Concept minutes of the *Plenaire vergadering* of the CSR on the 23rd of October, 2019

Present

Artem Gryshchenko, Pjotr van der Jagt, Alicja Kepka, Ömür Güven Kirli, Maya Moreno, June Ouwehand, Hahae Son;

Absent  Luca Babovic, Roos Creyghton, Maria Lisova, Daniëlle de Nobel, Anna de Koning, Pelle Padmos, Saachi Samani;

Guest(s) -

Minutes

Tamara van den Berg *ambtelijk secretaris*

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**Concept agenda**

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1. **Opening**

*Pjotr opens the meeting at 13:00h and welcomes the meeting participants.*

2. **Mail**

*The council discusses the in- and outgoing mail.*
3.  **Adapting the concept minutes**  
   The concept minutes of PV191002, PV191009 and PV191016 will be set next week.

4.  **Checking the action list**  
   *The action list gets updated.*

5.  **Announcements**  
   - *The absentees and people leaving early are listed.*
   - Alicja presents two options for the PV-meeting time during block 2 (Wednesday 7-9-11, Thursday 11-13). As only 1 person would be absent during Thursdays and Wednesdays during the PV, probably the option of Thursday will be chosen.
     - Tamara stresses that it would be good if the people who cannot the PV meeting are at least able to attend the committee meetings.
     - Tamara notes that she is not available on Thursday, October 31st, in case the PV is planned at this moment.

6.  **Updates DB & taskforces, delegates, central student assessor**  
   *There are no questions about the written updates.*

7.  **Setting the agenda**  
   *The agenda is set with changes.*  
   Student assessor is moved to the end of the agenda.

8.  **Budget [confidential]**
   *The council discusses the procedure for setting the budget.*
   0&O discussed decentral rights of the FSR’s on the Strategic Plan 2021-2026 and the decentral rights on setting the budget as well. Pjotr clarifies that the discussion on the decentral rights was about the faculty strategic plans, not about consenting rights on the central Strategic Plan. June will add extra information about what the Strategic Plan and Budget exactly entail to show the difference between the two strategies.
   Pjotr asks about the current situation at other universities. June will inquire this at LOVUM. *(action)*

9.  **GV: Concept Budget 2020**
   Council members who already have questions about the Concept Budget 2020 can send these to O&F. For next week, Pjotr will provide a meeting piece summarizing the headlines and important aspects of the budget. *(action) Pjotr and Maya will organize a joint budget reading session. (action)*
   Pjotr explains the financial cycle for setting the budget.

10. **Van Rijn Report**
    *The council discusses the net implications of the change in funding based on the Van Rijn report and the soft landing until 2022. The decision for redistributing the funding is made annually. From 2022 onward, the UvA will lose approximately 2 million euros a year. June stresses that the Dutch national elections will be held in 2021. This might have an impact on the execution of the Van Rijn report.*
    Pjotr explains that the interdisciplinary programs at the FNWI are all beta programs. Within the faculty, the FNWI would allocate the funding over the different programs. Pjotr will check whether all beta programs fall under the FNWI or other faculties have beta programs as well. *(action) Hahae explains that faculties are also considering interdisciplinary research to get listed as beta studies.*
11. UB opening hours
Maya discussed extending the UB Singel opening hours with Robin van Schijndel, who indicated that adjusting the opening times would be feasible and within the budget. The financial team of the UB is looking into a pilot for this and is waiting for the CSR to decide which proposal they would like to move forward with. Artem asks for a more detailed description of the costs (cleaning, security, electricity, etc.). For getting these costs, Maya says the CSR should first decide whether they want to extend opening times. June notes that the financial consequences should be taken into account when making a decision about extending the opening hours of the library. Maya will inquire the costs for extending the opening hours all year round.

The council discusses the proposals of O&F. Ömür notes that proposal 1 & 2 would spread the busy period over the week, while proposal 3 would not counter this existing problem. Ömür is in favour of proposals 1 & 2. Ömür suggests an alternative of only extending the opening times during weekends and exam times. Maya asks whether there are other suggestions for the currently suggested updated opening hours (7am – 1am). Alicja says that students who want or need to work late are not catered by extending the deadline until 1am. She therefore suggests opening the library until 2am and June agrees. Artem points out that public transportation is not available during the night and the safety of students should be considered. Alicja points out that the same goes for opening the UB until 1am. Ömür warns for working 24/7 and the health of students being affected by taking supplements to study in this matter. Hahae points out the effects on mental health. Maya acknowledges that there could be consequences for mental health but stresses that all students have different schedules. Maya also points out that the neighbours of the UB Singel are mostly companies and therefore not bothered by extending the opening hours. Pjotr notes that the FSR-FNWI is against as the plans are arbitrarily made for the Singel Library only. The FSR-FNWI also questions the support for the plans. The council is generally positive about setting up a pilot for extending the opening hours. Maya will contact Robin van Schijndel about this to work out further the different proposals. (action)

12. Student assessor 2020 [confidential]
Pelle indicated that he wants to step down as the CSR-delegate in the BAC Student Assessor 2020. As there is no quorum for a closed vote on possibly changing the delegation to the BAC Student Assessor 2020, an alternative voting procedure needs to be decided upon.

The council decides to organize an e-mail vote to change the procedure for choosing the CSR delegate via a confidential e-mail vote. (decision) Alicja and the committee chairs will chase the council members to respond to the e-mail vote. (action)

13. Sustainability
Green Paper – The council agrees that the Green Paper is a crucial document and that the CSR should give input on the Green Paper after the first version is finished and publicly presented to the academic community for feedback. All this input and comments will be taken into account when working out the policy document.

