



**Conceptsamenvatting van de 186^e Overlegvergadering
tussen de Centrale Studentenraad en het College van Bestuur
gehouden op 1 september 2020**

Van de zijde van de CSR 2019-2020: Pjotr van der Jagt, Tara Olsen, Pelle Padmos, en Maya Moreno;

Van de zijde van de CSR 2020-2021: Nina Hol, Ivan Mušo, Elias Hidoussi, Evelyn Pomasqui, David Steenmeijer, Julia Nguyen, Evrim Hotamis, Kaleem Ullah, Assamaual Saidi, Daan Rademaekers, Chimira Obiefule, Taimoor Baig en Sofiya Koba.

Afwezig: Artem Gryshchenko, Alicja Kepka, Daniëlle de Nobel, Hahae Son, Ömür Güven Kirli, Mariia Lisova, Saachi Samani, en Anna de Koning, Luca Babović, June Ouwehand en Tijmen Dietvorst;

Gast:

Van de zijde van het College van Bestuur: Geert ten Dam (president CvB), Karen Maex (rector magnificus), Mariska Herweijer (bestuurssecretaris);

Afwezig:

Gast:

Technisch voorzitter: Mees van Rees;

Verslag: Olav Abbring (ambtelijk secretaris CSR);

Publieke tribune: Rijk van Beek

Conceptagenda

1. **Opening en vaststellen agenda** // Opening and setting the agenda
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6. **Sociale veiligheid** // Social safety
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9. **W.v.t.t.k.** // Any other business
10. **Rondvraag en sluiting** // Questions and closing the meeting

1. Opening (14:30uur) and setting the agenda

The technical chair opens the meeting and welcomes all participants.

A proposed change for the agenda is:

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5. Openen van de UvA;
 6. Diversiteit;
 7. Stress & werkdruk;
 8. Social safety.
- This change is accepted.

2. Setting the concept minutes

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- The minutes of OV200630 will be set on a later date;



3. Checking the action list

Done in attachments.

4. Announcements

Announcements from the CvB:

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- Maex announces that the opening of the academic year was yesterday. This opening was in a small get together, the CSR was represented by Van der Jagt.
 - Maex announces that Euving cannot be present during this meeting because of the collapse of the quay near a UvA building.
 - Maex announces that the CvB received the advice of the CSR on the OER and the GV's advice on the quality agreements.
 - Ten Dam announces that the CvB will be sending the draft for the instellingsplan to the CSR in October and they would like to organize a meeting to inform the newly elected members to get them up to date on its current entails.
 - Maex announces that the feedback regarding the collaboration of the UvA on AI has reached her and she states that the CvB is willing to answer the questions the CSR has and, if necessary a separate meeting can be conducted to discuss the collaboration in depth.
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Announcements from the CSR:

- No announcements

30 5. Opening of the UvA

Van der Jagt introduces this point, and states that now that everything is online the quality of education needs to be kept up to a good level. He wonders if lecturers will be offered the possibility to be trained in online education? Maex explains that the Teaching and Learning Centers offer training and support to the lecturers. The future of digital education will also be researched to create a long-term plan regarding physical and digital education. This does not only entail the way education is offered, but also the consideration of which courses should be offered physical and which can be kept online. Maex stresses that the intention of the CvB is to have as much education on campus as possible and only conduct online meetings if physical meetings are not possible. The CvB understands the benefits of face-to-face education. Van der Jagt asks if it is already known if education during the second semester will be fully on campus again? Karen states that the accessibility of the UvA for the second semester will be discussed when the research referred to is finished. Baig states that international students have made a tough decision to stay in the Netherlands and he asks what facilities the UvA will offer to these second- and third-year students. Maex states that this question will be considered during the research.

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Nguyen states that she has been approached by students that stated that they currently cannot access the library. Ten Dam replies that the libraries are currently open, the opening times are on the website and updates regarding that will be announced on the website. Nguyen adds that, specifically at the Singel library a student was not allowed to enter and got told that students need to make a reservation a day in advance. Ten Dam states that the reservations are very important because otherwise the library would be risking breaching corona regulations, because the capacity cannot be guaranteed that way. Nguyen asks if a more flexible way of getting into the library can be investigated, because currently students cannot make a reservation at the door, even if there might be empty study spaces. The CSR will look into the information offered on the

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55 UvA website regarding where students can study and how this information can be improved
[action].

Muso asks what happens when the protocol ordered by the government changes. Maex states that the CvB follows all news broadcasts of the government regarding the corona regulations and guidelines. The protocols and guidelines of the UvA will be changed accordingly.

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Koba asks if UvA is planning to have small scale examinations on campus? Maex replies that a student can ask the examination board to do the examination on campus, however the format will stay the same. Elias adds that he thinks that the information that a student can ask to take the examination on campus has not reached all students. Maex states that the possibility to send in a request to the examination board regards the whole UvA. However, the communication is arranged per program. The arrangements to have examinations on campus are made by the individual programs.

