Minutes of the *Plenaire vergadering* of the CSR on the 27th of February, 2019

Council members: Jamie van den Berg, Sofie ten Brink, Casper Colenbrander, David Nelck, Omar Seleim, Ivanna Slipets, Malou Sprinkhuizen, Blink Ujjin (until 12:54), Liesanne van Veen, Roeland Voorbergen;

Absent: Kseniia Golub, Alex Gritsay, Michele Murgia, Sujet Hashemi Shams;

Guest(s): Iris Kingma *Central student assessor*

Minutes: Tamara van den Berg *Ambtelijk Secretaris*

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1. **Opening**

*Roeland opens the meeting at 11:00 h and welcomes the participants.*

2. **Mail**

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

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

- The DB will be more strict with late meeting pieces for the PV and has agreed that the committee chairs will play a more pro-active role in ensuring that the pieces are sent timely or taken from the agenda with a timely notice.

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

The written updates are discussed briefly.

The council agrees that it is important to send delegates updates. Roeland informs the delegates who have not been sending their updates about this. (action)

7. Setting the agenda

The agenda is set without changes.

8. Division of workload [confidential]

The CSR discusses the internal division of workload.

9. OV recap

The CSR goes over the course of the OV on February 26th. O&O further discusses Education & Selection. (action)

10. PR events: orchestral performance

Ivanna updates that a location other than the E-hall is not available for the event; these locations are educational locations. Omar says it is not possible to perform at different moments.

PR explains that hiring a trio/quartet will cost approximately €410,-. The council discusses this price. Roeland, Malou, Sofie, Liesanne, David, Casper, and Jamie find this too expensive, despite being in favour of organizing the performance. Blink stresses that PR has worked on this for a long time. Ivanna and Omar are very much in favour of the event. Liesanne and Jamie suggest asking other musicians instead, such as the Amsterdam Student Orchestra. Ivanna will inquire this. (action) Liesanne and Sofie stress the importance of having an event at different campuses.

11. Election Regulations

The council agrees that FSR/OC specific issues should be discussed at a later stage.

**Preferential votes** – Sofie explains that some parties are not in favour of having candidates low on the list elected as *lijstduwer* as these people often don’t engage themselves actively during the elections. The council agrees that this is a point of attention. Jamie says there should be a smaller role for preferential votes.

Malou is in favour of the preferential voting system as this could support students who campaign thoroughly instead of only benefiting those at the top of a list. Sofie will provide more information about the *lijstkiesdeler*. Blink says that the preferential voting system doesn’t solve the popularity contest of the council elections.

**Complexity of the electoral system** - Sofie asks whether the CSR wants to simplify the regulations, as they are complex and not easily understandable for all students. Roeland finds it important that the regulations are unambiguous and he states they are not unnecessarily complicated; Liesanne agrees.
Barriers to entry - Sofie asks whether council agree with the current barrier (5 signatures needed are needed to register). Sofie questions how this barrier works out for OCs. Malou explains that the barrier is set at a number of signatures representing 10% of the district, but 5 at most. This should be doable.

List connections - Sofie explains the system of list connections in the national Dutch elections. Sofie says this could help parties to get involved at the central level. Casper agrees that working together could be useful for faculty parties who together want to run as a central party. This will be discussed further in O&F. (action)

Deadlines - Sofie asks whether the council agrees that the period between setting the candidacy list and corrections might be short and thereby affecting the delegates in the CSR. The council disagrees.

Duration of election period - The council thinks that one week is enough for voting; extending this would create extra work. Tamara suggests considering how to plan the voting week (i.e. as subsequent days or over the weekend). David says that earlier the parties benefited from having the voting period stretched out over the weekend. O&F discusses this further. (action)

12. Profiling Fund
The OC Psychobiology send a letter about the compensation for OC-members and the problem they foresee in finding 1st-year students. This is important as OCs are legally required to represent all programs. Roeland says the FSR-FGw received many complaints and questions about this as well. The council seems in favour of opening the discussion about the Profiling Fund. The council seems in favour of getting rid of the 1st-year students rule in the Profiling Fund as well as the rules regarding the BSA. O&F further discusses the altering of compensation for study delay rule in case of <60EC a year. (action) O&F discusses the arguments of the CvB about including 1st-year students in the PF. (action) Roeland stresses that the other points of evaluation should also be addressed if the document is revised.

