



Concept Minutes Plenary Meeting (PV) Faculty Student Council FGw, 23rd of October 2020

Present	Olaiya Aro, David Batelaan, Subu Choudhury, Lotus Friede, Sara Kemper, Tammie Schoots, Gabriel Sojo Perez, Liesje Verhave, Robbert Verheul
Absent	Kauthar Bouazzati, Chimira Obiefule, Zazie van Dorp
Guest	Melle Koletzki
Secretary	Angelina Senchi

Agenda

- 1. Opening**
- 2. Mail & Action Points**
- 3. Announcements**
- 4. Confirming Minutes**
- 5. Confirming Agenda**
- 6. Updates**
Chair, Vice Chair, CSR Delegate and DB members give updates on their activities.
- 7. Budget (attachment: 0), informing**
OFH will update on their activities regarding the budget
- 8. HR Changes (attachment: 1), informing**
Friede will inform the council on her proposed changes to the HR
- 9. Meeting Piece Humanities in Context (attachment: 1), oordeelvormend**
Verhave has written an oordeelvormed meeting piece regarding HiC and will discuss it with the council
- 10. OV prep (attachment: 0), deciding**
- 11. Wvttk**
- 12. Final Points & closing**

1. Opening

1 Batelaan opens the meeting at 15:03
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2. Mail & Action Points

3 Senchi informs the council about the important incoming and outgoing mail.
4 Consequently, Batelaan goes over the action list from the minutes of the 16th of October as well
5 as the confidential action points from the 9th of October.
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7 ~~200925-05 — Aro, Obiefule and Van Dorp will set up a meeting with Fuchs regarding Afro-~~
8 ~~Dutch studies (also see point: 201016-04).~~

9 *First Aro will finish a meeting piece on Afro-Dutch studies before meeting up*
10 *with Nelson Addo and Emma Fuchs.*

11 ~~200925-07 — Batelaan and Van Dorp will ask Marian Wilts for the Wandkrant to be part of~~
12 ~~the FGw Studentennieuws email update.~~

13 *This will be taken up during the OV.*

3. Announcements

14 Verhave announces that that unfortunately the council's chair, Zazie van Dorp, won't
15 be attending this meeting due to health reasons. Batelaan expresses his hope she'll feel better
16 soon and that he and Verhave will update the council once they receive more information.

4. Confirming minutes

17 Batelaan confirms the minutes from the 16th of October as well as the confidential
18 parts of the minutes from the 9th of October.

5. Confirming Agenda

19 Batelaan informs the council that there is no meeting piece regarding the budget but
20 that OFH will briefly discuss the budget, The HR Changes have been added to the agenda,
21 because there currently was time for it due to the meeting piece falling out. Verheul asks if it is
22 wise to discuss the HR Changes with so many people absent, to which Batelaan responds by
23 explaining that they'll currently only discuss textual changes or remarks and they'll be voting on
24 the matter at a later date. The council agrees with this. Batelaan confirms the agenda.

6. Updates

25 Batelaan explains that it has been an intense week for those working on the budget and
26 the OER. He refers the council to the email update sent out by Obiefule to inform themselves
27 regarding the developments in the CSR.

28 Verhave relays that the DB had a TTO where they discussed that there will be a new
29 program director at the MA Conservation and Restoration and that the program itself came up
30 with a new internal plan regarding social safety; the faculty is working on a etiquette for online
31 education to improve social safety on this front – for both teachers and students - and Fred
32 Weerman responded very positively on the FSR exerting its influence on the process of
33 developing such an etiquette. Furthermore, they discussed the Social Safety Minutes. Both
34 Weerman and the DB member agreed that the minutes were poorly executed and the



1 suggestions made by Weerman and Marian Wilts were really decent and helped comprehension
2 of the proceedings. Nevertheless, there were some points the DB member would like to leave
3 unedited; Weerman and Wilts have or will be informed of this by an email set up by Van Dorp.

