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

**Council members**
Jamie van den Berg, Sofie ten Brink, Casper Colenbrander, Sujet Hashemi Shams (11:09), Malou Sprinkhuizen, Blink Ujjin (11:31);

**Absent**
Kseniia Golub, Alex Gritsay, Michele Murgia, David Nelck, Omar Seleim, Liesanne van Veen, Roeland Voorbergen;

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

**Minutes**
Tamara van den Berg *ambtelijk secretaris*

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**Concept agenda**

1. **Opening**
   *Sofie opent de vergadering om 11:03h en heet alle vergaderdeelnemers welkom.*

2. **Mail**
   *De raad bespreekt de in- en uitgaande mail.*

3. **Adapting the concept minutes**
   *Het vaststellen van de conceptverslagen wordt uitgesteld wegens een gebrek aan quorum.*

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4. Checking the action list

De actielijst wordt bijgewerkt.

-- Sujet Hashemi Shams betreedt de vergadering. --

5. Announcements

- Wegens afwezigheid van Roeland wordt de vergadering door Sofie voorgezet.
- Wegens afwezigheid van internationale raadsleden is de vergadering in het Nederlands.

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

De geschreven updates worden kort besproken.

- Jamie is positief dat de financiële huisvestingproblemen aan de FMG opgelost zijn.
- Malou vertelt dat er aan de FNWI problemen zijn met het vaststellen van de OER. De Raad buigt zich momenteel over de OER B voor 18-19. De OER 19-20 is nog niet ontvangen.
- Kingma organiseert aanstaande vrijdag een assessorenbijeenkomst. Hier zullen onderwerpen als sociale veiligheid, diversiteit, prestatiedruk, en de rol van de assessor worden besproken.

7. Setting the agenda

De agenda wordt gewijzigd vastgesteld. De concept-kadernotitie Diversiteitsbeleid wordt niet behandeld.

8. Elections Regulations

Malou vraagt of de inbreng van de OC-Informatica over de verkiezingen van afgelopen jaar is meegenomen. Sofie gaat dit na. (actie) Sujet vraagt of er gedeeld beleid wordt opgesteld voor het samenbinden van OC-Kiesreglementen. Sofie legt uit dat dit bestaand centraal betreft. Hierin kan de mogelijkheid tot het organiseren van verkiezingen op facultair niveau worden opgenomen. De mogelijkheid tot het wel/niet organiseren van verkiezingen of een benoemingsprocedure blijft zo bestaan; voor verkiezingen wordt nu centraal een standaardreglement opgesteld.

9. Social Safety

Sofie geeft aan dat de verwijzing naar de COR wordt verwijderd en dat er een training over discriminatie in algemene zin wordt bedoeld in de conceptbrief. Jamie is het eens met het voorstel om een memo te sturen ter voorbereiding op de OV en eventueel later een adviesbrief. De raad is het eens met de toevoegingen die Sofie heeft gemaakt.

-- Blink Ujjin enters the meeting. The council switches to English. --

The council agrees by consensus to changing the concept letter to a memo for the OV. This will be sent timely before the OV to give the CvB time to read and prepare. Sofie finalizes the Memo with the CSR’s input on the Social Safety overview note. (action)

10. Sustainability

Jamie was informed by HO about the national vision of the VSNU to which the UvA agreed regarding the “Frisse Scholen” project. This regulates the amount of green space/areas. HO wants to abide by these agreements when building the University Quarter. It was agreed that by 2030, the UvA would have moved away from gas-use completely while keeping the system in place to possibly re-use this for hydrogen facilities. Besides this, the UvA is looking to collaborate with the neighbourhood for installing a warmth-cold pump.

Blink points out that the draft advice mentions an example regarding Education and sustainability which seems to imply a criticism on the economic discipline as a whole. The council discusses whether the
example is suitable or not. It is agreed to rephrase the example to refer to how “economics considers not only internal costs/production, but also recently considers external costs such as environmental.”

Sofie stresses that materials used in research should be considered as well.

