



Concept Minutes Plenary Meeting (PV) Faculty Student Council FGw, 8th of March 2021

Present	David Batelaan, Sophia Bombeld, Subu Choudhury, Lotus Friede, Sara Kemper, Chimira Obiefule, Gabriel Sojo Perez, Zaz Liesje Verhave, Robbert Verheul, Mikayla Vieira Ribeiro.
Absent	Tammie Schoots
Guest	
Secretary	Angelina Senchi

Agenda

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1. Opening

1 Batelaan opens the meeting at 13:02 and initiates an introduction round for the new council assistants
2 Mikayla Vieira Ribeiro and Sophia Bombeld.

2. Mail and Action List

3 Senchi refers to the email list in the Week of the FSR and briefly discusses an email that came in regarding
4 first-year students not being given priority to attend lectures physically. Next, Batelaan goes over the action
5 list.

3. Confirming Minutes & Agenda

6 This week the council doesn't have any minutes to discuss. Agenda point 8 regarding the curriculum for
7 Humanities in Context (HiC) will be moved to next week's PV; Batelaan confirms the agenda.

4. Announcements

8 Schoots is absent during this meeting and has mandated Sojo Perez. Obiefule has another engagement with
9 the CDO team and will leave the meeting after 20 minutes. Choudhury will also leave the meeting earlier due
10 to another meeting with IIS. Senchi asks council members if they know of any other councils that possibly
11 have a license for Deepl Pro at the university.

5. Updates

12 **Chair:** Van Dorp had a meeting with Karen Maex where she shared the council's observations regarding
13 Fred Weerman's functioning. She also attended a meeting with Sanne Klaver where they learned that Klaver
14 had already adopted all of the FSR's suggestions regarding study guidance in the document they set up –
15 they also added an extra point regarding international students. Van Dorp says Klaver will send over the
16 final version to the FSR for their perusal before publishing it so council. Furthermore, Van Dorp and
17 Batelaan had a recorded conversation (FredVlog) with Weerman about lowering work pressure for students
18 and teachers. Consequently, Van Dorp shares that she is also personally affected by the workload and -
19 pressure which led her to having an anxiety attack. She thanks councilors with helping her out during that
20 time and urges everyone to speak frankly on matters of mental health and work pressure. She stresses that
21 they're all here for each other when someone needs it. Lastly, she notes that she and Batelaan will be
22 handling the written chair updates collaboratively.

23 **Vice-chair:** Batelaan gives a brief summary of the subjects they'll be going into during next week's OV.

24 **CSR:** Obiefule shares that the CSR just voted in favor of an evaluation retreat she was very critical of.
25 Obiefule shares her concerns about the retreat with the councilors and they too react appalled at the
26 decision made by the CSR. Also, she notes that she will meet with other student councils about the Diversity
27 Commitment and expresses her hope of sharing the document with the FSR FGW soon.

28 **BaMaCom:** Verhave attended a meeting with Netta Meijer where they established that the Honors Program
29 will let students know that they can still apply for the program even if they don't meet the qualification of
30 having a 7,5 average. She also attended a meeting about the Humanities Lab where they mostly discussed
31 funding and a meeting with Yolande Spoelder from TLC and the 7-7-4 Guidance Committee who
32 reprimanded Verhave for communication she'd sent out and asked if Verhave could send in proposals on
33 how the guidance committee can involve more students in the process. Furthermore, the working group will
34 use this week to prepare for the OV. Kemper adds that she is currently working on the proposal Spoelder
35 talked about.



1 **OOD:** The working group discussed the financial support for students in higher education, but the decision
2 making on this doesn't seem to be the responsibility of the board. Choudhury is working on a survey to map
3 out what kind of problems international students run into. Furthermore, Sojo Perez mentions that they'll be
4 discussing the tuition cuts at next week's OV. The council briefly discusses how international students are
5 being excluded from the conversation at the faculty. Verhave wonders about international students being
6 compensated for €1000, but Sojo Perez and Choudhury can't give her any clarity on this issue. Friede, on the
7 other hand, cuts in to explain that students who finish their university level Master or HBO get a cashback
8 whilst students that finish their university level Bachelor don't. They only get a discount if they decide to
9 continue their studies. The discount amount also varies from the cashback amount. On another note, Friede
10 has sent out an email to the ACASA program committee about them incorporating the ban on proctoring in
11 the OER. She also feels like the FSR FGw OERen could use the ACASA OERen as an example for clarity and
12 structure.

