Minutes of the *Plenaire vergadering* of the CSR on the 28th of November, 2018

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1. Opening

*Roeland opens the meeting at 11.00h and welcomes the participants.*

*Roeland Malou Alex Jamie Casper*
2. **Mail**
The council discusses the in- and outgoing mail.

--- Ksenia Golub and Ivanna Slipets enter the meeting. ---

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.

--- Sujet Hasemi Shams enters the meeting. ---

5. **Announcements**
- Malou suggests promoting the website of W0inActie and to promote the protest among the study associations. This could be done via the FSR's.
- Roeland urges the council to consider the quality of the PV-meeting pieces and to avoid sending double pieces.

6. **Updates DB & taskforces, delegates, central student assessor**
The written updates are discussed briefly after a short reading break.

- Jamie will help the FSR-FEB to gather information from UvA-data.

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

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

9. **Numerus Fixus: Psychology**
The CSR discusses the request for advice on the 'Regeling selectie Psychologie: procedure en /Deciding selecticriteria 2019-2020'.

The FSR-FMG sent the CSR another letter in which they ask the CSR to advice positively while stating 3 points of concerns. Roeland and Malou propose following this request of the FSR-FMG.

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

Malou states that Ingmar Visser indicated that the OC and FSR did not disagree with the plans to increase the numerus fixus, which turned out not to be the case. The council is in favour of following the advice of the FSR-FMG. Sujet asks how to interpret the advice of the FSR-FMG which was composed in short-notice and had changed within a week.

Alex stresses that this would cause a burden on the facilities that are shared at REC, and he states to be against the intake of extra students. Casper says that Psychology students make use of their own common room and facilities.

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

Casper says that the program will not grow but fill its current capacity. Jamie states that the high drop-out rate is a negative effect of internationalisation.
Alex is not in favour of coordinating the size of programs with other universities. Casper says this is done to preserve specialism and save costs. Roeland adds that lowering the numerus fixus at the UvA would have the effect that more students apply at other universities due to a lower chance of being accepted at the UvA. This would again add to the drop-out rate. Sujet says that the housing issues in Amsterdam should be considered as well. Alex asks what Psychology would do it all students want to follow the program and stresses that they shouldn’t use the facilities of other faculties. Malou says that there should be facilities for all students falling within the cap of a numerus fixus. Jamie says that there are issues to house the current 450 students. Casper says that the Psychology building has enough room and facilities. Jamie says that problems will occur if all programs that internationalize make a claim to this marginal leftover space. The council agrees that the FSR and OC should not be overruled.

**Voting proposal:** The CSR decides to give a positive advice about the increase of student numbers for the Numerus Fixus BA Psychology 2019-2020, following the points of advice from the FSR-FMG.

- **In favour** 7
- **Against** 5
- **Blanco** 0
- **Abstain** 0

The voting proposal is adopted.

Points that will be included in the CSR’s letter:

- Asking the education directors for arguments that these 50 extra spots really will make a difference.
- Asking for confirmation that if indeed 650 students are going to study psychology, there are enough facilities/is enough space for them.
- Asking to investigate the reasons for big no-show and whether it’s possible to prevent this phenomenon from happening in the foreseeable future.
- Asking to investigate what the effects of the numerus fixus are for the future of the program.
- Addressing the problem of internationalisation having influenced the lower intake of Dutch-students.
- Mentioning problems with the procedure: starting timely, involvement FSR/OC.

Jamie and Roeland write the advisory letter and send this for an editorial round until November 29, 15.00h. *(action)*

**10. GALOP: grading scheme**

*The CSR discusses the grading scheme as proposed in GALOP.*

Roeland asked Mariska Herweijer for an update. In the long run, the *medezeggenschap* would be involved when a decision is taken. However, it is uncertain whether it will be followed through as GALOP and the UCO are critical of the plans as well. The plans originated in the Rectorencollege and were discussed in a 2016 VSNU meeting. Since then, the plans have not been taken up by the UvA but had just started to be considered now.

The delegates inform the CSR of their positions: The FSR-FdR, FSR-FGw against, FSR-FNW1 and FSR-FMG are against the plans. The FSR-FEB did not yet discuss the proposal. The council argues that the proposal would negatively affect 90% of the students who are not at the top of their class.
Malou and Sujet voices in the upcoming UCO meeting that the CSR is against the plans. (action) Roeland will inform Mariska. (action) If the plans are not stopped by the UCO, the CSR will consider writing a letter about their standpoints.

11. Flex studying
The CSR discusses the request for consent on the Regeling experiment Flexstuderen UvA 2019-2020. Tamara asks whether O&O checked the mid-term evaluation. This did not happen. Malou informs that the OC of Biomedical Science sent a positive advice about joining the pilot before the number of students was known. The OC of Psychobiology is positive about joining the pilot. In order to check whether the OC’s were asked for advice about a specific number of places in the pilot, Malou will ask for the request for advice that was sent to the OC’s. (action)

12. University Forum
The CSR discusses the setup and progress of the University Forum. Roeland is in favour of having a student member of the presidium to avoid meetings being planned during the exam week. Roeland says that the meetings should be prepared in working groups. This would help the forum to consider long term policy. Roeland says that the CSR can help to give input for the meeting’s agenda. Roeland wants to give advice to the forum in order to improve the student participation.

-- Blink Ujjin enters the meeting. --

Jamie asks whether a report is published about the outcome of the discussions of the University Forum. The agenda and minutes can be found on the UvA-website.