4 BaMaCom has been discussing social media this week and has also received a letter
5 from the teachers and students of the Minor Museum Studies which asking for the FSR's
6 help with the cancellation of their courses due to scheduling issues. Verhave thought the
7 reasoning behind the cancellation seems very vague and the link between this minor,
8 Cultuurwetenschappen and HiC she experiences as very dubious and she'd like to find out
9 more regarding this subject.

10 OOD had a meeting regarding the OER and also introduced the FSR to the OCs at their
11 trainings this week. Friede has sent an email to the council members about the brainstorm
12 session for the OER; she also shared a document in which those unable to attend the
13 session can add their suggestions regarding the OER. Furthermore, they discussed how
14 they planned on tackling the OER at the OV. After they're done with the OER they plan on
15 diving into the greenpaper, the collaboration with the program committees as well as
16 diversity.

17 OFH reminded themselves of their action points, discussed the workload and their
18 meeting piece on the budget which they'll elaborate on during the agenda point. Schoots
19 clarifies what their trying to get out of the budget; namely, that the budget assumes
20 physical education will return and that they haven't considered or set aside funds to invest
21 in digital education. She would like to see funds designated to at-home study spaces and
22 digital education. Sojo Perez continues by stating that the way the risks have been
23 calculated in the budget are very vague and they also noticed some problems regarding
24 diversity in the budget. Kemper adds that she had a meeting with Facility Services where it
25 seemed they were trying to get Kemper to step down from the role she currently has in
26 lending a voice regarding facility matters, because they felt they already had enough
27 people working on it; Kemper would like the council to know that she has no intention of
28 giving up this role.

7. Budget (attachment: 0), Informing

30 Sojo Perez inform the council members that they'll receive the meeting piece next
31 week and that the council members should pay close attention to the OV prep document to
32 see how the budget will impact their files. Sojo Perez feels that the budget plan feels
33 incomplete and he'd urge other members to look for things they think are missing. Verhave
34 responds by saying she will look into it during the weekend.

8. HR Changes (attachment: 1), Informing

35 Friede informs the council that she has proposes three new additions to the HR: one
36 concerning the votes not being completely anonymous and thus she's included the option
37 for council member to request a truly anonymous vote; she has added that members
38 should always have the opportunity to join the meeting online; nevertheless, members
39 should not be expected to join a meeting when they're sick – even when it's online. Others
40 are slight changes to the existing rules.

41 Verheul asks whether point 3.3.a will have to be changed as soon as the council will no
42 longer be having digital meetings and he wonders if the 'person' in 6.6.b couldn't just be

1 changed to the AS. Friede proposes to scrap the change of 3.3.a, Batelaan suggests to
2 change it to 'indien noodzakelijk wordt de zoomlink gestuurd'. Batelaan notes that 6.6.a
3 should be 'ten minste één persoon' instead of 'ten misnte twee personen', because it might
4 be unrealistic to have two people available that aren't part of the council to count votes.
5 Friede responds that this is part of the original HR and she hasn't edited this part. Batelaan
6 would like to change this when they'll be voting on the HR next time. Friede responds to
7 the Verheul's question about 6.6.b that this might become troublesome when the AS isn't
8 present for a meeting, this would then mean that the council cannot vote. Whereas when
9 they use 'person' the vice-chair can appoint someone other than the AS to count the votes.
10 Verheul suggests to edit it change 'person' to 'AS or a person assigned by the technical
11 chair of the meeting', the majority of the council agrees with this suggestion.

12 Regarding point 9.9.2 Friede wants to discuss with the council how they feel about the
13 organization of email votes. Aro suggests to make the 24 hours a guideline instead of a
14 rule. Verhave and Batelaan agree with this remark and propose to have a minimum of 12
15 to (preferably) 24 hours. The council agrees.

16 Aro suggests to translate the HR changes to English for future international council
17 members. Batelaan agrees. The FSR FGw 2020-2021 will translate the HR to English
18 before the next council year **[ACTION POINT]**.

