Concept minutes of the *Plenaire vergadering* of the CSR on 24 June 2020

Present

Pjotr van der Jagt, Hahae Son, Maya Moreno, Tara Olsen, Ömür Güven Kirli, Anna de Koning, Luca Babovic, and Alicja Kępka;

Absent

Saachi Samani, June Ouwehand, Artem Gryshchenko, Daniëlle de Nobel, Mariia Lisova and Pelle Padmos;

Guest(s)

Olav Abbring *Ambtelijk Secretaris.*

Concept agenda

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17. Evaluating the PV
18. Questions + closing the meeting

1. **Opening**

*Pjotr opens the meeting at 11:17h and welcomes the meeting participants.*

2. **Mail**

*The reading of the mail is skipped.*

3. **Adapting concept minutes**

*The concept minutes of the 17th of June 2020 have been set without changes.*

4. **Checking the action list**

*The action list gets updated.*

*Done in attachment*

5. **Announcements**

*The absentees and people leaving early are listed.*

Emma Kat will chair the OV next Tuesday.
Pjotr announces that there will be a translator present during the meeting with the ombudsperson and the CSR.

**Mandates**
Saachi mandates Pjotr;
Daniëlle mandates Anna;
10 votes so a quorum is met.

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

No questions on the updates.

7. **Setting the agenda**

The agenda is set without changes.

8. **Election update**

The election evaluation session was held today. Olav will call the CSB secretary for information on the election results.

9. **Future of diversity**

Pjotr states that he is happy to see that it is specified that Diversity Forum will be asked for advice on topics regarding diversity.

**Voting proposal:** The CSR 19-20 votes on writing and sending an unsolicited advice to the CvB based on the points three points in the MP 9.1 PV The Future of diversity.

In favour: 8
Against: 0
Blanco: 2
Abstain: 0

The council decides in favour of writing and sending an unsolicited advice to the CvB based on the points three points in the MP 9.1 PV The Future of diversity. **(Decision)**

Hahae will write the final advice and send it to Pjotr & Olav.

10. **Social safety**

Pjotr states that he thinks it is difficult to file a complaint fully anonymous. Ömür clarifies that fully anonymous entails that students can file an anonymous complaint, but that anonymity can be broken down depending on the needed information. It does mean that the sender of the complaint doesn’t need to face the perpetrator. Pjotr states that it needs to be clarified that the information of the sender of the complaint could be shared with the confidential advisor.

Pjotr states that in the chapter about the ombudsperson there are some question marks on the position of the current ombudsperson. At this moment the CSR hasn’t spoken with the ombudsperson. Ömür states that it was shown that the ombudsperson didn’t fulfil her legal role. Maya states that the section on the ombudsperson was meant to be read as the CSR wanting to understand the role the ombudsperson had in this situation. Maya will word this differently.
Artem mandates Ömür.

11 votes

Pjotr states that on the social safety commission he wonders if their job can be fulfilled by the investigation committee. Ömür states that because their job will be about the implementation, this cannot be done by the investigation committee. Tara adds that an investigation was also done in 2018, but because the results aren’t clear. The fear is that this will happen again this time.

Hahae wonders for the ombudsstudent position, will it be an extra procedure or will it be the same procedure as for the current ombudsposition. Ömür states that it will be a different appointing procedure that the regular position of ombudsperson.

Pjotr asks if the supervisory committee, will be extra on the investigation committee and the social safety task force. Ömür states that the social safety task force is going to be disbanded. This means that the supervisory committee needs to be a committee filled with stakeholders.

Hahae states that on the immediate changes section she wonders if a date is set for when the professor is going to be working again. Ömür states that the professor isn’t fully suspended, he is still a supervisor for some students. His classes are still assigned for the next academic year. Hahae states that she thinks the professor needs to be fired and that this needs to be asked in this section. Maya adds that for this advice the result of the investigation needs to be reviewed, because the professor can’t be fired until then or if the investigation has no conclusion leading to that. It could be added that the advice could be given that depending on the result of the investigation that the professor should be fired and that when the investigation is finalized the results need to be communicated clearly to all the students of the UvA. It will be put in the advice that the professor should be fully suspended.

Hahae asks on the evaluation of the position what is meant. Maya states that the evaluation will be if the current ombudsperson should be in her position until the named date and that it needs to be evaluated if this position can fulfil what it needs.

