

# Minutes of the *Plenaire vergadering* of the CSR on 1 February 2021

Present	Assamaual Saidi, Chimira Obiefule, Daan Rademaekers, David Steenmeijer, Elias Hidoussi, Evelyn Pomasqui, Evrim Hotamis, Ivan Mušo, Julia Nguyen, Kaleem Ullah, Nina Hol, Sofiya Koba, Taimoor Baig, Tijmen Dietvorst;
Absent	
Guest(s)	Rijk van Beek (Student Assessor);
Minutes	Olav Abbring <i>Ambtelijk Secretaris</i> .

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### 1. Opening

*Nina Hol opens the meeting at 11:05h and welcomes the meeting participants.*

### 2. Mail

*The emails that the CSR received are read.*

### 3. Adapting concept minutes

The concept minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> of January have been set without changes.

### 4. Checking the action list

*The action points are checked. See attachment.*

### 5. Announcements

- 10 Elias and Nina wrote a MP on the ombudsperson profile. This MP was sent after the deadline of sending in Meeting Pieces. The vice-chair decides that it will be discussed today, because the deadline for sending a response is on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February.

#### Mandates

There are no mandates.

15 11 eligible votes. The 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. Zachte knip

There are two voting proposals. The first is reinstating the 'zachte knip'. The second one is the writing of a 'brandbrief' on reinstating the 'zachte knip' and have other universities co-sign it.

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*Chimira joins the meeting*

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**Voting proposal:** The CSR 20-21 decides in favour of taking the formal stance that it is in favour of reinstating the 'zachte knip'.

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In favour: 11

Against: 0

Blanco: 0

Abstain: 0

*The council decides in favour of taking the formal stance that it is in favour of reinstating the 'zachte knip'.*

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**(decision).**

**Voting proposal:** The CSR 20-21 decides in favour for the file-holders to pursue the writing of a 'brandbrief' on the 'zachte knip'.

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In favour: 11

Against: 0

Blanco: 0

Abstain: 0

*The council decides in favour for the file-holders to pursue the writing of a 'brandbrief' on the 'zachte Knip'.*

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**(decision).**

## 9. Model OER – rounding of grades

The file holders states that regarding the questions on cum laude. The final decision on granting the cum laude predicate lies with the exam committee.

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The council members will vote either in favour or against every proposed option. If two options get a majority of votes in favour the vote is re-cast, this time without the last option and the council members can only choose in favour of either proposal. If one option gets a majority this proposal is accepted.

**Voting proposal:** The CSR 20-21 decides in favour of advising to change A-4.6. to create a regulation for streamlining grading at the UvA. All final grades will be rounded to the nearest decimal.

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In favour: 8

Against: 2

**Voting proposal:** The CSR 20-21 decides in favour of advising to change A-4.6. to create a regulation for streamlining grading at the UvA. All final grades will be rounded to the nearest half grade.

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In favour: 2



Against: 5

**Voting proposal:** The CSR 20-21 decides in favour of advising to change article A-4.6. in the model-OER to add a new regulation streamlining the rounding of grades within the UvA. All final grades will be rounded to the nearest full mark.

In favour: 4

Against: 7

*The council decides in favour of advising to change Article A-4.6. in the model-OER to create a regulation for streamlining grading at the UvA. All final grades will be rounded to the nearest decimal. (decision).*

## 10. Ombudsperson profile

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*Elias joins the meeting*

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The file holders have send an overview of points that they would like to change in the ombudsperson profile. If CSR members have comments or proposed changes they can send these to Elias or Nina before Friday the 5<sup>th</sup>.

In the Ombudsperson embedding and recruitment document it is stated that the ombudsperson gets a temporary contract, but it also states that the ombudsperson gets an open-ended contract. David would like to have it made clear what the process is regarding the appointment and also what the process of a potential re-appointment will look like.

It is also advised to request the Ombudsperson report and have at least a half-year meeting with the new ombudsperson. It is also recommended to take a look at the rapport of De Gaay Fortman.

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*Evelyn joins the meeting*

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Evrin wonders why the ombudsperson would need to have coaching skills? This, in practice means that they want someone who has experience with management.

Tijmen wonders why the ombudsperson needs to report to the CvB. Nina responds that there needs to be a point where information can be shared, however this might not be the best structure. It need to be made sure that there is valuable independence. It should be included that the dependence of the ombudsperson is arranged properly, this might include having the medezeggenschap involved in the appointment process.

