

# Minutes of the *Plenaire vergadering* of the CSR on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October, 2019

Present	Luca Babovic, Roos Creyghton, Artem Gryshchenko, Alicja Kępka (until 14:58), Ömür Güven Kirli, Anna de Koning, Maya Moreno, Daniëlle de Nobel, June Ouwehand (until 14:52), Pelle Padmos (13:06-14:52), Saachi Samani, Hahae Son;
Absent	Pjotr van der Jagt, Mariia Lisova;
Guest(s)	Iris Kingma <i>Central student assessor</i> (from 14:17)
Minutes	Tamara van den Berg <i>ambtelijk secretaris</i>

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### 1. Opening

Ömür opens the meeting at 13:03h and welcomes the meeting participants.

### 2. Mail

The council discusses the in- and outgoing mail.

### 3. Adapting the concept minutes

The concept minutes of PV190904, PV190911, PV190918, and PV190925 are set without changes.

#### 4. Checking the action list

*The action list gets updated.*

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*-- Pelle Padmos enters the meeting at 13:06.--*

#### 5. Announcements

- *The absentees and people leaving early are listed.*
- *A form to sign up for the individual coaching sessions will be distributed this afternoon.*
- *PR discussed the option of collaborating with Room for Discussion. More information will follow.*
- *The office will be cleaned on Friday, after the O&O meeting.*
- *Saachi was asked to share the CSR's research about the Sustainable Travel Policy (Green and Orange list) with the student council of the Erasmus University. O&F will take this up. **(action)***
- *Saachi notes that the TU Delft is positive about implementing the Van Rijn report. O&F will discuss this and also includes the update of Erik Boels.*
- *The USR-VU requested information about the implementation of the extra week of holidays. O&O will take this up. **(action)***
- *LOF invited the CSR to attend training sessions with other (international) student councils.*
- *Maya informed the AUC-council about the (process for setting the) budget and ways of collaboration between CSR and AUC.*
- *June met with the DB-LOVUM and will send an update about this.*

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

*The written updates are discussed briefly.*

- *Roos asks whether the update from ACTA can be provided in English. Pjotr will contact ACTA about this. **(action)***

#### 7. Setting the agenda

*The agenda is set with changes. As the CSR did not receive a response from Kyiv Forum about the extension of the registration deadline, the council decides not to further pursue their attendance. *The point is taken from the agenda and the point 'FSR visits' will be discussed.**

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#### 8. CvB appointment **[confidential]**

*The CSR discusses the profile text and appointment of CvB-President and Rector Magnificus.*

#### 9. UCO

**Thesis workflow** – *no comments*

**Vacation week** – *Danielle suggests asking if faculties or programs have denied implementing the vacation week, what their stances are, and what are the plans for implementing it. Pelle asks whether the CSR would find it a problem to organize the holiday week during another week. Artem is in favour of centrally implementing a vacation week during block 5. Anna suggests not to reopen the discussion about the needs of all programs but only ask what they need to implement in order to ensure that the vacation week will be organized. Specific problems arising can then be addressed.*

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**Mapping International Classroom** – *no comments.*

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**Strategic Agenda Higher Education** – *Hahae says the agenda aims at nominal studying and implementing the Van Rijn report. Anna disagrees and explains that the challenges of the Van Rijn report and the way in which it was stressed that study success is not necessary although it could be useful to help students find the*

40 program that suits them best and to finish this. Artem says that the ambitions of the central educational vision are too abstract and should not be discussed as such.

### 10. Language policy for medezeggenschap

Upon request of the CSR, INTT made a proposal for setting up Dutch courses for the *medezeggenschap*. Maya is in favour of the initiative as the course will help people with different proficiency levels. Artem is positive about the proposal due to the current language policy of the UvA and the need to improve the accessibility of *medezeggenschap* documents for non-Dutch speakers. Anna is in favour of the idea but says  
45 that a relatively high proficiency level is needed for understanding *medezeggenschap* in Dutch. The additional course will be costly and time-intensive and cannot substitute the use of English language; students might, therefore, consider it not worth their efforts. Ömür agrees and explains that the courses will not replace the use of English but will improve the communication with international students and will allow them to grasp the content of Dutch documents; it would be a hybrid method.  
50 Pelle says that setting up a summer course would conflict with the plans of international students who may travel during summer. Hahae says that future candidates should be aware of what is expected from them and they should prepare for this. It would be only 1 additional week on top of the 2 weeks of CSR training. It is however not possible to make it a mandatory requirement for becoming part of the CSR.  
The proposal of the INTT was tailored for the CSR (14 members). Danielle suggests asking whether the FSRs  
55 can also join in on the course. Ömür says that there probably will be space for this. Daniëlle stresses that there should be sufficient budget left for Dutch students to take English classes as well.  
Anna asks which problems the course is supposed to counter (functioning in the council, translation costs, burden on Dutch-speaking students, etc). O&O will list the problems that international students face and the language course should counter, needed, and summer courses. **(action)**

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-- Iris Kingma enters the meeting at 14:17. --