Strategic Plan – The council is positive about including sustainability in the Strategic Plan. Maya notes that the concept budget also focuses on sustainability and from there can be used for policy (for example facilities) and a long-term strategic vision. Even if Sustainability is listed in broad terms, Artem argues that the CSR can build on this and hold the CvB accountable to work on this. To see how sustainability can be included in the Strategic Plan, the council will first await the Green Paper sustainability and the draft Strategic Plan (it could possibly be included as a sub-section in the Strategic Plan). Almost all council members note to be in favour of stating that sustainability is an important topic for the upcoming year. Ömür asks if the council could receive training or presentations about sustainability. Hahae will take this up with Ömür separately.
14. Social Safety
As a Confidential Adviser herself, Tamara informs that a webpage exists where all confidential advisers are listed. Tamara notes that Peter Boelsma is also working on updating the website and clarifying that the confidential advisers of all faculties can be approached.
Maya explains the position of FEB Skills Course Supervisors and how social safety could be organized through the skill courses and presentations on consent and social safety. Ömür says this does not concern the CSR level of responsibility (as it is too local) but that it could be taken up by the Chief Diversity Officer. Artem says that this is more accurate for some specific study programs than for others and therefore suggests handling this to the FSR’s. This could also be discussed during the file holders meeting.
The council agrees not to use the abbreviation of ‘SS’ but speak of Social Safety instead.

15. Language Policy
Ömür says the intensity of the training is low (1h p/w) and therefore it is a good plan. Artem, Hahae, Alicja, and Maya are positive about taking the classes. Ömür almost finished the trajectory so will not take the classes again but does recommend the others to do so. Hahae will check with Luca, Saachi, Mariia and Roos whether they are interested as well. The present council members are in favour of setting up the language course.
The costs for the course are fixed at €2,670,-. It might be possible to open the course for FSR members as well with a maximum of 16 members in total. Alicja suggests setting a first-come-first-serve policy. Ömür suggests setting up a second course for FMG and FEB. Artem suggests helping the FSR’s as much as possible without losing money. Ömür points out that not speaking Dutch is less of a problem at FEB than at FMG or FdR where knowledge of Dutch is needed more. Maya is also in favour of first-come-first-serve policy. Next week, these two options will be included in the discussion.

16. Elections 2020
New suggested dates from CSB: Voting period 6-12 May, 18 May public announcement.
The council questions why the voting period is planned around the weekend. Ömür says this will be more healthy for the people running for elections. Artem says that the PR committee was mixed about this and notes that people winning votes during the weekend might do so in ways not related to student politics. The council discusses whether this would reduce corruption or the influence of external factors.
O&F is discussing a fair-lay agreement for the elections period (digital communications and use of facilities will be included in this).

17. OV-recap
The council agrees to ask Mees van Rees again as technical chair for the upcoming OV’s. Alicja contacts Mees to see how he can help the CSR to prepare for the OV’s. (action)

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

19. Input requests for the FSR’s
- Decentral rights

20. To the media
Nothing.

21. Evaluating the PV
The council evaluates the discussions and the meeting pieces for the PV.
22. Questions + closing the meeting

None.

Pjotr closes the meeting at 15:04.

Decisions

D191023-01 The CSR decides to organize an e-mail vote to decide about changing the procedure for choosing the CSR delegate via a confidential e-mail vote.

Action list

191023-01 Pjotr writes a meeting piece to summarize important aspects of the headlines and other parts of the Concept Budget 2020.

191023-02 Pjotr and Maya organize a session to read the Concept Budget 2020 together as a council.

191023-03 Pjotr will check which programs are considered as beta programs and whether they all fall under the FNWI.

191023-04 Maya contacts Robin van Schijndel to discuss the possibility of extending the library opening hours, the costs for doing so all year round, and the difference between opening them until 1 am or 2 am.

191023-05 Alicja and the committee chairs will request all council members to respond to the e-mail votes.

191023-06 Alicja contacts Mees to see how he can help the DB or CSR to prepare better for the OV’s.

191023-07 June inquires at LOVUM which rights the decentral councils have with regard to setting the (faculty) budget.

191016-01 Luca and Maya send the points on sustainable catering, taking into account the comments from PV191016, to Harold Swartjes (FS) to check which of the CSR’s suggestions can be worked out further.

191009-03 Pjotr will check with Fleur whether ACTA can provide their weekly updates in English. If not, Pjotr will translate the ACTA updates.

191009-06 Alicja updates the meeting piece on setting shared goals for PV191016.

191100-07 Alicja creates a Datumprukker and organizes the group bonding activity.

191002-01 O&F gets in contact with the Erasmus University Council about setting a sustainable travel policy.

191002-03 Pjotr updates the survey for getting input about the CvB appointment with the input from PV191002.

191002-04 For discussing the language course for medezeggenschap, O&O lists the problems that international students face and which the language course should counter, how to decide whether these courses are needed, and how to set up summer courses.

191002-05 O&F discusses Sustainability and brings a meeting piece for working on a shared stance on Sustainability to PV191016.

191006-01 All council members fill in their availability in the CoBo schedule.

191004-02 O&F makes an OV-planning for the upcoming OV cycle and the rest of the year.

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 The DB takes 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.

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

Pjotr and Anna prepare the files that will be discussed in the UCO in advance with the CSR PV.

The DB protects the diversity of the council and supports a just and coherent working environment.

The council concerns sustainability in their committees and its plans.