19 Verheul and Senchi wonder about the logistics of the fully anonymous vote and how
20 they'd make sure the AS doesn't know the identity of the person casting the vote either.
21 The council briefly discusses options for fully anonymizing the voting procedure. Friede
22 notes that the anonymous vote isn't only about Senchi, but also about Batelaan paying
23 close attention to the precarity of the voting procedure at the time. Friede will figure out a
24 plan to logistically enable fully anonymous votes during a digital or hybrid meeting
25 **[ACTION POINT]**.

26 **9. Meeting Piece Humanities in Context (attachment: 1), Oordeelvormend.**

27 Verhave asks if the council members have any question regarding the meeting piece.
28 Friede wonders how Verhave experienced the way the notes from the brainstorm session
29 corresponded with the actual meeting they attended recently. Verhave responds by
30 saying that she considered the meeting to be very 'guided', but that all her critical
31 questions were present in the minutes and, thus, she felt that the notes were accurate.

32 Soon – the 9th of November – they'll have a meeting the council will have a meeting on
33 HiC; Verhave asks if the council feels there are things missing in the meeting piece,
34 especially because some of these points will probably end up in the unsolicited advice.
35 Furthermore, she'd still like to discuss the specialization of Humanities and the language
36 choice for the program.

37 Sojo Perez provides his input on specialization, saying that he believes that it is
38 important. He thinks that it is often assumed to be useless, which he thinks is incorrect.
39 According to Sojo Perez studies benefit from specialization and that being doesn't have to
40 mean that it isn't part of a broader vision; it is situated within a broader context.

41 Kemper notes that there is a lot of elective space and that there are minors, which give
42 ample opportunity to gain a broader type of knowledge. Also, the first years' introductory
43 courses are often broad and later on the program and courses become more specific;
44 something that HiC doesn't do very well. HiC will remain very broad and general. Sojo
45 Perez adds that diversity gets lost in within the 'general', whilst specialization keeps



1 diversity. Verhave agrees and notes that during the HiC brainstorm sessions most
2 attendees also believed specialization to be important; no one was overly positive about
3 broad bachelors – which also came to the fore in the notes of the session.

4 Verhave continues with the language aspect for the HiC program and how they seem to
5 struggle with it. She wonders if the goal of attracting diverse Dutch students could be
6 achieved by having a program that uses university-level English. A good way to attract
7 international students but they aren't the focus group. According to Verhave research has
8 pointed out that dual language courses won't improve education; this only works when
9 either everything is in Dutch or everything is in English. This means the material as well as
10 the lectures should be fully in either one or the other language – unfortunately, organizing
11 it this way would be very costly. She supports her argument by using the example of the
12 dual language program Political Science. Sojo Perez responds that if it's not about an area
13 or language he doesn't see the benefit of doing a dual language program, especially if it
14 doesn't improve education or is too costly. Kemper thinks that it' be good to stick to one
15 language, but that a lot of things in the academic field are in English. Aro reacts by saying
16 that the board won't see the language as a big problem and advises the council to not
17 tackle them on this point; especially, because it they're already working with dual
18 language programs at the university and dual language program also can actually work.
19 Verhave responds that the problem, of course, isn't that it can't be done, but rather that it
20 won't guarantee the quality of education. They should provide students and teacher with
21 support. For instance, by offering free courses that will help them follow and lead these
22 programs. Furthermore, she believes the board is being unrealistic regarding the students
23 they'll be attracting with this program. Batelaan notes that it isn't about *verengelsing*
24 [transl. anglicization], but about diversifying the Dutch students. They aren't being
25 realistic by assuming that a dual language program will attract more Dutch students;
26 rather it'd attract more international students to the English track.

27 Aro shares that she thinks Dutch students won't choose HiC but that they'd sooner pick
28 one of the other interdisciplinary studies that are already there. Verhave expresses that
29 she doesn't fully comprehend why they are doubling down on the dual language issue.
30 Batelaan notes that HiC should be in Dutch or that they should specify how they plan on
31 rolling out the dual language aspect. Verhave adds that there will also be a different level
32 of accessibility for Dutch and International students. She feels there is a disconnection
33 between what they want to achieve with HiC and how they go about achieving it.

