Minutes of the *Plenaire vergadering* of the CSR on the 21st of November, 2018

Ksenia Golub (from 11:20), Alex Gritsay (until 12:45), David Nelck (from 12:24), Omar Seleim (from 12:09), Sujet Hashemi Shams (until 12:45), Malou Sprinkhuizen, Blink Ujjin, Liesanne van Veen, Roeland Voorbergen (from 11:54);

Absent Jamie van den Berg, Sofie ten Brink, Casper Colenbrander, Michele Murgia, Ivanna Slipets;

Guest(s) Moataz Rageb *Central student assessor* (from 11:08)

Minutes

Council members

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1. **Opening**

*Blind opens the meeting at 11.00h and welcomes the participants.*
2. **Mail**
The council discusses the in- and outgoing mail.

3. **Adapting the concept minutes**
Setting the minutes of PV181114 is postponed until next week.

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

5. **Announcements**
No announcements.

--- Moataz Rageb enters the meeting. ---

6. **Updates DB & taskforces, delegates, central student assessor**
The written updates are discussed briefly after a short reading break.
- Moataz states that Valorisation and Diversity will be the themes for the CBO-field days.
- Moataz says that (new) definitions for contact hours have been discussed and will be further considered in the CvB-meeting.
- Sujet explains that the FDO-FGw stepped down.
- The council discusses the fact that the KeBo was organized in the VOC-café, which received criticism. PR will include this in the evaluation. (action)

--- Kseniia Golub enters the meeting. ---

7. **Setting the agenda**
The agenda is set without changes.

8. **Diversity: plan of action**
The CSR decides about their response to the plan of action from the CDO Team.
Sujet will incorporate the textual suggestions that were sent in the editorial round.

Voting proposal: The CSR decides to send a letter in reaction to the draft plan of action from the CDO-team, as discussed in PV181121.

In favor 8
Against 0
Blanco 0
Abstain 0

The voting proposal is adopted.

9. **[OV] Profiling Fund**
The CSR decides on their input for the evaluation of the Profileringsfonds.
Liesanne says that (Medicine) students who are waiting to start their masters’ program do not officially get a compensation from the Profiling Fund. The dean has set an addendum, which is not sufficient for covering the problems that arise when applying.
Alex says that the position of international students in the Profiling Fund is missing. Moreover, the procedure differs and is unnecessarily difficult for international students. Alex asks whether there is enough support for international students.
Sofie had asked whether more broad criteria should be evaluated, considering whether every rule is fair, proportional and reasonable? Malou says that all aspects of the Profiling Fund will be evaluated, but that the CSR is setting focus points. The council agrees to adding these points to the draft of the evaluation focus points.

**Voting proposal:** The CSR decides to bring the focus points and evaluation criteria for the Profiling Fund as discussed in PV181121 to the OV on November 27th.

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

The voting proposal is adopted.

10. **[OV] CSR goals: Education & Accessibility**

The CSR discusses their drafted vision on education and accessibility.

Alex reacts to Sofie’s input stating that the risks of selection should not be considered more strongly than the benefits. He agrees that it is important to be careful when advocating selection, but says that the current system has risks as well. Alex also warns for the negative effects of soft skills evaluation, despite the usefulness of testing these for specific programs.

Liesanne says that Sofie indicated that doing a decentral approach might not need a vision on broader selection criteria at central level. Alex and Liesanne disagree with Sofie that a more decentral approach to selection would not benefit from a vision at central level about broad selection criteria. Blink is against installing a numerus fixus on English tracks or programs.

**Voting proposal:** The CSR approves the policies and vision on education set out in the vision document for PV181121, with the exception of section II.

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

The voting proposal is adopted.

**Voting proposal:** The CSR approves section II of the education vision document for PV181121.

- **In favor:** 6
- **Against:** 0
- **Blanco:** 0
- **Abstain:** 2

The voting proposal is not adopted.

Alex will send the CSR’s vision on Education and Accessibility for an editorial round. *(action)*

11. **GALOP**

The CSR discusses the grading schemes and midterm evaluation Flex Studying as discussed in GALOP.