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70 Van der Jagt concludes this point by asking when a review of the online education will be held and when the results will be made available. Maex states that there is a working group reviewing this and that once this review is finished the details will be made available.

6. Diversity

Obiefule starts this point by announcing that Son cannot be present. The CSR has received the CvB's answer on the diversity letter. Saidi states that the CvB has taken the Diversity Report into account when writing the Diversity Nota, but not all recommendations were put in the Diversity Nota. The CSR has made a letter stating all the points that are not added into the Diversity Nota and would like a reaction on this letter. Ten Dam states that the CvB has not received this letter. The Ambtelijk Secretaris of the CSR states that after looking into the communication during the month of July the letter that the CSR is referring to has not been send to the CvB. This will be done immediately after the meeting.

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Obiefule asks the CvB for their response on the advice of including the Diversity Forum more in discussions regarding diversity at the UvA. Obiefule notes that she understood that the CvB has not met with the Diversity Forum on a regular basis and asks the CvB to meet with the Diversity Forum at least four times a year, twice per semester. Ten Dam responds that the CvB has had contact with the Diversity Forum, but the CvB will not during this meeting commit to a set number of meetings per year. Ten Dam states that there are committees with formal rights that they meet with on regular basis, the diversity forum is not one of these. Son, via Zoom states that she understands that the Diversity Forum is not part of the formal structure, but she adds that the Forum is part of the academic community. It would be good if the CvB meets with them on a regular basis. The CvB states that they do not refuse to talk to them, but they don't want to make a formal commitment regarding meetings per academic year. Ten Dam states that this OV meeting isn't the place to commit to meeting with a certain student body for a set amount of times a year. Baig adds that he understands that the CvB cannot commit to this during this meeting and asks if the CvB can agree to not refuse a meeting with the Diversity Forum. Ten Dam states that the CvB always replies to requests of giving input on topics that concern the student community. Obiefule states that she understands that the CvB meets with ASVA at least twice a year, with this in mind she asks the CvB when they last met with the Diversity Forum. Ten Dam states that this was in either October or December last year. Obiefule responds that she understands that it has been a while since the CvB met with the Diversity Forum. Van der Jagt closes with the statement that he

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apologizes for not sending the letter of the CSR to the CvB and hopes this doesn't create too much of an inconvenience in the process of discussing diversity.

7. Social safety

105 Hidoussi states that he has read the response of the CvB on Social Safety. Hidoussi asks why the CvB hasn't included Project Care in the social safety structure of the UvA. First Maex states that the first goal of the CvB is to prevent situations that infringe the social safety of a student (or employee) from happening. Secondly the students can reach out to the psychologists of the UvA, who can help the student or get the student in contact with an outside professional. Hidoussi replies that if the CvB wants a socially safe university Project Care can help with that. Ten Dam replies that the pilot of Project Care is a project hosted by the diversity team. The CvB understood that some students are happy with the project, but the CvB needs to know more about the project before the UvA can incorporate the project into its services. Currently an external working group is looking into the activities regarding social safety on the central and faculty level. A website page has been put online to inform students and employees of the UvA on how to handle situations involving social safety, and the new code of conduct has been uploaded. Currently the CvB is trying to achieve change where it is possible and meanwhile the further development of policy will depend on the outcome of the investigation of the social safety policy at the UvA. Ten Dam closes with the statement that all different projects and procedures regarding social safety should fit with each other, so the CvB cannot decide on incorporating Project Care in the university without a result on the full picture.

125 Also, the VSNU is in contact with a national ombudsperson to get information on how to organize ombudspersons at the Dutch universities. The current UvA ombudsperson has been appointed after the request of the former CSR and COR. Hidoussi states that of the 144 complaints that were submitted, only 14 were processed. Ten Dam notes that that is not correct. There were only 14 official complaints, the others were (mostly confidential) notifications. All formal complaints are investigated on the central level. It is possible that [non confidential notifications are looked into on the decentral level, but they are different from formal complaints. Hidoussi states that this high amount of notifications might be because the complaints procedure is only available in Dutch. Ten Dam replies that the whole process of sending in the complaints will be reviewed and changed. The next step will be that the CvB sends the proposed change to the CSR and COR before the end of the year.

135 Hidoussi asks if there are any plans for central rules or a central process on how complaints will be handled. Ten Dam replies that the recently confirmed code of conduct states what behavior can be seen as unacceptable. Ten Dam adds that there is a central procedure of how complaints should be processed. However, the handling of incidents should take place at a decentral level by people with knowledge of the faculty or program.

140 Hidoussi asks why the point of ombudsstudents has not been added in the plans? Ten Dam states that currently there is one ombudsperson. This is a pilot initiated by the CSR and COR. Before adding something like ombudsstudents the pilot of the ombudsperson needs to be reviewed. When that process has ended further decisions can be made.

145 The contact information for the trust persons are added to the website of the UvA. Hidoussi states that it is unclear if the lecturer in FGw will be teaching or not. Ten Dam replies that the decision regarding this situation lies with the Dean. Further discussion on this point should be held at the faculty level. Hidoussi states that the FSR voted that they weren't content with the actions of the Dean regarding this case and he asks what will happen now. Ten Dam replies that of course the CvB is looking into this and talks with the Dean. This is not a discussion topic with the CSR.