Hahae asks the phrasing of the 4th point and long term demand needs to be changed, because the current ombudsperson is a temporary position.

Ömür clarifies that with the support of the stance of FGw it is meant that the CSR will support the FSR FGw’s no confidence letter. Ömür didn’t add the specific requests of the FSR FGw in the CSR’s advice, because this wasn’t asked.

FSR FGw stance

Ömür states that throughout the whole year when coming to decision the CSR always incorporated the FSR’s views. Ömür thinks that he needs to look into the decentral point of view. Adding that the system is not going to change if the people won’t change. Maya states that she agrees with FSR FGw’s stance as a student. But as a member of the CSR, because the CSR hasn’t spoken to her yet she wonders if that decision will be premature. Ömür responds that because this is the CSR the process needs to be followed. To create change the people in the positions need to change. Tara states that she thinks that even if the CvB will discuss this subject with the CSR the full truth won’t be spoken, but at the same time this discussion hasn’t taken place yet. Depending on that conversation her point of view could change. Hahae states that she is inclined to side with the FSR’s side, because they are more involved with the situation and because the way was handled by all parties involved.
Pjotr states that at this moment he disagrees with siding with the FSR FGw. One important reason is because there hasn’t been a conversation with all the people yet. And secondly because the FSR is involving the CvB the advice of the FSR can be differentiated from, because the CSR knows this CvB better, also finding a new CvB who put social safety higher on the agenda will be difficult. Ömür replies that the CvB was aware of this case, but never noticed it to the CSR and that the CSR might not ever be fully informed on the situation. He adds that the CvB announced that this year will be the year of social safety, but almost nothing changed. Ömür adds that he understands that the discussion needs to take place when the CSR is fully informed. Hahae adds that if the CSR wants to hear everyone out they should also hear the victims out.

Decide on the FGw stance next week after hearing everyone out.
Ömür and Pjotr will write an e-mail directed to the NRC regarding social safety asking them to forward it to the victims of sexual violence at the UvA and Olav will send it to the NRC [action].

**Voting proposal:** The CSR 19-20 votes on sending an unsolicited advice on social safety as written in the MP 10.2 ongevraagd advise Social Safety.

In favour: 11
Against: 0
Blanco: 0
Abstain: 0

The council decides in favour of writing and sending an unsolicited advice to the CvB as written in the MP 10.2 ongevraagd advise Social Safety. *(Decision)*

**11. Decentral selection**

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Pjotr states that he thinks that ACTA’s decentral selection is so well thought out that it doesn’t need to comply with the other advices of the CSR. Tara adds that the number is because this is actually the reality, but it could and has happened that students received the material 10 days in advance.

**Voting proposal:** The CSR 19-20 votes on sending a positive advice on ACTA’s decentral selection regulations with the following recommendations;

- a) Making a set amount of time that a prospective student will have to prepare for the exam; and
- b) The FSR will have the opportunity, if they wish to, to open up this file and have it discussed with the dean to change the selection procedure within the next 5 years.

In favour: 11
Against: 0
Blanco: 0
Abstain: 0

The council decides in favour of sending a positive advice on ACTA’s decentral selection regulations with the following recommendations; Making a set amount of time that a prospective student will have to prepare for the exam; and the FSR will have the opportunity, if they wish to, to open up this file and have it discussed with the dean to change the selection procedure within the next 5 years. *(Decision)*
**Voting proposal:** The CSR 19-20 votes on Decentral Selection regulations with the following recommendation of planning an extensive evaluation of the selection procedures.

In favour: 9  
Against: 0  
Blanco: 2  
Abstain: 0

*The council decides in favour adding the recommendation of planning an extensive evaluation of the selection procedures. (Decision)*

**Voting proposal:** The CSR 19-20 votes on sending an advice on Decentral Selection regulations with the recommendations voted on above.