**Voting proposal:** The CSR decides to send their draft vision on sustainability, after incorporating the textual changes and input from PV190327.

*In favour* 9
*Against* 0
*Blanco* 0
*Abstain* 0

*The voting proposal is adopted.*

Jamie finalizes the CSR’s letter/draft vision on Sustainability by March 28. *(action)*

11. Honours

Jamie asks whether IIS would be abolished after 10 years as happens with interfaculty institutes. Malou and Sofie explain this was not indicated on the list of the University Regulations concerning interfaculty institutes; IIS is an institute of the FNWI and therefore a faculty matter.

Sofie suggests scrapping the entry requirements for courses and programs as a whole while keeping the exit requirements in place. This would be in addition to making the honours courses more accessible. Jamie says this can be joined in the proposal of making the courses more accessible as the specifications for the degree could be considered. Blink is positive about this but points out that mostly the number of spots causes the problem for accessibility, not the entry requirements. Lowering entry requirements would only fill the courses even more. Malou suggests developing more honours courses, also due to the rise in student numbers that follow the program. Blink is positive about this idea but asks for concrete plans for funding this. Casper opposes this suggestion as this would take funding from regular programs, which already struggle to keep their courses in place. Sofie and Malou say this wouldn’t make a difference if the honours courses would be open to all but Casper and Jamie explain how this limits the space programs have to set their own electives. Blink is in favour of facilitating students to follow the honours courses. Sujet prefers making them more accessible as well.

The council discusses whether they should take a decision at this moment. Despite the different stances most council members prefer taking the route of trying to make honours courses more accessible. During the OV the CSR will inform the CvB that they are looking into making these courses more accessible. Malou will also ask an update from the CvB.

**Voting proposal:** The CSR decides to investigate further the option of making honours courses and programs more accessible for all students.

*In favour* 8
*Against* 1
*Blanco* 0
*Abstain* 0

*The voting proposal is adopted.*

12. Profiling Fund

Sofie was contacted by Erik Weijers to discuss the evaluation process of the Profiling Fund (PF). As the current process is going well, the council discusses whether to bring this topic to the OV. The council agrees that it can be useful to give the CvB advice about the position of 1st year students, which can be taken up by
JZ consequently. Malou suggests asking the CvB to set up a working group for the revision of the PF in which relevant parties, such as JZ, AZ, student deans, CSR (and possibly ASVA/AKKv, Student Disability Platform) are included. The council agrees to Sofie’s additions to the list of evaluation points. The council agrees to Sofie’s proposal to include a section in the advisory letter about part-time students.

**Voting proposal:** The CSR decides to send a letter on the revision of the Profiling Fund Regulations, after incorporating the input from PV190327 and the proposed textual changes.

*In favour* 9  
*Against* 0  
*Blanco* 0  
*Abstain* 0  
*The voting proposal is adopted.*

Sofie finalizes the CSR’s letter on the Profiling Fund by March 28. (action)

**13. CSR’s letter of advice [confidential]**

The council is in favour of asking Alex to write the letter if he is available. If Alex doesn’t have time, Sofie finishes the old letter and sends this for an editorial round. (action) The editorial round will be from Friday until Monday 10h.

**14. UvA application**

Blink explains that prices will be given to 10 random students as an incentive for filling the survey. Blink explains that PR likes all proposed prices. Kseniia has warned that this will make students fill the survey randomly just for a price. Last week it was discussed that the council preferred to give UvA merchandise. The council is awaiting a response from BC whether they would sponsor the prices.

**15. UAF**

Blink asks whether undocumented refugees can apply for the program as well; this is not the case. Sujet explains that it is set up for documented refugee students with a prior form of higher education. Malou asks how many students follow the program. Sujet explains that in 2017, the VU had 60/70 refugee students in their programs. Sujet expects the current numbers to be similar.