13. Functional limitation
The council agrees that, at this moment, it is better not to publish an opinion article in Folia about functional limitation and extra diploma time.

14. Sustainability
Visibility - David looked at the different sustainability that the UvA is working on. He adds that all of these should be made more visible. The council is in favour. Sofie and Liesanne suggest also referring to the UvA annual report and CSR’s earlier advice.

Financial – Roeland suggests focussing on making the financial contacts of the UvA invest in sustainable initiatives. David suggests making the ASF focus more on sustainability.

Education – No additions, refer to bachelor and master.

Emissions - David suggests reducing the emissions of all listed themes. Roeland is in favour and suggests setting a contest between different departments. David will look for specific programs doing this.

Renewable energy - Roeland asks why attempts in shifting to renewable energy before have failed. Tamara explains that this is due to the maximum percentage of renewable energy available. David adds that otherwise it would essentially be greenwashing energy. Jamie suggests looking at solar panels, wind turbines, and to link renewable energy student initiatives, i.e. at the FNWI. Casper adds considering the use of cooling water of the FNWI computers in radiators.

Research - Roeland is against setting up a thesis price as this contributes to working pressure and pressure to perform; he suggests focussing on research priority areas. David disagrees and says this will stimulate research. Jamie suggests giving an award to the ‘most sustainable thesis of the year’. David will specify this further. Malou stresses that it should focus also on the materials used in the research.
Housing – Roeland asks how to make renovated buildings climate neutral. Jamie suggests doing so by compensating climate negative measurements. Sofie is in favour of creating sufficient green spaces but asks how to implement this. Jamie suggests doing so on roofs and balconies.

Travel – This will be addressed when discussing the letter the CSR will co-write with the FSR MFG.

15. The office
Malou suggests hiring a cleaner once and to keep the office clean afterward. Roeland disagrees and wants to hire structural cleaning. This would give the council members extra time to do their council work. Tamara says that council members should, indifferent of the cleaning schedule, also keep their working environment tidy. David suggests calling each other out when being messy. The council seems to be in favour of hiring a cleaner. Sofie will investigate the options. (action)

The council agrees with Jamie’s proposal to throw out all stuff laying around Friday. Jamie will be helped by Sofie and Malou and Roeland, and all council members will be informed.

16. W.V.T.T.K. / Any other business
• GOV / GV - Roeland says that last GV, 5 CSR-members were absent during the GV, of which mostly international members. Absentees should be noted in advance to reschedule the GV or cancel the translation. Roeland urges the CSR to be present for the GOV to have a quorum for this meeting.
• RvT - Roeland briefly updates the council that the GV-BAC checked all application letters and invited 6 candidates for an interview next week. Afterward, it will be decided whether a second round of interviews is needed.

17. Input requests for the FSR’s
• Sofie asks whether people from the FGw-FSR or OC’s got denied compensation from the Profiling Fund as 1st-year students. This happened to Roeland personally; he will inform Sofie about this.

18. To the media
None.

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

20. Questions + closing the meeting
• Casper asks how often the QR-code on the Toilet Paper is used. PR does not know.
• Casper says that the FSR-FMG needs help with implementing the bilingual website. PR will inform the FSR’s how to do so. (action)
• Liesanne asks the delegates how the budget of FSR’s is arranged: via a personal account of the treasurer or through the council. The delegates give an update.
• Tamara says that any input for the training period for 2019-2020 (CSR + FSR’s) can be sent to Blink and herself. (action)
• Roeland asks for input on what to organize for the 100th GV. Malou suggests getting a vegan cake.
• Sofie asks when the ACTA meeting that is being planned since the beginning of the year will take place. Blink is working on this.

Roeland closes the meeting at 13.38h.