150 Hol asks if a member of the CSR can be added in the working group to review the procedure on the complaints committee. The CvB will ask Juridische Zaken if the CSR (and COR) can take part in this working group **[action]**.



155 **8. Stress & Workload**

Obiefule states that the current actions to lessen stress & workload aren't enough. The measures in response to COVID-19 can change the life of a person. In a memo from the CDO that was sent to the CvB and Deans it was noted that there are moments where the well-being of students and staff is being compromised when making decisions regarding the future of education. Obiefule states that the CSR will investigate working on the topic of stress & workload amongst students.

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Obiefule asks if the CvB has already thought about the recommendations in the memo from the CDO regarding stress & workload amongst students and staff. Ten Dam states that the CvB has taken note of this memo. There was information about there not being enough laptops available or that some students do not have enough space to study at home. Because of this the UvA kept the buildings open and accessible to students and employees. The memo also writes about the negative effects of the lack of social contact as a result of the predominance of online learning. Ten Dam replies that, for example, at the FEB a great number of social mentors were appointed who try to maintain contact with students. Next week the CvB will ask all Deans what the different faculties are doing to help students and staff members. Ten Dam asks the CSR to also stay in contact with students and inform how they think the social contact amongst students can be bettered.

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Padmos states that MapIQ, the UvA room booking system shows a message that the university library is closed. Moreno replies that MapIQ uses a different website and adds that students need to be redirected to the new website when visiting the old website to they will not be misinformed. The CvB will look into the link to MapIQ so students can reserve a spot at UvA Buildings **[action]**.

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9. Any other business

None.

180 **10. Questions**

Hol asks if it will be possible for student organizations/associations to have social events on campus. Maex replies that the CvB will be in contact with the organizations/associations and will discuss if there is a need for this.

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Olsen asks why the law library is fully closed and the H building library is partly closed? Moreno advises that the CSR picks up contact with Van Schijndel on this topic. She adds that these places were indeed closed during the summer. The CSR will have contact with van Schijndel to see when the libraries can be opened again **[action]**.

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11. End of the meeting (17.10 hour)

The technical chair closes the meeting and thanks all participants for their contribution.

190 **Actielijst OV**

200901-01 The CSR will look into the information offered on the UvA website regarding where students can study and how this information can be improved.

200901-02 The CvB will ask Juridische Zaken if the CSR (and COR) can take part in this working group.

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200901-03 The CvB will look into the link to MapIQ so students can reserve a spot at UvA Buildings.

200901-04 The CSR will have contact with van Schijndel to see when the libraries can be opened again.

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~~200519-01 Moreno will send Zand Scholten the specific examples of different exams where proctoring is being used~~

~~200519-02 The legal department of the UvA will send a written response on the question if allowing proctoring to be used when conducting an exam will this create a change in the privacy statement of the UvA which creates a breach of contract if the student didn't agree to this change.~~



- 205 200414-01 ~~The CvB will ask JZ to organize an information session on the subject “hardheidsclausule” for the CSR.~~
- 200303-04 The CSR will set up a meeting with Frank van Tatenhove to discuss the subject of IPv6.
- 210 200114-04 ~~The CvB will provide the CSR with an overview of recruiters (not complete) that can be used for finding diverse candidates to fill vacancies.~~
- 200114-05 The CvB will send the Kohnstam report about first generation students to the council when it is published.
- Pro memorie**
- 215 190619-01 The CvB pays close attention to the involvement of PhD’s when getting input from the academic community.
- 181127-02 The CvB keeps the CSR updated about the steps that are taken with regard to (alternatives to) the NSE.
- 180904-01 The CvB emphasizes the importance of incorporating the input of the medezeggenschap while preparing for the annual talks with the deans.
- 220 140604-01 Het College geeft indien van toepassing de CSR een update ten aanzien van de samenwerkingsplannen met andere instellingen of instituten.
- 100907-02 Het CvB zal de capaciteit van fietsenplekken, studieplekken en ruimtes voor studieverenigingen tijdens het realiseren van de nieuwbouw en verhuizingen scherp in de gaten houden en ingrijpen wanneer een tekort ontstaat.
- 225 **Voor het komende artikel24-overleg:**
- 130610-01 Het College voorziet de CSR van een halfjaarlijkse tijdsplanning voor adviesmomenten.
- 130123-07 Er zal duidelijk worden stilgestaan bij (mondelijke) toezeggingen van het College, zodat er geen onnodige schriftelijke reacties hoeven te worden gegeven, maar de toezeggingen wel helder worden genotuleerd.
- 230 130123-08 Indien de CSR vraagt om een motivatie voor vertrouwelijkheid van een stuk, zal het College het stuk daarvan voorzien.
- 130123-09 De contactpersoon van de medezeggenschap kan ook worden benaderd voor vragen en het verstrekken van informatie aan de FSR’en.