13 **Other:** Friede and Van Dorp explain the details of the *medezeggenschapsmiddag*. They've been informed that
14 there will be a breakout room for English speakers, but that the language of instruction is Dutch. The
15 councilors attending the meeting will help translate whenever necessary throughout the meeting. Sojo Perez
16 notes that he will drop out of the meeting if it turns out there are only native Dutch speakers present.
17 Several council members express their concern about not all meetings, even meetings on
18 internationalization, being open to non-Dutch speakers. Van Dorp offers to bring this issue up during this
19 week's TTO. Friede feels that this won't be necessary because this seems more like a problem created by the
20 OR, opposed to one created by the board. Choudhury and Verhave both feel it is odd that there is a lack of
21 representation of international students at program committees, events and meetings. They feel that the
22 language might be an issue there. He also felt that the Bachelor seems useless, but that Master might be
23 salvageable. Kemper explains that there are plans for a Bachelor and Master but that they do have to look at
24 the entire 'infrastructure' of HiC. Also, Kemper notes that she isn't opposed to subsidizing interdisciplinary
25 education, but she'd rather see it spent on improving existing infrastructures instead of inventing new ones.

26 **6. Strategic Narrative Humanities in Context (attachment: 1)**

27 Kemper screenshare the draft letter and explains that it is structured to give a recapitulation of how the
28 council interpreted the document and their arguments for advising negatively on the document. The council
29 goes over the document and provides Kemper with commentary for possible improvements. Choudhury
30 notes that Kemper could perhaps stress more how HiC isn't the only solution for financially aiding other
31 programs. Kemper agrees that this could perhaps be a more prominent part of the argumentation. Sojo
32 Perez comments that he believes the core argument could perhaps be more concise and distinct.

33 The question arises of what the limit of the argument should be. Should they explain why they don't agree,
34 or should they also supply suggestions for how they'd like the investment to be distributed (taking into
35 account Verhave's comments in the previous PV that the investment must go towards interdisciplinarity).
36 Kemper wonders if the discussion should be more of an ideological or a practical one. Sojo Perez asks if they
37 want to demonstrate to the board what the council would like to see happen. Kemper comments that she
38 would like to explain to the board why the council is telling them no and how they could move on from that
39 negative advice. Friede cuts in to ask whether the budget was made available for HiC or for interdisciplinary
40 education, Kemper answers that the humanities faculty budget says it is designated to HiC but that at the
41 natural sciences faculty it is designated to IIS – she feels that HiC might simply be the denominator, but it
42 could also be another interdisciplinary project.

43 The council will use the rest of the week to provide comments on Kemper's Google document and they will
44 reassess during next week's PV. Kemper will write the final version of the letter before next week and she

1 will incorporate all the comments made on the text. Bombeld and Sojo Perez are selected as editors for the
2 final letter.

7. Language Change Humanities in Context (attachment: 1)

3 Batelaan introduces the meeting piece. He explains that HiC will be using the CROHO-label from
4 Cultuurwetenschappen, but the current official language of instruction for Cultuurwetenschappen is Dutch.
5 As they're planning on making HiC a bilingual or English program, the language of instruction for
6 Cultuurwetenschappen needs to be changed. Batelaan stresses that the language change request is a consent
7 request and not an advice request, granting the council way more influence on the decision outcome.
8 Batelaan feels that the nature of the request can really help the council shape the HiC program and sway the
9 board. Verheul explains that at the national level, in the senate, they are currently drawing up a law
10 concerning internationalization of education. This law will incorporate a test to establish whether it is
11 paramount for a course to be taught in a different language from the native Dutch. Batelaan also comments
12 that HiC was initially designed to attract Dutch students. He wonders whether this will still be true once the
13 program is in English. They're currently looking into options of having a bilingual propaedeutic year (Dutch
14 and English). Yet, most of the courses that will be taught are originally courses from the Dutch
15 Cultuurwetenschappen. The (lack of) feasible logistics baffle the councilors as they consider how exactly
16 they plan on tackling bilingual working groups, lectures and not disadvantaging international or Dutch
17 students. Bombeld comments that, at European Studies, the lectures are in English, but the working groups
18 are split up in Dutch and English tracks. Batelaan continues about the plan to 'integrate' international
19 students by providing them with courses the students won't be credited for – the exam committee has
20 expressed severe criticism on this idea. Yet, the OC Cultuurwetenschappen doesn't seem opposed to the idea
21 of a language change. Kemper stresses that the main concern is that there aren't enough funds to transition
22 the courses and teachers from a Dutch to an English program. Furthermore, the OC's advice was mainly
23 attention points and suggestions for improvement and not necessarily a positive advice – even though the
24 board interpreted it as such. Verhave strategizes that the council should make sure all the OC's suggestions
25 are met before they consent to the language change. Verheul would also like the council to consider that the
26 ministry was very skeptical of HiC. Kemper explains that HiC has been presented to Cultuurwetenschappen
27 as their sole chance of survival and therefore the program might be willing to do anything to stay alive.
28 Sojo Perez comments that he doesn't think the council should oppose the OC Cultuurwetenschappen; he
29 notes that if the OC feels the program will get better if they consent to this decision, then perhaps the council
30 should follow their lead. The council continues their discussion on the Cultuurwetenschappen staff and
31 teachers' stance, complex communication, attracting more students and possibly changing
32 Cultuurwetenschappen for the better.
33 The council feels they should decide what's best for the current teachers and staff and that perhaps they
34 should start seeing the HiC curriculum and the Cultuurwetenschappen language change as separate issues.
35 Overall consensus seems to be for the council to withhold consent until the program committee gets what
36 they want. Kemper will have a meeting with Bert Roemer (Chair OC Cultuurwetenschappen) this week and
37 gage his opinion on this course of action.
38 Verheul warns that they should be very careful, because they won't be able to retract their consent once
39 they've given it. Van Dorp comments that the letter to the board should relay the council's dissatisfaction
40 about the lack of communication and information given to the OC, preventing them from supplying fair
41 advice. Vieira Ribeiro asks about what the problem is with the comprehensive Dutch classes not being
42 credited, Batelaan explains that it is due to funding problems.



