Minutes of the *Plenaire vergadering* of the CSR on the 20th of March, 2019

**Council members**
Sofie ten Brink, Casper Colenbrander, Alex Gritsay (11:09), Omar Seleim (11:09-12:30), Ivanna Sîpêts (until 12:30), Malou Sprinkhuizen, Blink Ujjin (11:13), Liesanne van Veen (until 13:36), Roeland Voorbergen;

**Absent**
Jamie van den Berg, Kseniia Golub, Michele Murgia, David Nelck, Sujet Hashemi Shams;

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

**Minutes**
Tamara van den Berg *Ambtelijk Secretaris*

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**Concept agenda**

1. **Opening**
   
   *Roeland opens the meeting at 11:02h 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.

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4. Checking the action list

The action list gets updated.

-- Alex Gritsay enters the meeting. --

5. Announcements

- Naomi Appelman is not available as technical chair for the upcoming OV. The DB is looking into an alternative chair for the meeting on April 2nd.

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

The written updates are discussed briefly.

- Sofie asks whether the plans for the new bachelor technology will be brought to the GV. This not certain yet as FSR-FMG does not yet have a council stance about the program.

-- Blink Ujjin enters the meeting. --

7. Setting the agenda

The agenda is set with changes. Toilet paper is added to the agenda.

8. Social Safety

Procedure – The CSR can respond to the document and give an additional ‘unsolicited’ advice. The meeting piece does not contain a response to the BING quick scan Trust Persons. Sofie says that the working group trust persons did address certain problems that were not included in the quick scan, for example, the allocated time, the lack of diversity, and how to follow up after a complaint. The barrier to approach trust persons could be included in the discussion as well. O&F will check the quick scan for questions to address during the OV. (action)

Giving a platform to people with a discriminatory position – The council in favour acting against discrimination and allowing people to speak. Sofie suggests setting a compromise between focussing on free speech and on anti-discriminatory practices. She proposes: “if people object to an invitee or subject due to discrimination, an equal platform must be given to those disagreeing with the supposed discriminatory position as well as to those informing the invitee of their opinion that it is not an acceptable stance to defend.” The council is not in favour. Alex says academic freedom and freedom of speech is always important, also for unorthodox opinions. Academics should trust on the strength of argumentation and not impose an authority banning certain forms of input. Malou is against including a response to this in the social safety memo as the current problems are not addressed. Malou stresses that inviting discriminatory opinions is not socially safe. Currently, nothing concrete is done against this, and if free speech compromises social safety, this should not be included in the memo. Iris explains that the UvA will develop protocols. The council agrees about engaging in a discussion with the CvB about this. The council will, in an informal discussion, speak on a personal title to inform the CvB about their concerns for safe events and social safety. The council will ask the CvB for their intentions and plans to make events safe.

Training for staff – Roeland agrees with offering training for all teaching staff and suggests including this in the BKO. Alex points out that all teachers get to follow the BKO course. Sofie and Malou say that the training should be available also for non-teaching staff. The council agrees.

Monitoring social safety – Malou says that this is checked in the NSE and could become a part of the medewerkersmonitor as well. The council agrees to not set an extra survey but include it in the existing surveys.
Other points that will be included:

- The organization of an awareness campaign for the general university population in order to change
group dynamics.
- An anonymous method to make registered complaints.
- Explanation about why Scientific Integrity is considered to be within the scope of Social Safety.
- Gender neutral bathrooms
- Setting a central department for social safety and sexual harassment

--- Omar Seleim and Ivanna Slipets leave the meeting. ---

9. CSR PV-locations

The council asks whether Tamara has objections to changing the location, she does not. The council.discusses whether all faculties should be visited and in which order.

**Voting proposal:** The CSR decides to hold their PV once at AMC, ACTA, SP, Binnenstadscampus before the
summer recess.

*In favour* 7

*Against* 2

*Blanco* 0

*Abstain* 1

The voting proposal is adopted.

Tamara will book the locations. (action)

10. Honours

The delegates give an update on their council’s stance. The FSR-FGw wants to remove exit and entry
requirements and is against giving out a certificate. The FSR-FdR will decide their position later. The FSR-FMG
will not consider abolishment as an option.

Sofie adds a list of missing options for changing the honours program: abolishing entry requirements,
creating an interdisciplinary honours academy for all IIS courses, appoint a dean, go back to the decentral
to the decentral model, remove interdisciplinary requirements and to allow for following any extra-curricular
30ECT courses instead of a set honours program.

Sofie asks whether honours are more expensive per ECT than regular courses; this is not the case. Sofie says
the exchange with the VU should be maintained. Sofie says abolishing the honours program could help when
flexibilizing the 8-8-4 semester planning.

Roeland says honours programs create unnecessary pressure for students. Alex argues that honours
students want to do more than necessary to get recognition of their capacities and to find an academic
challenge. Blink says it is different for students to broaden their horizon. Moreover, honours diplomas are
an entry requirement for certain international universities. The new points will be discussed in O&O and
next week’s PV. Malou will make a planning to discuss these issues. (action)

11. CSR Regulations

Malou will ask the FSR’s for input on the program specific part of the Studentenstatuut. (action)

Sofie asks whether there will be consequences when changing article 2.3 ‘medezeggenschap volgt
zeggenschap’. Malou explains that no rights will be lost. Sofie asks whether rights removed in the CSR
Regulations will be included in the GV Regulations. Malou confirms this but Sofie warns that this should not
be counted on without formal agreement. Malou asks what will be done to ensure that formal rights are not removed before including them in the GV Regulations. (action)

12. Toilet Paper
The CSR discusses the draft of the April Toilet Paper. Despite certain comments, the council agrees that it is too late now to change the entire plan. The council agrees to the compromise that the Toilet Paper can be published if it is made clear that it is April 1st joke and if a section about the upcoming council elections is included.