34 The council decides to reconvene on the topic of HiC after they've had their meeting
35 November 9th.

36 **10. OV Prep (attachment: 1) Deciding**

37 The council briefly informs Koletzki on recent developments and the content of the OV
38 document. Batelaan and Verhave discuss last OV's action list. Verhave points out that next
39 OV it is important to set up deadlines for the action points the board has neglected to do and
40 to follow up on these action points by sending the board reminders.

41 The council and Koletzki go over the topics they'll be discussing at the OV. Regarding
42 the budget Koletzki notes that it is a difficult subject to get concessions on due to the
43 bureaucracy that is inherent to its proceedings. Aro suggests it might be good to push for
44 meetings and brainstorm sessions to get more say in the matter. Koletzki advises OFH
45 to consider whether they plan on giving a positive or negative advice on the budget and if they

1 plan on giving a negative advice to make sure they mention all the reasons why they would
2 do so – in order to prevent making it look at the OV that they'll be advising positively and
3 then unexpectedly – at least to the board – advise negatively. Verhave suggests for the OFH
4 to gain more information and reassess as soon as possible.

5 Regarding Social Safety Koletzki advises for the speakers to consider what the goal
6 would be faculty wise and warns that for some points, like the website – the board will be
7 referring to the central level.

8 Regarding Tijdpad OER Koletzki advises the OOD to look into the history of the
9 *deurendicht-bijeenkomst* and to consider how much and what kind of leverage they have
10 when demanding changes to the OER.

11 Regarding th OV memo. Batelaan and Verhave note that it is important for the council
12 to gain yes or no answers to the questions they set up. Koletzki advises the council to
13 consider what the norm is for 6 weeks response time, especially, if they are considering
14 giving the board less time than that to respond to certain requests too – he urges them to
15 look for the anomaly: 6 weeks or 4 weeks.

16 Changes are made to the document.

11. Wvttk

17 Schoots refers to the message she sent to the council in the past week regarding an
18 email she received on her personal student inbox from Lucienne Kelfkens regarding Social
19 Safety. Verhave responds by saying that if she feels uncomfortable with this email or
20 responding to it she can refer Kelfkens to the council. Schoots replies that she had rejected
21 the offer and wrote an individual response.

