Minutes of the *Plenaire vergadering* of the CSR on the 17th of April, 2019

**Council members**
Jamie van den Berg (11:21), Sofie ten Brink, Casper Colenbrander, David Nelck, Omar Seleim (until 13:00), Ivanna Slipets (11:12), Liesanne van Veen (11:44), Roeland Voorbergen;

**Absent**
Kseniia Golub, Alex Gritsay, Michele Murgia, Sujet Hashemi Shams, Malou Sprinkhuizen, Blink Ujin;

**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 11:11h and welcomes the participants.*

**2. Mail**

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

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*Ivanna Slipets enters the meeting.*
3. **Adapting the concept minutes**

Setting the concept minutes is postponed until next week.

4. **Checking the action list**

*The action list gets updated.*

- Omar says that BC doesn’t want to offer the option of using the UvA’s screens to promote the different parties running for the student council elections 2019. Roeland suggests discussing this further in the elections taskforce. *(action)*

5. **Announcements**

- Due to Eastern, the deadline for the PV’s meeting pieces of next week is Tuesday 15.00h.
- The location for the CSR introduction/transfer weekend has been booked. The council will stay at De Wijsthoeve (Heesch).
- Roeland can be approached for an update of his meeting with minister Van Engelshoven (OCW).

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

*The written updates are discussed briefly.*

- Iris Kingma asks for an update on the GV-vote about the Quality Agreements. Roeland explains the main criticism of the GV on the procedure at the FGw and the involvement of OC’s.

--- Jamie van den Ber & David Nelck enter the meeting. ---

7. **Setting the agenda**

*The agenda is set with changes.*

Kieskompas is added to the agenda. Almere / UvA annex is added to the agenda.

8. **Sustainability: Travel Policy**

Sofie criticizes the lack of non-commercial alternatives to the use of Skype and Facebook. David stresses that it was important to present alternatives, not a complete list.

**Voting proposal:** The CSR decides to co-sign the letter of the FSR-FMG about setting a sustainable travel policy.

*In favour 10*
*Against 0*
*Blanco 0*
*Abstain 0*

The voting proposal is adopted.

David informs the FSR-FMG about the CSR’s decision.

9. **CSR Regulations**

*Program specific part student charter* - Jamie asks what would be the consequences for the program specific part of the student charter. Roeland reiterates last week’s suggestion to ask JZ to research the current situation at all faculties and to ensure not to remove rights from the regulations before this. Sofie is negative about removing the program specific aspects; the CvB should be in charge of these program-specific parts in order to provide a clear overview of all rights. Roeland wants to follow up on the question of removing any rights only when the overview that the CSR will request from JZ is received.
Article 12 - As discussed last week, the CSR is positive about including a reference to the law if at all moments when a right is removed from the WHW the Regulations are put up for consent as well. Based on a consensus, the council agrees to send these points as input to JZ.

10. Elections Regulations
Sofie says that the OC-Informatics most likely will not give input; the organization of the elections went well last year and it seems that there will not be elections this year.

Voting districts – Jamie asks whether the OC districts will be implement similar to those of the FSR’s. Sofie explains that the districts could help to merge OC’ if necessary and if all programs are still represented. Jamie asks whether this is legally feasible. Roeland explains that there exists a legal minimum of 1 OC per college or graduate school. Roeland expects that the district system will make the organization of elections more appealing for OC’s but Ivanna thinks that this would negatively affect the OC’s at the FEB. Sofie says that the choice for combining OC’s should be made at faculty level but the opportunity to do so can be created centrally.

Preferential votes – Sofie questions the barrier of 75% of the votes for a preferential seat. The council disagrees that this is a problem.

List connections – Sofie is in favour of creating the option of list connections but the CSR had decided earlier not to follow up on this.

Party external financing – Jamie is in favour of the proposed ban. Sofie says that the election regulations and ways of promotion would also be affected by a ban. This will be discussed separately.

--- Liesanne van Veen enters the meeting. ---

Roeland agrees with the list of recommendations that Sofie has proposed to ask JZ. These points will be decided on next week.

