organizing a CSR constitutieborrel.
180919-03 Alex writes a follow-up meeting piece to discuss including public voting records in the minutes of the CSR.
180919-04 Casper writes a meeting piece to decide on the position of Red UvA within the CSR.
180919-05 O&F discusses whether they will send a delegate from the O&F committee to the working group on Schakelbeleid, together with the file holder from O&O.
180919-06 Alex and Sujet discuss setting up a sexual harassment policy and monitoring system with Moataz Ragab.
180912-01 Roeland and Sujet write a short update about the ISO working group on September 11th.
180912-06 Alex checks with Loraine whether the meeting discussing the tenders for the new cleaning contract succeeded.
180912-07 The delegates ask their FSR’s for input on the transfer of the UvA-student mail to Office365 as was discussed in GALOP.
180905-08 Roeland asks Folia whether the questions for the duo-interview with Gerwin van der Pol could be sent up front.
180905-09 Alex and Blink help Roeland prepare for the Folia duo-interview.
180627-02 O&O 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. Committee chairs have the final responsibility in this.
The committee chairs notify the PR-taskforce after their meetings which files should be raised in the media.

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.

Alex, Roeland, and Sujet take good care of the plants.

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.

The committee chairs oversee the diverse division of speakers for the OV.

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.