Decisions
None.
Action list

190227-01 Roeland urges the delegates to send their weekly PV-update.
190227-02 Tamara checks with the Kiesreglement and CSR-Regulations with regard to seats in the CSR.
190227-03 O&O discusses a follow up to the CSR’s advice on Education & Selection.
190227-04 Ivanna checks whether it is possible to ask another orchestra or quartet to perform and whether it would be possible to organize this at 2 campuses.
190227-05 O&F discusses the Elections Regulations with the input from PV190227.
190227-06 O&F discusses the position of 1st year students in the Profiling Fund with the input from PV190227.
190227-07 Sofie investigates the possibilities for hiring a cleaner for the CSR office.
190227-08 PR informs the FSR’s how to implement the bilingual part of the studentenraad.nl website.
190227-09 Council members give their input for organizing the introduction period for CSR and FSR’s to Blink and Tamara.
190220-01 PR checks for alternative or additional locations for organizing the music performance, while also considering the option of organizing several shorter concerts.
190220-02 Kseniia informs the CSR about the budget allocation for ‘other events’.
190220-03 PR works out a concrete plan for promoting the music performance, in order to attract attention for mental health issues while also announcing the upcoming student council elections.
190220-04 Ivanna checks how long in advance the date for the music performance needs to be set with the orchestra or quartet.
190220-05 PR informs the FSR’s about the suggested change of the promotional website for the elections, to avoid misprints on promotional materials.
190220-06 Omar includes the budget and dates for the student council elections in the timeline.
190220-07 The Taskforce Elections considers organizing another promotion event after setting the candidacy list.
190220-08 Liesanne forwards the VU promotional material for the student council elections to PR.
190220-09 PR works out a plan for promoting the CSR and student council elections, prior to setting the candidacy lists, at all faculties.
190220-10 Alex updates the CSR’s advice on Education & Selection based on the input from PV190220.
190220-11 Sofie contacts the FSR’s, and via them the OC’s, for their input on revising the Elections Regulations.
190220-12 Malou contacts Mariska Herweijer to discuss sending a memo for the CBO theme session about the semester planning and the extra week of holiday.
190220-13 O&O discusses the content for the SPOC MOOC Dutch for international students.
190220-14 Malou forwards the proposal for purchasing promotional council condoms to PR.
190213-01 Roeland contacts Jaco van Veen about his role as RvA-chair and discusses with the DB how to follow up on the problems with the RvA.
190213-02 Malou inquires the costs and FTE required for dealing with BSA (dispensation).
190213-03 Malou inquires which rights the university has to grant an honours certificate in the case that entry selection criteria would be removed.
190213-04 Malou inquires the financial situation of honours courses and programs.
190213-05 The delegates ask their FSR’s for best practices with regard to scheduling overlap in case of additional courses or double programs.
190213-06 Malou writes a memo about the extra Vacation Week for the theme session of the CvB.
190213-07 O&O discusses the role and functioning of AIEC.
190213-13 Omar checks the availability of all student council parties and sets a date for the information event in March, before PV190220.

190213-16 David (with help from O&F) writes a draft for the student newsletter about sustainability.

190213-17 The DB discusses setting up a taskforce for the student council elections 2019.

190206-05 Tamara checks when the regulations ‘Regeling Selectie en Plaatsing Fixusopleidingen Uva 2017-2018’ will be updated to include the central policy.

190206-07 Sujet writes a draft opinion article against noting the extra time on diplomas and sends it for an editorial round from February 7th.

190130-02 Malou requests input from the FSRs towards the end of the OER cycles regarding the M-OER to pass on to the CSR 2019-2020.

190130-07 O&F requests the BOL survey.

190123-04 O&O discusses weighing different modes of selection in relation to each other.

181203-07 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.

Pro memorie

140908-04 The DB keeps an eye on late meeting pieces and 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-committee 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 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.

181203-01 The committee chairs make sure that the responsibility for the meeting piece becomes clear during the committee meeting.

181203-01 The committee chairs keep their OV-planning up to date and fill their OV-planning in the printed calendar in CREA 1.16.