**Regulations examination**– Malou is not in favour of standardizing this and states that the decision for granting extra time should be up to the exam committees. Alex says subjects might differ at decentral level which distorts the way of assessment through the university. The council is divided about standardizing the exam regulations. Malou stresses that exceptions should always be possible. Malou
says that important cultural differences exist between the faculties. Liesanne says that standardization would require all faculties to set the new regulations together. Alex says giving extra time for tests doesn’t prepare students for employment. Malou says jobs don’t require taking exams in a certain amount of time. Alex says that Medicine students will work under pressure during their career. Liesanne explains that the extra time is for theoretical exams only. Alex agrees that this is an important difference. Blink and Malou add that the extra time helps students with ADHD or dyslexia. Blink suggest considering the requirements for getting extra time. The council is mostly positive about giving extra time. Sujet suggests involving the Disability Platform and to consider the position of students with a functional limitation. Sujet wants to refrain from forming an opinion without involving students with experience or expertise.

Grading schemes – Malou and Liesanne say that updating the grading scheme will not benefit students. Grades are listed in SIS and a grading list can be requested when applying abroad. The council is against the current plans but stresses the importance of being involved if the plans are worked out further.

--- Roeland Voorbergen enters the meeting. ---

Mid-term evaluation Flex studying – Roeland suggests discussing this in O&O. (action) After this, O&O can contact Arne Brentjes for more information, if necessary.

--- Omar Seleim enters the meeting. ---

12. [OV] Flex Studying

The CSR discusses the request for consent on the Regeling experiment Flexstuderen UvA 2019-2020. Malou says FSR-FNWI was not involved in the procedure. It seems that the OC might be informed last year, but since no formal advice was given this is not sure yet. Roeland suggests asking for a formal indication of the OC that they discussed the participation of their study program in the Pilot Flex Studying and that they are in favour. Malou will inform the OC about this. (action) Roeland says that the CSR should be in favour of the plans if the OC and FSR are as well.

13. Numerus fixus: Psychology

The CSR discusses the request for advice on the Regeling selectie Psychologie: procedure en selectiecriteria 2019-2020. Raise from 600 to 650 Sujet says that the reasons for a numerus fixus are legitimate but that the UvA already has the highest student number which limits the necessity of increasing the numerus fixus. Roeland asks why the UvA should risk setting their numerus fixus lower than other universities as this might scare away prospective students. Malou says that raising the number will help filling the capacity of the program. Sofie asked whether 50 students would make a difference in this regard. Liesanne and Alex say that it should be considered that there is no drop-out which would put pressure on the maximum capacity, i.e. the facilities of the program. Blink says that this would not cause problems. Malou says this should be considered by the FSR and OC. Roeland will inquire this. (action)

--- David Nelck enters the meeting ---

14. [OV] Internationalization

The CSR discusses their strategy to further work on Internationalization.

Blink says that the CSR17-18 recommended in their advice to improve the social network for international students. Blink suggests upholding the current OV CSR-CvB action points in order for
nothing to get lost. Kseniia agrees as she thinks this would help to increase student engagement and the contact with study associations.

Omar wants to discuss the importance and offering of Dutch courses and the option of creating an elective language course. The council agrees. Omar wants to discuss the communication to prospective students about the housing shortage in Amsterdam. Sujet says this would be included in the *Handreiking* and suggests asking an update about this document. O&O discusses the action points on internationalisation in preparation for the OV. **(action) Further points to discuss during the OV:**

- Timeline for finishing the *Handreiking Internationalisering*
- Importance of Dutch courses for international students

**15. Learning Analytics**
The CSR discusses Learning Analytics.

Roeland asks whether the CSR should/can do anything with this file. Roeland finds the initiative interesting to follow but suggests not working on it as CSR. Malou says that Ivanna can keep the CSR updated if developments happen.

**16. Central student assessor 2019 [confidential]**
The CSR discusses the hiring procedure for the central student assessor 2019.

**-- Sujet Hashemi Shams and Alex Gristay leave the meeting. --**

**17. PR events: Christmas & New Year**
The CSR discusses organizing events around Christmas and New Year.

**New Year dinner** – PR suggests organizing a potluck dinners with FSR’s and CvB upcoming January at CREA. The council suggests combining this with drinks with the students in CREA afterward. PR works out a proposal and brings this back to the PV. **(action)**

**18. University Quarter**
The CSR discusses the possible move of the CSR’s office to the *Binnenstadscampus*.

The council prefers staying at the REC due to the facilities, CREA, the central location, and the proximity to students and FSR’s. This will not be further taken up.

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

- **English tracks** – As the voting was not adopted, an e-mail vote about installing a *numerus fixus* on the English tracks will be sent this afternoon. **(action)**
- **Reply-letter to the FSR’s** – David goes over the remarks provided during the editorial round. The council agrees with the adjustments.

**20. Input request from the FSR’s**

Nothing.

**21. To the media**

- Vacancy complaints committee.