11. Merchandise student council elections 2019
The council asks questions/gives comments on the proposal of PR:

- The light has a matching red backlight
- The triangle markers that were popular last year are not included
- Posters will be purchased separately
- Sticky notes are not sustainable and will not be purchased
- UvA Sociaal commonly hands out stress balls

The CSR agrees with the proposal to order zipper lights, camera covers, stress balls, and cardholders if there is leftover budget. PR will order the merchandise today and makes a plan for handing out promotional material to faculties. (action)

12. BSA
Sofie asks about the input from the FNWI, FEB, and ACTA. This is unknown. Liesanne corrects the information noted about the FSR FdG; 25% of the students do not obtain positive study advice. Liesanne will inform Malou about the missing information from the FdG. (action) The council discusses the requirements for 2nd and 3rd year students at the FEB and FMG. These requirements do not concern a BSA but entry requirements for courses. David explains the Rotterdam system that allows for compensation of grades (i.e. compensating a 5 with a 7) and says this has negative effects as well. David wants to discuss this with the FSR-FdR and/or Alex.

Roeland adds that the negative BSA, according to VU research, often has the effect that students move to a similar or different program. These students afterward perform average or even better than other students.
Roeland questions whether this contributes to the original intentions of the government to set the BSA to link students with the program that suits best for them. Sofie asks what the UvA’s BSA evaluation said about students landing in a new program. This was not the central focus of the evaluation and needs to be checked. (action) Roeland adds that students often switch between the same programs at UvA and VU.

13. UvA Application
Sofie asks why BC waited this long to send the results of their survey. Omar explains that Bart was only aware of the existence of this survey after the CSR’s decision.

Jamie asks whether the privacy of tutors/professors is taken into account. Omar says that the app would make contact details of professors and tutors known more easily as students had requested this. Sofie asks how the app would be linked and synched to other applications and services. Omar gives a presentation about the app and tells that the focus lays with the library and study spaces and that students’ timetables and student results will be implemented as well. These data will be transferred from SIS and the course catalogs. Jamie asks whether a link to Mapiq will be made; Omar does not know.

PR will organize a meeting for all council members interested to discuss the setup of the survey and comments of the CSR. (action) These will be brought to the PV afterward. Roeland stresses that the CSR should comment on the process (setting up survey and app) and the collaboration between the CSR and BC on this file.

14. Voting districts for elections
Sofie and Casper explain the problems that arose at the FMG: not all domains at the FMG have (enough) candidates running for the student council elections, so these will create either rest seats or have directly elected candidates. Jamie stresses that the alternative proposed has negative effects as well. Roeland states that the benefits or the system are covered by delegates taking place in the CSR but Sofie thinks this still allows for a bias or overrepresentation from the directly elected. Roeland says that bias in the committees should be solved internally without complicating the system. Liesanne says that the problems for finding an AMC delegate are large enough as it is; directly electing all faculties into the CSR would enlarge this problem. The council is not in favour of taking up further.

Sofie suggests considering alternatives to actively inform the CSR and FSR’s about each other’s work; the delegates are not aware of all the work done by the file holders. David says that communication issues should be solved without increasing workload. Sofie says there is a lack of (internal) communication between committees about the overlapping files. Roeland suggests discussing this separately and to organize a delegathering about the long term process and ongoing files to prepare FSR’s. The council discusses different alternatives such as organizing file holder meetings, setting the agenda sooner, making a mind map for visualization in the office or to write updates in a shared document. Sofie says that delegates would still not be fully up to date as they don’t participate in all committees. Liesanne suggests proposing other PV-time to include AMC and ACTA.

15. UAF – Refugee students
O&O will discuss the follow-up steps when the data are available. (action)

16. CSR structure
Points to consider that were addressed:
- Effects on DB-positions.
- Effects on file-division / redistribution of files
- Effects on the organization of training periods
The council is interested to further investigate the options and to compare this with the system at other universities.

17. Kieswijzer
The council discusses the timeline for setting the Kieswijzer. Omar says the meeting last week was canceled and no answer about the budget has been provided. The council agrees that the original plan to set the Kieswijzer should be followed despite the short time span. Taskforce Elections will set a meeting to gather questions for the parties to answer and plans a meeting to discuss these. (action)

18. Almere / UvA annex [confidential]
The council discusses the news item regarding the UvA’s plans to build student housing in Almere.