It could also be included that it should be possible that the ombudsperson gets access to more support staff, if the job requires that.

The file holders will look into the rapport van De Gaay Fortman and they will look into the appointment and reappointment process. Including FTE of the ombudsperson, FTE of the (potential) support staff and possible zeggenschap with the medezeggenschap on the re-appointment procedure. This feedback will be put in the response to the request for consent.

## 11. Subsidizing food at UvA canteen

Ivan would like to receive feedback on the meeting piece, which proposes to subsidize vegan food at the UvA canteens. Tijmen states that, personally he finds it more useful to tax meat than to subsidize vegan food. Ivan states that he thinks that it is harder to tax meat than to subsidize meat, because of the contract with the catering contractor. Also, subsidizing food makes the food cheaper overall, taxing meat makes the food more expensive.

Evrin explains that the FdG at the hospital has an AH to go where the students and employees usually get cheaper food. There is also a restaurant where students and employees get a discount. However, that restaurant is from a different catering brand.

Daan wonders a change in the food price this will be arranged with the caterer. Ivan states that this change aligns with the plan for the UvA to become more sustainable. Also, in many cases having subsidized food, might create a more accessible university. Ivan explains that the contract with the caterer has been improved. This new contract included a sustainability goal. This can be used to support the subsidizing of food. Evelyn states that she thinks that subsidizing will not create the desired result.

Overall the CSR members are not against the idea of subsidizing food, however they did bring up some suggestions to be aware of when having this discussion with the CvB.

## 12. Call to sign an open letter regarding social safety

The CSR wonders how someone can be appointed as a dean via elections. Evrin states that the FSR FdG felt that it was important to co-sign the letter, because they support the general message. Daan agrees with this, even though he doubts the feasibility of elections for the position of dean. Tijmen agrees and wonders if the letter can be signed with the note that they do not support the appointment procedure via elections. The CSR will vote on co-signing the letter, however asking if they can opt-out of supporting the application procedure for the position of dean of FGw via elections.

**Voting proposal:** The CSR 20-21 decides in favour of co-signing the letter regarding social safety that will be send to the RvT.

In favour: 13

Against: 0

Blanco: 0

Abstain: 0

*The council decides in favour of co-signing the letter regarding social safety that will be send to the RvT (decision).*

Nina will inform with the writer of the letter if the CSR can opt-out of support the application procedure for the position of dean of FGw via elections.

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

Nina asks if the CSR agrees if the name of the CSR gets used to support the message that the current dean of FGw should be removed and that social safety at the UvA should be bettered during the protest on social safety this week. Nina will inform the council on future developments regarding the protest.

## 14. Input requests for the FSR's / to the media

Nina would like for the PR committee to post the CSR's stance on the 'zachte knip'.



Tijmen adds that they can also post about the lowering of the BSA.

## 15. Evaluating the PV

The CSR members evaluate the PV.

## 16. Questions + closing the meeting

12:30 Nina closes the meeting.

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### Decisions

- 210201-01** The CSR 20|21 decides in favour of taking the formal stance that it is in favour of reinstating the 'zachte knip'.
- 210201-02** The CSR 20|21 decides in favour for the file-holders to pursue the writing of a 'brandbrief' on the 'zachte Knip'.
- 145 **210201-03** The CSR 20|21 decides in favour of advising to change Article A-4.6. in the model-OER to create a regulation for streamlining grading at the UvA. All final grades will be rounded to the nearest decimal.
- 210201-04** The CSR 20|21 decides in favour of co-signing the letter regarding social safety that will be send to the RvT.

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### Action list

- 210125-01** The committee chairs will look into changing their committee's page on the Studentenraad website.
- 210125-02** The PR committee will take a picture during the next PV meeting.
- 155 **201214-02** Evelyn will email the CSB to get more information regarding the election period for the medezeggenschap elections of 2021.

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### Pro memoria

- 140908-04** The DB keeps an eye on late meeting pieces, is strict about *nazendingen* and being present in time.
- 160 **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.
- 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.
- 165 **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.
- 190904-01** The DB protects the diversity of the council and supports a just and coherent working environment.
- 170 **201002-01** All DB-members send their updates before Friday 20h. Delegates send their updates before Monday 9h.
- 201020-02** A double check on the spelling and grammar should be done for all *formal* communication. Committee chairs have the final responsibility in this.