Kingma asks whether the CSR is aware of what happened prior, with the ASPIRE program. This is not known. Sujet explains the current UAF program and collaboration between the UvA and UAF. Sujet wants to discuss the program of the VU during the OV to ask the CvB to set up a similar program.

**Voting proposal:** The CSR decides to ask the CvB to offer refugee students a transition program similar to the transition program of the VU.

*In favour* 8  
*Against* 0  
*Blanco* 0  
*Abstain* 1  
*The voting proposal is adopted.*

**16. W.V.T.T.K. / Any other business**

- **Sustainability** – Despite the earlier agreements, the newly appointed policy worker diversity will not attend the OV CSR-CvB. Lintsen stressed that the CvB is the formal speaking partner of the CSR. The policy worker will be invited to introduce themselves directly after the OV.
• **Framework Diversity Policy** - To discuss and decide the CSR’s input on the Framework Policy Diversity, next week an informing/discussing meeting piece will be provided. The week after will be for follow up discussion and a final decision. **(action)** Sujet proposes sending the points that were sent to the CDO-draft plan of action, also to the CvB, if applicable and to discuss these during the OV. The council discusses that their input on the framework policy is important due to the effects it will have for the university as a whole. Kingma asks whether the CSR also asked the FSR’s for their input on the framework policy. The delegates inform their council about the option of giving input via denkmee.uva.nl. **(action)**

• **IT-student mail** – Jamie explains that in the working group Office365, the future of the student mail was discussed. The legal status of student mail was discussed, and Jamie was asked to give input on the set up for student mail. For this, 3 scenarios were presented: (1) only use a private mail address, (2) set up a double system [NB. this will not work] (3) all students get an UvA-mail with automatic forward to their personal mail. Jamie explains that registration emails from Studielink legally need to be sent to a mail account that reasonably belongs to the person. The council prefers option 3. **(decision)** Jamie informs the working group. **(action)** Jamie explains that within this option, there are 2 sub-options: (3a) Forward automatically and switch off, (3b) Forward automatically off and switch on. Blink asks whether this would reveal the personal address when sending reply to an e-mail. Jamie is unsure.

17. **Input requests for the FSR’s**
*Nothing.*

18. **To the media**
*Nothing.*

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

20. **Questions + closing the meeting**
• Tamara asks the council for feedback on the coaching program (individual + plenary sessions).

Sofie closes the meeting at 13.38h.

**Decisions**
- **D190327-01** The CSR decides to send their draft vision on sustainability, after incorporating the textual changes and input from PV190327.
- **D190327-02** The CSR decides to investigate further the option of making honours courses and programs more accessible for all students.
- **D190327-03** The CSR decides to send a letter on the revision of the Profiling Fund Regulations, after incorporating the input from PV190327 and the proposed textual changes.
- **D190327-04** The CSR decides to ask the CvB to offer refugee students a transition program similar to the transition program of the VU.

**Action list**
- **190327-01** Sofie gathers input from the OC-Informatics about the Elections Regulations.
- **190327-02** Sofie finalizes the Memo with the CSR’s input on the Social Safety overview note by March 27.
- **190327-03** Jamie finalizes the CSR’s letter / draft vision on Sustainability by March 28.
- **190327-04** Sofie finalizes the CSR’s letter on the Profiling Fund by March 28.
Sofie checks whether Alex is available to write the CSR's unsolicited advice. If not, Sofie writes the advice based on the draft that was initially discussed.

**190327-06**

Sujet writes an meeting piece (informing & discussing) about the Framework Policy Diversity for PV190403.

**190327-07**

The delegates inform their FSR's about the possibility of giving input on the Framework Policy Diversity via denkmee.uva.nl.

**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 Binnenstadsuitscampus.

**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.

**190313-03**

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.

**190313-10**

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.

**190306-01**

The delegates discuss (possible alternatives to) the deadline for sending their PV-updates.

**190306-04**

Blink contacts Kseniia about her position in the council and to make clear working agreements.

**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.

**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.
**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.

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171108-04  The committee chairs oversee the diverse division of speakers for the OV.

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.

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