Minutes of the *Plenaire vergadering* of the CSR on the 12th of December, 2018

Council members
Casper Colenbrander, Kseniia Golub, Alex Gritsay, Omar Seleim, Sujet Hashemi Shams, Malou Sprinkhuizen, Blink Ujjin (11:05), Liesanne van Veen, Roeland Voorbergen;

Absent
Jamie van den Berg, Sofie ten Brink, Michele Murgia, David Nelck, Ivanna Slipets;

Guest(s)
Moataz Rageb *Central student assessor*

Minutes
Tamara van den Berg *Ambtelijk secretaris*;

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1. **Opening**

Roeland opens the meeting at 11.03h and welcomes the participants.

*Blink will be chairing the meeting from the moment that she arrives.*

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2. **Mail**

The council discusses the in- and outgoing mail.

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3. **Adapting the concept minutes**

Setting the concept minutes is postponed until next week.
4. Checking the action list

The action list gets updated.

5. Announcements

None.

6. Updates DB & taskforces, delegates, central student assessor

The written updates are discussed briefly after a short reading break.

7. Setting the agenda

The agenda is set with changes. E&A is moved up.

8. Study success 2.0: extra week of holiday

The CSR decides about the implementation of an extra week of holiday in the second semester.

Alex suggests synchronizing the extra week of holiday with the PPLE-holiday in April in order not to make PPLE follow a new timing, but to have the university follow an existing week of holiday. The council disagrees whether this is the best option, but agrees to including it amongst the option in the survey. The council also disagrees whether the policy should be implemented centrally or at a decentral level. Sujet and Alex are in favour of decentral implementation, while Roeland argues that faculties might not follow without a central policy. Malou will involve the stakeholders: COR, FSR’s, and USR-VU. (action) Malou will also contact the boards and student organizations. (action)

Voting proposal: The CSR decides to be in favour of setting up a survey amongst the academic community of the UvA to create an extra week of holiday in the second semester, including the input of the relevant stakeholders.

In favour 11
Against 0
Blanco 0
Abstain 0

The voting proposal is adopted.

9. PR: Christmas / New Year

The CSR decides about the organization of a Christmas / New Year event.

Tamara asks for elaboration on the budget. Omar says that 500 euro is needed for the food and drinks. The council discusses organizing a potluck dinner or ordering food from CREA. After the dinner, there will be drinks with all students from the university. Alex says there is not enough budget for this so the council suggests working with tokens. The council suggests putting an ‘idea box’ in the corner for students to give input and to print the CSR’s year plan booklet.

The dinner and drinks will take place mid-January in the CREA theatre hall.

The council discusses whether the CvB should be invited as well.
**Voting proposal:** The CSR decides to invite the FSR’s and CvB for the buffet-dinner and drinks in January, as discussed in PV181212.

*In favour 6*
*Against 6*
*Blanco 0*
*Abstain 0*

*The voting proposal is not adopted.*

The CSR decides to invite the FSR’s for the buffet-dinner and drinks in January, as discussed in PV181212. *(decision by consent)* PR sets a date for the January buffet-dinner, inquires the costs for the buffet, and makes concrete planning for the event. *(action)*

**10. CSR budget**

The CSR sets their (internal) budget for 2019.

- MZE / MZD = €500,-
- Other events = €1150,-

Alex suggests budgeting for sponsorships for events of study associations. Roeland says this is not up to the CSR who receive a budget for their own tasks. Blink suggests using the budget for promotion material. Malou says that the CSR could pay a contribution to an event in exchange for putting up the CSR banner.

**Voting proposal:** The CSR decides to approve the budget for 2019 with the changes from PV181212.

*In favour 11*
*Against 0*
*Blanco 0*
*Abstain 1*

*The voting proposal is adopted.*

**11. Education & Accessibility**

The CSR gets informed about ways to implement the CSR’s vision on Education.

Blink asks whether the CSR wants to concern themselves with setting entrance tests and assignments for every program. Alex explains that the possibilities and set ups for these tests can be considered. Implementing them is a decision that is up to the program and faculty.

Roeland says that interview shouldn’t play a role in the selection procedure. Alex agrees but suggests weighing an interview differently while also taking into account the existing biases. Interviews could still give some insight into the candidates motivation or view. Blink agrees as people cannot be judged only on paper. Malou is against interviews due to the proven biases. Roeland suggests including an intake-talk instead of an interview. This talk would not influence the outcome of the procedure but checker whether a candidate wants to put the effort of coming to the talk and to follow the studies. This is a part of UvA-Matching as well.

Alex will work out small descriptions, explanations and pro-cons for next week. Sofie suggested naming ‘a vision on selective education’. This will also be discussed next week.
12. Sustainability

*The CSR discusses setting an UvA-wide vision on sustainability.*

Roeland asks what are considered (financial) technologies. These are aspects of business or finance that are growing in a sustainable manner over the long term. Blink says it can concern sustainable investment or investments in sustainable entities. Roeland suggests clarifying this in the description as the current description seems to imply financial stability or profit through solar panels. Roeland asks which input from the stakeholders meeting was included. Blink says that only practical, small issues were raised during these meetings.