In favour: 11  
Against: 0  
Blanco: 0  
Abstain: 0

*The council decides in favour of sending an advice on Decentral Selection regulations with the recommendations voted on above. (Decision)*

### 12. 8-8-4

Luca states that he thinks that CSR should vote for restricted decentral autonomy. The courses that want to stay at 8-8-4 can do so and the courses that want to change to something else can also do so. The 7-7-4 longer holidays would be the favoured alternative. A blanked change or full autonomy might not work. Ömür agrees that the restricted decentral autonomy is the best. Tara states that she isn’t sure what faculty would invest the time to take 7-7-4 and it need to be made sure that the courses won’t squeeze 8 weeks of study into 7 weeks. Luca responds that it would be better for faculties to swap. Secondly he agrees with Tara that the compression of study content might become an issue, but there is the possibility that the content of the course is adjusted over time. The unasked advice would be stating that this change is proposed per faculty, but because it is an unsolicited advice the discussion can still be had later on and it can be advised that the further discussion need to be had with the CSR and COR.

Luca argues that Groningen would mean too much pressure on the students by having 40 weeks of study. Community building wouldn’t be favoured because this is not really something for the UvA. So Luca advises 8-8-4 and 7/7-4. The choice would be left to the faculty what they would do with the extra 4 weeks of holiday. Maya states that for FEB 10-10-10-10 would be the best option because of mid-terms and the high workload. Maya adds that because the re-sits are originally in July 10-10-10-10 would make it possible to have them during the corresponding block. Luca replies that have 10-10-10-10 next to a 7-7-4 or 8-8-4 the difference would be very big. But because of the situation of FEB it could be added as a sub-note. Tara adds that if the whole structure is going to be changed she prefers that it can be looked into thoroughly, even investigating 10-10-10-10. Luca replies that the reason that the proposal isn’t a huge overhaul is because some courses that are content will have a hard time transitioning to a 10-10-10-10.

Pjotr proposes to write an advice stating to advice a change to restricted autonomy and allow different options. Start a working group and ask them to write a report that looks into changing the structure for the academic year of 2021-2022.

**Voting proposal:** The CSR 19-20 votes on sending an unsolicited advice regarding the yearly structure of the programs.
In favour: 11  
Against: 0  
Blanco: 0  
Abstain: 0  

*The council decides in favour of sending an unsolicited advice regarding the yearly structure of the programs.*  
*(Decision)*  

13. **Proctoring update/follow up**  
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14. **Ombudsprofile**  
The CSR members will give input on the comments and questions on the ombudsprofile via e-mail to Maya  
*[action]*. The final input will be voted on during the next PV.

15. **W.V.T.T.K. / Any other business**  
*None.*

16. **Input requests for the FSR’s / to the media**  
*None.*

17. **Evaluating the PV**  
Good meeting. PV took too long.  
Well organized meeting pieces.

18. **Questions + closing the meeting**  
*No questions*  
13:15 Alicja closes the meeting.

**Decisions**  
200624-01 The CSR 19-20 decides in favour of writing and sending an unsolicited advice to the CvB based on the points three points in the MP 9.1 PV The Future of diversity.  
200624-02 The CSR 19-20 decides in favour of writing and sending an unsolicited advice to the CvB as written in the MP 10.2 ongevraagd advise Social Safety.  
200624-03 The CSR 19-20 decides in favour of sending a positive advice on ACTA’s decentral selection regulations with the following recommendations; Making a set amount of time that a prospective student will have to prepare for the exam; and the FSR will have the opportunity, if they wish to, to open up this file and have it discussed with the dean to change the selection procedure within the next 5 years.  
200624-04 The CSR 19-20 decides in favour of sending an unsolicited advice regarding the yearly structure of the programs.
Action list

200624-01 Ömür and Pjotr will write an e-mail directed to the NRC regarding social safety asking them to forward it to the victims of sexual violence at the UvA and Olav will send it to the NRC.

200624-02 Pjotr will go over the verdict to check if the specific point of only using proctoring for multiple choice exams can be made more strict.

200624-03 The CSR members will give input on the comments and questions on the ombudsprofile via e-mail to Maya.

20311-01 Luca, Pelle and June fill in the overview, sent by Pjotr via e-mail as a googledoc file, with files being handled by the CSR.

191205-02 Olav inquires which rights the decentral councils have with regard to setting the (faculty) budget within Dutch universities. Three answers are in: Erasmus, Tilburg & Nijmegen.

Pro memory list PV CSR

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.

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.

181203-01 The committee chairs keep their OV-planning up to date and fill their OV-planning in the calendar in Trello.

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.