### 11. PR budget

Pelle provides an English translation of the budget posts and explains the proposed changes. Pelle suggests to further lower the allocated budget for translation costs and to use this budget for other posts, such as 'team-building' or 'other/unforeseen'. The council can give their input directly to Pelle. PR will discuss updating the  
65 budget. **(action)**

### 12. FSR visits

Comments & other suggestions for visiting the FSR's and different campuses:

- Informing meetings can be used to discuss goals & desires;
- FSR's might have their PV's in Dutch and therefore are not accessible to all CSR members;
- Joining FSR PV's costs a lot of extra time for CSR members;
- 70 • CSR members could visit the campuses that they never visited. Suggested is to allocate 2-3 members who don't regularly go there to connect FSR's and CSR.
- 1-day trip to visit all campuses (lunch/coffee/ drink)

Alicja will include these suggestions in the follow-up meeting piece.

### 13. WHW agenda

The CSR gathers topics for the agenda of the WHW-meeting RvT-CSR on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

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- Strategic Plan 2021-2026
- Social Safety
- Language Policy & Internationalization

-- June Ouwehand & Pelle Padmos leave the meeting at 14:52.--

#### 14. Council priorities

80 The notions of 'equity and equality' are not clear to all council members and need further specification or rephrasing. Roos suggests separating mental health and social justice.

-- Alicja Kepka leaves the meeting at 14:58. --

85 Anna expresses concerns about the broadness of the proposed themes and the lack of focus on specific goals. Daniëlle suggests ordering the goals by priority and also define when a goal is achieved. The file holders Sustainability, Mental health, Student engagement, Diversity, Study Spaces, and Digitalization provide Alicja and Ömür with suggestions about how to work on the listed priorities and propose more specific goals. **(action)**

90 O&F will discuss sustainability and provide a meeting piece for the next PV. **(action)**

#### 15. Group activity

The council gathers possible activities for going on a group activity; there is no input. A decision will be made at a later moment.

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

Nothing.

#### 17. Input requests for the FSR's

Nothing.

#### 18. To the media

95 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

- Artem invites the council to the FSR-FMG CoBo.

Ömür closes the meeting at 15:12h.

### Decisions

100 None.

### Action list

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- 191002-01** O&F gets in contact with the Erasmus University Council about setting a sustainable travel policy.
  - 191002-02** O&O gets in contact with the USR-VU about the implementation of the extra holiday week.
  - 191002-03** Artem 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 list 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.



- 110 **191002-05** PR discusses the proposal for updating the PR budget 2019.  
**191002-06** Alicja updates the discussion piece about visiting the FSR's for PV191009.  
**191002-07** The file holders Sustainability, Mental health, Student engagement, Diversity, Study Spaces, and Digitalization provide Alicja and Ömür with suggestions about how to work on the listed priorities and propose more specific goals.  
**191002-08** O&F discusses Sustainability and brings a meeting piece for working on a shared stance on Sustainability to PV191009.
- 115 **190925-01** Pjotr asks the FSR-ACTA who are the file holders of ~~Functional Limitation~~, Budget, and Social Safety.  
**190925-02** Mariia contacts the delegates who did not provide file holder information about the current status of the Social Safety file.  
~~**190925-03** Pelle presents a proposed updated of the CSR PR budget 2019 during PV191002.~~  
120 **190925-04** Alicja updates the corrections to the working agreements and creates the final version.  
**190925-05** Pelle, Daniëlle and Ömür will bring a list of suitable and interested candidates for the BAC student assessor 2020 to PV191002, while taking diversity into consideration.  
~~**190925-06** All council members send their input for the group bonding activity (the type of activity + costs) to Alicja, before Friday 17.00h.~~  
125 ~~**190925-07** Alicja and Ömür create a list of possible group bonding activities for PV191002.~~  
~~**190925-08** Pjotr writes a meeting piece for PV191002 to decide on sending CSR delegation to the International Forum and the possible budget allocated for covering travel expenses.~~  
~~**190925-09** Roos writes a draft statement for informing students about the Climate Strike and the way of addressing their tutor or programs and sends this to PR for publication on social media.~~  
130 **190925-10** O&O discusses the position of international decentral student councils in relation to their dean.  
~~**190918-05** The DB discusses visiting the FSR's and writes a meeting piece for PV191002 to discuss this.~~  
**190918-12** O&O discusses the NSE and gathers input on this from the FSR's.  
**190911-01** All council members fill in their availability in the CoBo schedule.  
**190904-02** O&F makes an OV-planning for the upcoming OV cycle and the rest of the year.  
135 ~~**190821-02** Maya asks for more information about the decentral service budgets from the GOR.~~

## 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.
- 140 **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.
- 145 **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.
- 150 **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.  
**181203-01** The committee chairs keep their OV-planning up to date and fill their OV-planning in the calendar in CREA 1.16.
- 155 **190213-11** Pjotr and Anna prepare the files that will be discussed in the UCO in advance with the CSR PV.

- 190904-01** The DB protects the diversity of the council and supports a just and coherent working environment.
- 190904-02** The council concerns sustainability in their committees and its plans.