13. CSR’s letter of advice [confidential]
The council discusses the content of the letter. O&F further discusses the arguments. (action) Alex and Sofie write the letter of advice and send this for an editorial round. (action)

14. Raad van Advies
Blink will inform the council about the members of the RvA so people can mention preferred candidates. (action) Blink will mail all members of the RvA to inform them that the CSR is looking for a new chair and that they can indicate if they are interested in the function. (action)

15. UvA app
Sofie asks whether the relation between UvA app and website was addressed; this did not happen. Ivanna explains that the CSR budget will be used to act quickly. Sofie suggests combining topics for the survey; the council disagrees. The council does agree with setting out a survey. Omar will receive input from BC on the questions next week. Sofie asks whether fixing the UvA website should be given priority. Malou is in favour of offering UvA-related gifts as incentives, such as UvA merchandise. Liesanne prefers offering bamboo cups with the UvA logo but Ivanna explains this is too expensive. The council agrees to ask BC to pay for promotional material for the survey. (action) Sofie stresses that canteen vouchers don’t work at all UvA campuses.

16. UAF
Iris will email Sujet with additional information. Council members can contact Sujet in case they have questions. (action)

17. W.V.T.T.K. / Any other business
Nothing.

18. Input requests for the FSR’s
Nothing.

19. To the media
• Kandidaatstelling student council elections

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

21. Questions + closing the meeting
• Kingsma will attend an OCW conference on the National Strategic Agenda.
- Casper says that several FMG study associations are facing problems with catering if they are only allowed to order via Cormet. O&F will discuss this. (action)
- Alex wants to obtain a plastic card holder made from reusable plastic, as created in the REC A-hall.
- Alex asks whether the FMG is facing problems due to the extended numerus fixus Psychology. Alex says the FMG underestimated the number of students that would continue to the second year of the program. The FSR-FMG is discussing this.
- Omar asks the council to join for the informational events.
- Roeland stresses that the decision of the committee van Rijn to give more funding to technical universities is problematic. O&F discusses this further. (action)

Roeland closes the meeting at 13.32h.

**Decisions**

D190320-01 The CSR decides to hold their PV once at AMC, ACTA, SP, Binnenstadscampus before the summer recess.

**Action list**

190320-01 O&F discusses the BING Quick Scan in preparation for the OV190402.
190320-02 Tamara books locations for a PV-meeting at AMC, ACTA, SP and the Binnenstadshuiscampus.
190320-03 O&O discusses the new arguments about the setup of honours programs. Afterwards, Malou writes a new meeting piece including a planning.
190320-04 Malou asks the FSR’s input on the program specific part of the Studentenstatuut.
190320-05 Malou checks the planning for revising the GV-Regulations in order to avoid removing rights from the CSR Regulations before embedding these in the GV-Regulations.
190320-06 O&F discusses arguments for the CSR’s confidential letter of advice. Alex and Sofie write the letter of advice and send this for an editorial round.
190320-07 Blink informs the council about the members of the RvA.
190320-08 Blink contacts the RvA-members about the position of RvA-chair.
190320-09 Omar asks BC to finance the promotional material (UvA merchandise) for filling the survey about the UvA-app.
190320-10 Council members send their questions and/or input about the AUF to Sujet.
190320-11 O&F discusses the problems that FSR’s and study associations face when being required to order their Catering from Cormet.
190320-12 O&F discusses the recent publication of the Committee van Rijn about the financing of technical universities.

190313-01 The DB comes up with a proposal to improve communication with the RvA.
190313-02 Omar checks if the promotion event at the initiative of UvAsociaal with help from DVS can be promoted in the student newsletter.
190313-03 Omar contacts Joran about setting up the Voting Compass.
190313-04 Kseniia sends an overview of the current budget and spending.
190313-05 Omar makes a plan with BC about equal, but existent use of the screens by parties.
190313-06 Council members e-mail their suggestions for the Health Week to Sofie.
190313-07 Sofie finds out what social safety trainings are intended to be provided to management.
190313-08 Sofie and Alex ask the expert group for ideas on monitoring social safety among students.
190313-09 Sofie includes a discussing point on allowing discriminatory speakers at events in next week’s social safety piece.
190313-10 Blink makes a plan for gender-inclusive bathrooms around the central facilities.
190313-11 Blink asks if the FSRs could make a proposal for gender-inclusive bathrooms at (parts of) buildings their faculties use in 4 weeks.
190313-12 David asks about the FEB sustainability plan.
190313-13 Alex looks into the impact of smoking on sustainability.
190313-14 David makes a meeting piece about sustainability for the PV of the 27th of March.
190313-15 Sofie invites everyone to a new brainstorm session on April Fools.

190306-01 The delegates discuss (possible alternatives to) the deadline for sending their PV-updates.
190306-04 Blink contacts Ksenia about her position in the council and to make clear working agreements.
190306-05 O&F discusses the option of implementing a mandatory attendance rule in the Profiling Fund as a basis for getting compensation.
190306-06 Council members send their questions and/or input for the Kieswijzer to Omar.
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.
190227-07 Sofie investigates the possibilities for hiring a cleaner for the CSR office.
190227-09 Council members give their input for organizing the introduction period for CSR and FSR’s to Blink and Tamara.
190213-05 Malou inquires the costs and FTE required for dealing with BSA (dispensation).
190213-08 Malou inquires the financial situation of honours courses and programs.
190206-05 Tamara checks when the regulations ‘Regeling Selectie en Plaatsing Fixusopleidingen UvA 2017-2018’ will be updated to include the central policy.
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.

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.
190213-11 Sujet and Malou prepare the files that will be discussed in the UCO in advance with the CSR PV.