Minutes of the *Plenaire vergadering* of the CSR on the 24th of October, 2018

**Council members**
Jamie van den Berg, Casper Colenbrander, Alex Gritsay (from 12:00), Omar Seleim (11:10-12:42), Sujet Hashemi Shams (until 12:42), Malou Sprinkhuizen (from 11:03), Blink Ujjin;

**Absent**
Roeland Voorbergen, Sofie ten Brink, Ksenia Golub, Michele Murgia, David Nelck, Ivanna Slipets, Liesanne van Veen;

**Guest(s)**
Moataz Rageb Centrale Studentassessor (from 11:06);

**Minutes**
Tamara van den Berg *Ambtelijk secretaris*;

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### 1. Opening

*Blink opens the meeting at 11.02h and welcomes the participants.*

--- *Malou Sprinkhuizen enters the meeting.* ---

### 2. Mail

*The council discusses the in- and outgoing mail.*

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3. Adapting the concept minutes
Adapting the concept minutes of PV181010 and PV181017 is postponed until next week as the quorum for the meeting is not met.

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

-- Moataz Rageb enters the meeting. --

5. Announcements
There are no announcements.

-- Omar Seleim enters the meeting. --

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

7. Setting the agenda
The agenda is set with changes. Due to the lack of a quorum, not all decisional agenda points can be discussed.

8. Klachtencommissie
The CSR discusses their delegation in the complaints committee, the application text, and the procedure. Casper explains that Jamie and Alex will communicate the application procedure to PR. Tamara explains that first, the CSR needs to decide whether they send out the application text this week, or choose an interim member and send out the application afterward. For sending the application, the CSR also needs to ask the complaints committee to check whether they agree to the updated text. O&F will discuss who to appoint as an interim member in the complaints committee and the setting out of an application text. (action)

8. WHW-meeting
The CSR gathers input for the upcoming WHW-meeting CSR-RvT on November 8th. Possible subject for the agenda:

- Sustainability
- Internationalization
- Diversity (Officers)
- Study Success
- Student engagement

9. Internationalization
The CSR gets informed about the file on Internationalization.

Promotion – Casper asks whether the CvB was asked to stop promoting the UvA abroad. Omar says this was discussed indeed. Blink says that faculties also have their own promotional team; Omar will check whether the promotion of faculties was stopped. (action)

Dutch language courses – Omar explains that students are motivated to take the Dutch courses but that there is a high dropout rate. One way to counter this is to inform students that the Dutch language is important for finding a job or for integration into Dutch society.
Internationalization – Sujet asks whether the CSR should focus on marketing and informing international students before they arrive, instead of only focusing on limiting the number of international students. Sujet stresses the importance to also critically evaluate the work of the UvA’s internationalization staff and the aims of the internationalization policy. Moataz explains that the UvA is not only looking at internationalization but at ways of integrating the current students into the university and society as well.

Housing – Omar proposes to establish a link with the private housing market to make more rooms available in this sector. Blink is positive about this. Malou is against the proposal, and Jamie is only in favor of collaborating with semi-public corporations due to the prices of the private sector. Jamie wants to focus on lowering the costs while improving the availability, while Omar wants to focus on the availability of student rooms. Omar suggests looking into three different systems: internal housing, the private market, and collaborations with startups or companies. Omar says that the university could stand surety for the payment of the rent, but Jamie questions whether the UvA should be involved in this. Blink suggests looking at the legal framework of this. Malou and Jamie say that the responsibility lies with the municipality. Omar states that more creative solutions are necessary. O&F further discusses solutions to the shortage of student housing. (action) Jamie says that universities should inform prospective students about the hardships of finding a place. Sujet says that creative solutions should not lead to high prices that set a precedent for future rent for international and Dutch students; not all students can afford the prices of the private housing sector.

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

8. CSR Kennismakingsborrel
The CSR gets informed about the latest information for their get-to-know-drinks.
Omar found that Oerknal cannot be rented out. Jamie informs the council that the SSRA study society is available to rent. Jamie says that there are fixed rental costs, which would be approximately 450 euros. This would leave the rest of the budget for drinks of 1,50 euros each. Malou prefers organizing the KeBo at the SSRA. Alex suggests organizing the KeBo at the Schreierstoren for the formal look of the location. Blink agrees. The council discusses whether the formal Schreierstoren better suits the image of the CSR or whether it is more important to have cheap drinks available – also for people to purchase their own drinks after the budget’s limit is reached. Omar is in favor of the central location of the Schreierstoren, which is next to the central station, but Sujet says this causes issues for bike parking.
PR works out an overview of all the different costs for organizing the KeBo in the Schreierstoren or at the SSRA. (action)

--- Omar Seleim & Sujet Hashemi Shams leave the meeting. ---

9. Budget: AUC
The CSR gets informed about the decentral budget of the AUC.
Casper visited the AUC council to discuss their decentral budget. The budget is not detailed enough and not entirely in English, and the council does not have a full insight into the policy and numbers as they are labeled ‘confidential’. The council e-mailed the managing director based on the CSR’s advice. Casper explains that the medezeggenschap of the AUC falls under the responsibility of the VU, while the financial justification is given to the UvA. This structure is not working very well. The council discusses whether it would be possible for the GV to not consent to the decentral budget if there are issues at the decentral level. This discussion will be continued in O&F.
8. **BAC central student assessor** *confidential*

The CSR decides about their delegation in the BAC for the central student assessor 2019.