**22. Questions**

- Blink and Omar invite the council to the Folia Christmas drinks and ISO Christmas drinks.
- Tamara reminds the council of the upcoming OV-training and informal meeting with the RvT.
23. Closing
Roeland closes the meeting at 13.12h.

Decisions
D181121-01 The CSR decides to send a letter in reaction to the draft plan of action from the CDO-team, as discussed in PV181121.
D181121-02 The CSR decides to bring the focus points and evaluation criteria for the Profiling Fund as discussed in PV181121 to the OV on November 27th.
D181121-03 The CSR approves the policies and vision on education set out in the vision document for PV181121, with the exception of section II.

Action list
181121-01 PR includes the feedback about the colonial history of the location of the KeBo in the evaluation of the event.
181121-02 Alex sends the CSR’s vision on Education and Accessibility for an editorial round.
181121-03 O&O discusses the mid-term evaluation Flex Studying.
181121-04 Malou asks the OC’s of Psychobiology and Biomedical Science to formally indicate their stance about the program participating in the pilot flex studying.
181121-05 Roeland inquires whether the OC Psychology believes that the program has enough capacity and facilities to increase the student number for the numerus fixus to 650.
181121-06 O&O discusses the action points on internationalisation in preparation for OV181127.
181121-07 PR works out concrete proposals for Christmas and New Year events.
181121-08 Roeland sends out an e-mail vote about section II of the CSR’s vision on Education and Accessibility.

181114-01 David and Roeland finalize the reply-letter to the FSR’s concerning the travel reimbursement of the CSR’s delegation attending the International Youth Forum, based on the comments from the editorial round.
181114-02 Alex updates the CSR’s draft vision on Education and sends it for an editorial round from November 16th to November 19th.
181114-03 Sujet sends the draft letter to the Diversity Officer for an editorial round until Wednesday, November 21st.
181114-04 Jamie asks the FSR’s for input or additions to the evaluation questions of the Profiling Fund.
181114-05 Blink asks the OC’s of the programs that want to be included in the pilot Flex Studying for their formal response letter and asks the FSR’s for input.
181114-06 Blink checks the document ‘Inrichting Pilot Flexstuderen’ and the mid-term evaluation Flex Studying with regard to opening the pilot for new programs in the 3rd and 4th year.
181114-07 O&F discusses the smoking policy and gathers pro and cons.
181114-08 Casper contacts Mariska Herweijer about the regulations for exam rooms and grading scheme, as were discussed in GALOP.
181114-09 O&F discusses the setup and progress of the University Forum.
181114-10 Malou checks when the next meeting of the University Forum takes place and whether the CSR can place a topic at the agenda.
181114-11 PR discusses ways of promoting the University Forum to attract more students.
181114-12 O&O discusses the functioning of AIEC and possible solutions to the problem.
181114-13 Roeland informs Eric Weijers that the CSR can only react to the request about the numerus fixus Psychology if the additional information and advice from the FSR-FMG are sent to the CSR in time.
181114-14 O&O discusses the grading system, as discussed in UCO.
181114-15 Malou asks Jelmer for the presentation and information on the international classroom, as discussed in UCO.
181114-16 O&F gathers questions from the council about the student housing and contacts the project group to schedule a meeting.
181107-01 O&O discusses the Draaiboek Opleidingsaanbod to gather input for the GV working group.
181107-02 O&F discusses the option of updating the regulations of the complaints committee.
181107-07 PR makes a proposal for purchasing council clothing, CSR-mugs and other ways of using the PR-budget.
181107-08 PR considers, with help of the council, which documents, text or parts of the website need translation through the CSR-budget.
181107-11 Malou checks when the master’s program of Psychology became English and which master’s programs have recently changed their lingua franca to English.
181107-12 O&O discusses the evaluation of the UvA Health Week.
181031-02 Roeland contacts the VU to see what collaboration is possible with regard to WOinActie.
181031-03 PR promotes the protest of WOinActie as soon as the final program and setup are known.
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.
181024-06 Alex sends the letter about the CSR’s funding of travel expenses to Minsk for an editorial round and finalizes the letter afterward.
181017-05 Tamara will ask Naomi Appelman to be the technical chair of the OV’s during the first half of 2019.
181017-06 Blink organizes a plenary evaluation session.
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.
181010-03 Alex gathers information about the functioning of the FDO at the FdR.

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, that the CSR is working on, should be raised in the media.
150420-01 All DB-members send their updates before Sunday 20.00h. 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.
180207-01 Council members try to take care of expressing their opinions and give arguments for their standpoints.
180917-06 Blink organizes individual coffee moments with all council members to discuss the council work and input on the evaluation weeks.