Roeland is positive about the draft and asks about the draft version of the sustainability vision.

Currently, the themes / priorities for the vision are up for discussion. Blink proposes making a link between Research and Education. Sujet asks whether there is budget for encouraging research sustainability. This will be further discussed in O&F. *(action)*

Extra points for the vision are constructing and renewing buildings, animal rights (in laboratories) and travel policy. There are no objections to the themes of the draft vision although they need more elaboration.

13. Flex studying

*The CSR discusses the request for consent on the Regeling experiment Flexstuderen UvA 2019-2020.*

A decision about the request will be taken next week. Blink writes a concept letter for the CSR’s reply-letter about the Flex Study Regulations. *(action)*

14. Raad van Advies

*The CSR discusses appointing members from CSR 2017-2018 for the Advisory Council.*

Blink will ask Jaco to inquire which members of the Advisory Council (RvA) want to remain a member of the RvA since it is currently full, which means that members need to step down in order for new members to be appointed. *(action)*

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

- The DB proposes changing the PV time to 11.00-13.30h (instead of 14.00h). There are no objections.
- Sujet attended ASVA’s SVO instead of Roeland, Blink and Omar who were supposed to be present.

16. Input requests for the FSR’s:

- *None.*

17. To the media

- **Student newsletter:** Briefly introduce CSR + mention the CSR’s goals + promote application for the Complaints Committee.

18. Evaluating the PV

*The CSR evaluates the course of the PV and the quality of the meeting pieces.*

19. Questions + closing the meeting

- Tamara asks for an update about the meeting with Ingmar Visser about the numerus fixus Psychology. Roeland and Casper will write an update which will be discussed in O&O. *(action)*
- Tamara asks the council for their student numbers which are needed for the StudentPlus service.
- Last week will be the last week of Moataz Rageb as student assessor 2018.

Blink closes the meeting at 13.01h.
Decisions

D181212-01 The CSR decides to be in favour of setting up a survey amongst the academic community of the UvA to create an extra week of holiday in the second semester, including the input of the relevant stakeholders.

D181212-02 The CSR decides to invite the FSR’s for the buffet-dinner and drinks in January, as discussed in PV181212.

D181212-03 The CSR decides to approve the budget for 2019 with the changes from PV181212.

Action list

181212-01 Malou asks the stakeholders for the extra week of holiday in the second semester (FSR, OR, USR-VU) for their input on the CSR’s plans.

181212-02 Malou asks for input of the CvB and central staff for the CSR’s plan of introducing an extra week of holiday in the second semester.

181212-03 Alex works out the sections from the selective education document, including descriptions, pros and cons, and possible follow-up steps.

181212-04 O&F discusses how to incorporate the themes research, travel, and housing (construction & renovation) into the vision on Sustainability.

181212-05 Blink writes an elaboration on the themes of the draft of the Sustainability Vision.

181212-06 Blink asks the chair of the Raad van Advies to acquire which RvA-members will stay on and who want to step down to make room for new members.

181212-07 Blink informally checks the interest in joining the Raad van Advies, and includes this information in a decisional meeting piece.

181212-08 O&O discusses the follow-up steps for the Numerus Fixus Psychology and the update from the meeting with Ingmar Visser.

181212-09 PR sets a date for the January buffet-dinner, inquires the costs for the buffet, and makes concrete planning for the event.

181205-01 O&F discusses the problems with the Catering and contacts the FSR’s and other universities for input.

181205-02 PR makes a proposal for the purchase of council clothing and CSR-mugs.

181205-03 O&F discusses the follow-up to the CSR’s decision about smoking policy and the option of UvA helping students to stop smoking.

181205-04 O&O discusses further steps for working on creating an extra week of holidays, following the Study Success 2.0 report.

181205-05 Roeland schedules a meeting for the taskforce Institutional Plan 2021-2025.

181205-06 O&F discusses the subsidy for study associations.

181205-07 PR sends the Toilet Paper for an editorial round.

181205-08 PR works out concrete proposals for Christmas and New Year events.

181128-01 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.

181128-02 O&O discusses the mid-term evaluation Flex Studying.

181121-03 O&O discusses the evaluation of the UvA Health Week.

181114-08 Casper contacts Mariska Herweijer about the regulations for exam rooms, as discussed in GALOP.

181107-01 O&O discusses the Draaiboek Opleidingaanbod to gather input for the GV working group.

181107-02 O&F discusses the option of updating the regulations of the complaints committee.

181107-03 PR considers, with help of the council, which documents, text or parts of the website need translation through the CSR-budget.

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

**Pro memorie**

The DB is strict about *nazendingen* and being present in time.

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, that the CSR is working on, should be raised in the media.

All DB-members send their updates before Sunday 20.00h. 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.

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

The committee chairs make sure that the responsibility for the meeting piece becomes clear during the committee meeting.

The committee chairs keep their OV-planning up to date and fill their OV-planning in the printed calendar in CREA 1.16.