The CSR decides to appoint Roeland Voorbergen as the CSR’s representative in the BAC for the central student assessor 2019. *(decision by consent).*

9. **Working agreements – attendance system**

The CSR gets informed about the attendance system.

*Added to option 4:* a bottle of 0,75l in case of an alcoholic beverage with less than 15% alcohol. Beverages with a higher percentage of alcohol allow for a smaller bottle.

Alex asks why cancellations need to be done 48hours prior to the meeting. Jamie suggests updating this to 24hours for CSR-internal meetings and 48hours if external parties or people are involved. The council agrees. Jamie asks whether this applies to be late as well. Malou says that being late counters the effectiveness of meetings and therefore should be penalized. The suggestion is to give half a point in the attendance system.

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

- **Reply to FSR’s** - There will be an editorial round of 48 hours for the letter about the CSR’s decision to reimburse part of the travel costs to Minsk. *(action)*

11. **Input request from the FSR’s**

- The FSR-FMG will send a formal letter of advice about increasing the number of students for the numerus fixus Psychology.

12. **To the media**

- **Nothing.**

13. **Questions**

- **Nothing.**

14. **Closing**

Blink closes the meeting at 13.40h.

**Decisions**

D181024-01 The CSR decides to appoint Roeland Voorbergen as the CSR’s representative in the BAC for the central student assessor 2019.

**Action list**

181024-01 O&F discusses who to appoint as an interim member in the complaints committee and discusses the application text for the student members.

181024-02 Omar checks whether the international promotion of faculties and programs has been fully stopped.

181024-03 O&F discusses solutions to the shortage of student housing.

181024-04 PR composes an overview of the possibilities and costs for the different locations of the KeBo.

181024-05 O&F discusses the problems of the decentral budget of the AUC and the spending of the funds from the Quality Agreements.

181024-06 Alex sends the letter about the CSR’s funding of travel expenses to Minsk for an editorial round.
181017-01 Jamie informs Mariska Herweijer about the proposed update to the function profile of the central student assessor.

181017-02 Malou updates the consenting letter about the Studentenstatuut with the points of PV181017 before Monday, October 22nd.

181017-03 Alex sends the reply letter to the FSR’s about the Minsk International Youth Forum for an editorial round from October 17th until Friday, October 19th.

181017-04 Tamara will ask juridische Zaken whether the model-OER will be put up for revision during the academic year 2018-2019.

181017-05 Tamara will ask Naomi Appelman to be the technical chair of the OV’s during 2018-2019.

181017-06 Blink organizes a plenary evaluation session.

181017-07 The DB discusses rescheduling their meetings to Monday morning.

181017-08 Blink writes a proposal for monitoring being late or absent and giving consequences to this. Blink includes in the proposal that the vice-chair is responsible for the plenary sessions and DB, and committee chairs are for committee meetings.

181017-09 Alex contacts ISO and LOF for more (legal) information about selective education.

181017-10 Casper provides an example of a Faculty Regulation in which the rights of the FSR/OR are not clearly stated.

181017-11 O&F works out a proposal for removing the current smoking posters and replacing them with other posters that do discourage students to smoke at the entrance.

181017-12 The CSR gives input on the statement about the recent occupation of the P.C. Hoofthuis.

181017-13 PR promotes the UvA’s involvement in choosing the 1001 woman in the 20th-century book, and the exhibition in the Allard Pierson Museum.

181017-14 Kseniia will send the timeline for the council 2019 to the council and informs the CSR whether the CSR agrees with the proposed timeline.

181010-03 Alex gathers information about the position and functioning of the FDO at the FdR.

181010-04 Sujet checks whether the COR and OR’s are looking into the position and function of the Diversity Officers.

181010-05 O&O discusses the action plan of the Diversity Officer.

181010-06 O&F works out the evaluation criteria for the Profiling Fund.

180912-06 Alex checks with Loraine whether the meeting discussing the tenders for the new cleaning contract succeeded.

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.

141208-04 The 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 Alex, 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 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.

Blink organizes individual coffee moments with all council members to discuss the council work and input on the evaluation weeks.