-- Omar Seleim leaves the meeting. --

19. W.V.T.T.K. / Any other business
- **Taskforce Elections** – PR hasn’t had meetings regularly; the taskforce Elections got canceled because of this as well. Agreed is to plan the meetings directly after O&F. Sofie criticizes the functioning of the taskforce structure due to the lack of meetings. The DB will discuss the structure and setup of the taskforce meetings. (action)
- **Catering** – Casper refers back to earlier questions of the study associations about the contract with Cormet and the high costs this creates. Ivanna explains that external parties can be approached if the associations cannot afford the costs as listed in an invoice.
- **Facilitation/rooms** – Jamie says that a company (Linda) offered to implement free software to book and organize study places. O&F discusses the proposal of ‘Linda’ to create software for the UvA booking system. (action)

20. Input requests for the FSR’s
- Sustainability – education
- Standards for central facilities (SLA-cycle)
- Voting districts
- CSR structure dakpanstructuur

21. To the media
- UvA App
- Sustainable Travel policy
- BSA
- Refugee students

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

23. Questions + closing the meeting
- Sofie heard about problems in the organization of the FMG election debate. Ivanna is helping with this.
- Iris asks whether the CSR asked the FSR’s about their views on the UvA’s framework diversity policy. The CSR has not done this.
- Ivanna gives an update on the Instagram poll that PR created about the smoke-free campus.
Roeland closes the meeting at 13:24.

**Decisions**

**D190417-01** The CSR decides to co-sign the letter of the FSR-FMG about setting a sustainable travel policy.

**Action list**

190417-01 The Taskforce Elections discusses (alternatives to) the use of screens by the different parties and councils for promoting the student council elections.

190417-02 PR orders the merchandise for the student council elections on April 17th, and informs the FSR’s and parties when they can gather these items from the CSR office.

190417-03 O&O discusses the number of students continuing their master’s at the UvA after following the VU-UAF transition program, when this information is available.

190417-04 Lianse forwards Malou the missing information about the BSA at the FdG-bachelor programs.

190417-05 Malou checks the BSA-evaluation report for information/conclusions about the study results and progress of students who switch their studies after a negative BSA advise.

190417-06 PR organizes a meeting for all council members interested to discuss the setup of the UvA-app (and the survey) to gather comments from the CSR. This will be discussed in the PV afterward.

190417-07 The Taskforce Elections sends out a save-the-date for discussing the questions and answers for the Kieskompas and organizes this meeting.

190417-08 The DB discusses placing the Taskforces under the existing committee structure.

190417-09 O&F discusses the proposal of ‘Linda’ to create software for the UvA booking system.

190410-01 Sofie writes a meeting piece for PV190417 about the costs of a cleaning contract for CREA 1.14.

190410-02 Sujet sends the CSR’s questions about the Framework Diversity Policy to Jaap Oosterbeek.

190410-03 Sujet writes the CSR’s input on the Framework Diversity Policy, based on the PV190410 and with input from Malou and Lianse, and sends this for an editorial round from Thursday until Monday.

190410-04 Malou contacts Jan Rath & Arne Brentjes with the suggestion to agendize ‘social safety at social events’, as a discussion topic for the University Forum.

190410-05 Sofie addresses including the rights of students mentioned in the student charter during the meeting about the Profiling Fund with Miek Krol.

190410-06 Jamie informs O&F about the plans for creating a smoke free campus and the way in which the CSR’s earlier advice will (not) be followed.

190410-07 Roeland informs Iris (student assessor) about the CSR’s stances regarding the PCH-occupation.

190410-08 Tamara gathers the PV concept minutes and makes them available via SurfDrive.

190403-01 PR discusses what to do about the use of screens by different student parties for promotional purposes.

190403-07 Blink writes an updated meeting piece on the organization of a coaching programme for the CSR 2019-2020.

190327-01 Sofie gathers input from the OC-Informatics about the Elections Regulations.

190313-10 Blink makes a plan for gender-inclusive bathrooms around the central facilities.

190227-03 O&O discusses a follow up to the CSR’s advice on Education & Selection.

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.
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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 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.