12. Final Points & Closing

22 No final points mentioned.

23 Batelaan closes the meeting at 17:23.

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Besluiten/Decisions

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2 200811-01 The FSR-FGw 2020-2021 elect Zazie van Dorp as Chair of the council.
3 200811-02 The FSR-FGw 2020-2021 elects David Batelaan as Vice-Chair of the council.
4 200811-03 The FSR-FGw 2020-2021 elects Sara Kemper as Safe Person of the council.
5 200811-04 The FSR-FGw 2020-2021 elects Gabriel Sojo Perez as Safe Person of the
6 council.
7 200811-05 The FSR-FGw 2020-2021 elects Robbert Verheul as Treasurer of the council.
8 200904-01 The FSR-FGw 2020-2021 decides to have a working group structure.
9 200904-02 The FSR-FGw 2020-2021 elects Robbert Verheul as the FSR member to the
10 Application Committee of the GSH.
11 200904-03 The FSR-FGw 2020-2021 elects Lotus Friede as the FSR member to the
12 Application Committee of the CoH.
13 200904-04 The FSR-FGw 2020-2021 decides to join the Guidance Committee 7-7-4
14 200911-01 The FSR-FGw 2020-2021 elects Sara Kemper as member of the Guidance
15 Committee 7-7-4.
16 200911-02 The FSR-FGw 2020-2021 elects Liesje Verhave as member of the Guidance
17 Committee 7-7-4
18 200911-03 The FSR-FGw 2020-2021 confirms working group 1 OER/OC + Diversity
19 (OOD) and appoints Chimira Obiefule, Subu Choudhury, Kauthar
20 Bouazzati, Lotus Friede and Olaiya Aro as its members.
21 200911-04 The FSR-FGw 2020-2021 confirms working group 2 Organization, Finance
22 and Housing (OFH) and appoints Tammie Schoots, Gabriel Sojo Perez and
23 Sara Kemper as its members.
24 200911-05 The FSR-FGw 2020-2021 confirms working group 3 BA/MA, Communications,
25 PR and Associations (BaMaCom) and appoints Liesje Verhave, Subu
26 Choudhury, Sara Kemper, Robbert Verheul and Lotus Friede as its members.
27 200911-06 The FSR-FGw 2020-2021 elects Lotus Friede as member of the Daily Board for
28 the FSR-FGw 2020-21.
29 200911-07 The FSR-FGw 2020-2021 elects Liesje Verhave as member of the Daily Board
30 for the FSR-FGw 2020-21.
31 200911-08 The FSR-FGw 2020-2021 elects Gabriel Sojo Perez as member of the Daily
32 Board for the FSR-FGw 2020-21.
33 200918-01 The FSR-FGw 2020-2021 decides to adopt the sustainability policy 2020-
34 2021.
35 200918-02 The FSR-FGw 2020-2021 decides to adopt the dates for the vacation letter.
36 200925-01 The FSR FGw 2020-2012 accepts the changes made in the OER addendum
37 letter set up by Friede.
38 201002-01 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 adopts the letter regarding the name change of the
39 BA Archaeology.
40 201002-02 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 will have a podcast on UvA Radio.
41 201009-01 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 will apply the recommendations in the memo
42 concerning kwaliteitsgelden.
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- 1 [REDACTED]
- 2 [REDACTED]
- 3 [REDACTED]
- 4 [REDACTED]
- 5 201009-01 The DB members will address the lack of time given by the board to handle
6 advice requests at the TTO.
- 7 [REDACTED]
- 8 [REDACTED]
- 9 201009-03 Verhave will write an *oordeelvormend* meeting piece on HiC.
- 10 [REDACTED]
- 11 [REDACTED]
- 12 201016-01 The OFH will write a meeting piece on additions to the budget.
- 13 201016-02 Obiefule will send her notes from the meeting with the central university
14 psychologist to Verhave.
- 15 201016-03 The DB members will work with Obiefule on setting up proposals for the
16 central level regarding *kwaliteitsgelden*.
- 17 201016-04 Van Dorp and Aro will also invite Nelson Addo to their meeting with Fuchs on
18 Afro-Dutch Studies
- 19 201016-05 The FSR will discuss the action points from September 17th's OV minutes at
20 the next PV
- 21 201023-01 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 will translate the HR to English before the next
22 council year.
- 23 201023-02 Friede will figure out a plan to logistically enable fully anonymous votes
24 during a digital or hybrid meeting.

Pro Memori

- 25 190904-01 When communicating the AS must always be placed in the cc.
- 26 190904-02 A list of improvements for the *Heidag* must be prepared for next year.
- 27 190904-04 The FSR - DB action list must be discussed for OVs, both internally and during
28 the VO.
- 29 190911-01 The Technical Chair always needs to be invited for PV's prior to an OV.
- 30 190911-02 The Council needs to deliver all documents required before the start of the PV.
- 31 190911-02 As soon as the website is updated the FSR decides on who will be responsible
32 for updating the minutes.
- 33 191001-01 The AS makes sure at the end of the year all private information of the
34 Councilors is deleted.
- 35 190916-05 The Council promotes their facebook page actively.
- 36 191005-01 All documents will be saved in the P-drive.
- 37 200128-01 Freya and Nicolle make an *eindejaarslijst* for the next FSR 2020-21.
- 38 200128-02 The AS adds the living documents to the P-drive.
- 39 200325-01 Nicolle deletes the Zoom PV recordings at the end of the year.
- 40 200310-01 Sustainability is always taken into account while working on files.
- 41 200525-01 The Council adds documents in .word or .pdf for the record or *verslaglegging*
42 in the Week of the FSR.
- 43 200525-02 In case of absence – and especially for members with voting rights – the
44 Councilors should be informed on time and mandate someone.
- 45 200525-03 The council refers to itself as FSR FGw and uses pronoun 'it'.

- 1 200911 When PVs are scheduled on Mondays the council will go over section 3.3.b. of
2 the HR again
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