13. Smoking policy
The CSR discusses the (potential) smoking policy for the UvA campuses. Roeland asks how a smoke-free zone in front of PCH could be created, as there is a public street. Jamie suggests creating an area near the fire escape. Roeland explains that Wil van Zijl said it might be possible to make agreements with the municipality about the public streets. It is not sure whether FS would be in favour of relocating smokers within the campus if the law changes in short term. Jamie explains that the plans for REC entail relocating smokers to the entrance of the campus, which does not solve the problem. The campus would be smoke-free but the public streets and nearby horeca would not agree. Alex says that a smoking ban is in line with the CSR’s views on sustainability. The council discusses whether this would have a negative effect on the CSR’s image.

14. OV-cycle: recap + preparation
The CSR goes over the course of the OV on November 27th and prepares for the upcoming OV-cycle.

-- Alex Gritsay and Sujet Hashemi Shams leave the meeting. --

15. GV/GOV: recap
The CSR goes over the course of the G(O)V’s on November 16th and 23rd. Possible points for improvement:

• The GV is currently more occupied with controlling or checking the budget, instead of changing it. This is because of a lack of time/expertise.
• The financial committees should meet more often throughout the year. They should also transfer their expertise better to new councils. Suggestion: creating a Draaiboek.

• The CSR should discuss the budget in the PV before going to the PV in order to inform all council members and to allow for informative questions before the discussion.

• Attendance (international) students

16. KeBo evaluation

The CSR evaluates the Kennismakingsborrel that took place on November 14th.

Guests - Positive about the number of guests showing up. Suggested to invite more policy workers next occasion or communicate more clearly to the people the CSR works with on regular basis.

Invitation – Good to send a reminder after the invitation. Noted that some associations were not aware of the CSR’s existence.

Catering – Positive about the number of drinks and about Ivana as a host.

Location – The council didn’t feel well informed that the café was officially called VOC-café (instead of café Schreierstoren). The CSR received criticism about this and some council members were not happy with this fact either.

Budget – The budget was sufficient.

17. Functional limitation

The CSR gets informed about the position of students with a functional limitation.

The council is positive about the setup of the (during the Symposium) debate in which Sujet will participate, but stress that she will be doing so on a personal title.

Jamie asks who is invited for the event and how it will be promoted. Roeland suggests getting many students to attend the symposium. PR will think of a way to promote this well amongst students.

Malou explains that the working group Student Charter is also considering the position of students with a functional limitation. Malou will keep the CSR updated about this. O&O will continue working on ways to implement policy that help students with a functional limitation.

-- Blink Ujjin leaves the meeting.--

18. Study success 2.0: extra week of holiday

The CSR gets informed about the possibility of restructuring the academic year.

Malou explains that the scheduling at the FNWI is done per program and has been improved to a use of class rooms of 90%. Jamie asks whether this can be done for other parts of the university as well. Malou will inquire whether the responsible person could be involved with scheduling throughout the university. (action)

Roeland questions what can be done at central or faculty level to counter working pressure and pressure to perform. Malou says that it is important that the week of holidays is not before the exam period to avoid that students need to use this holiday for studying. David is in favour of holidays before exam weeks. Jamie suggests having the exams in the 7th week of the block in order to have the 8th week off. Malou, David, Roeland and Kseniia are not in favour of this.

Jamie asks what will happen with the national holidays. Malou says that there are no lectures during these days which means they could be used for self-study. Jamie says that it needs to be clear in the survey whether the option is an extra week of holiday (study free period) or free days (for self-study).

The council is positive about setting out a survey.
19. Internationalization

*The CSR gets informed about ways to measure the effects of internationalisation.*

Casper will ask Brentjes whether there are data available to answer the CSR’s questions on how to measure internationalisation. Malou suggests asking the UCO to set up a working group to evaluate internationalisation, in a way that is similar to the BSA and Study Success evaluations. Roeland says that plenty of data should be available. Moaatz explains that the internationalization of the UvA gained more attention through the ITK and international classroom. Anouk Tso and Jelmer Peters are working on a report about internationalization (international classroom, benefits, setup, etc.). Based on this, a more concrete vision can be worked out.

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

- **Meeting pieces evaluation** – This evaluation will be added to the format PV-agenda.

  Malou asks the council members to make use of the format for meeting pieces which indicates which questions to ask/answer per phase of the discussion.

21. Input request from the FSR’s

*Nothing.*

22. To the media

- WOnActie protest, website, petition.
- Application complaints committee

23. Questions

- Tamara reminds the council of the upcoming plenary coaching training session, the OV-training and the plenary evaluation.

24. Closing

Roeland closes the meeting at 13.57h.

**Decisions**

**D181128-01** The CSR decides to give a positive advice about the increase of student numbers for the Numerus Fixus BA Psychology 2019-2020, following the points of advice from the FSR-FMG.

**Action list**

181128-01 Jamie and Roeland write the advice letter about the *numerus fixus* BA Psychology, and send this for an editorial round until November 29, 15.00h.

181128-02 Malou and Sujet voice during the upcoming UCO-meeting that the CSR is against the plans of the grading scheme that lists the relative position of students. Roeland informs Mariska Herweijer about this.

181128-03 Malou looks for the for the request for advice that was sent to the OC’s that will participate in the pilot Flex Studying from 2019-2020.

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.

181114-05 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.

181114-07 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.

181114-10 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.

181114-14 O&O discusses the grading system, 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.

181107-10 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.

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.

### 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 have the final responsibility in this.

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.

161107-05 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.
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.