1 Batelaan asks whether there is anything he needs to relay or ask during the meeting with the board on the
2 language change. Sojo Perez offers that he could ask about the relation between the curriculum and the
3 language change.

4 Lastly, Sojo Perez warns that they should tread carefully and make sure they don't coerce the
5 Cultuurwetenschappen staff and OC into what the FSR wants. Kemper also notes that the staff isn't
6 necessarily against the change, but that some might perceive it that way.

8. Wvttk

7 Verheul comments that he would like to join Kemper's meeting with Roemer and Batelaan notes that he
8 would like to pre-discuss the language change meeting.

9 Senchi asks who will reply to the email by the first-year student. Kemper says she will do it, but Senchi
10 would like someone to help Kemper as she is already swamped with other engagements. Bombeld offers
11 Kemper her assistance.

9. Final Points & Closing

12 No final comments are made. Batelaan closes the meeting at 15:07

Action List

- 1 201016-03 The DB members will work with Obiefule on setting up proposals for the central level
2 regarding *kwaliteitsgelden*.
- 3 201204 The council will meet up as soon as government restrictions allow 10-15 people to get
4 together again
- 5 201210-03 Regarding Humanities in Context:
- 6 a) The council will write a formal advice on HiC bachelor (in response to the board's
7 advice request)
- 8 b) The council will write an unsolicited advice on HiC in general (e.g. going into OER and
9 the treatment of *Medezeggenschap*)
- 10 210222-01 Regarding *Inwerken*:
- 11 a) The council will create a Year Review document for the current and future council to
12 evaluate the year and learn from it.
- 13 a. Kemper will translate the Housing Bi-Annual Report.
- 14 210222-02 Regarding Carlos Reijnen:
- 15 a) Verhave will contact Carlos Reijnen about the Honors Program.
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Pro Memori

- 1 190904-01 When communicating the AS must always be placed in the cc.
2 190904-02 A list of improvements for the *Heidag* must be prepared for next year.
3 190904-04 The FSR - DB action list must be discussed for OV's, both internally and during
4 the VO.
5 190911-01 The Technical Chair always needs to be invited for PV's prior to an OV.
6 190911-02 The Council needs to deliver all documents required before the start of the PV.
7 190911-02 As soon as the website is updated the FSR decides on who will be responsible for updating
8 the minutes.
9 191001-01 The AS makes sure at the end of the year all private information of the Councilors is
10 deleted.
11 190916-05 The Council promotes their facebook page actively.
12 191005-01 All documents will be saved in the P-drive.
13 200128-01 Freya and Nicolle make an *eindejaarslijst* for the next FSR 2020-21.
14 200128-02 The AS adds the living documents to the P-drive.
15 200325-01 Nicolle deletes the Zoom PV recordings at the end of the year.
16 200310-01 Sustainability is always taken into account while working on files.
17 200525-01 The Council adds documents in .word or .pdf for the record or *verslaglegging* in the Week
18 of the FSR.
19 200525-02 In case of absence – and especially for members with voting rights – the Councilors should
20 be informed on time and mandate someone.
21 200525-03 The council refers to itself as FSR FGw and uses pronoun 'it'.
22 200911-01 When PV's are scheduled on Mondays the council will go over section 3.3.b. of the HR again
23 200911-02 The FSR-FGw 2020-2021 will look into possible actions when more information regarding
24 the UvA-Huawei collaboration is brought forward by the CSR.
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26 201126 When referring to certain job titles and technical terms the council will use Dutch
27 terminology to avoid confusion between the council and board.
28 201023 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 will translate the HR to English before the next council year.
29 201210 OOD will look into the role of intersectionality within the UvA diversity policy
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Besluiten/Decisions

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33 200811-01 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 elect Zazie van Dorp as Chair of the council.
34 200811-02 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 elects David Batelaan as Vice-Chair of the council.
35 200811-03 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 elects Sara Kemper as Safe Person of the council.
36 200811-04 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 elects Gabriel Sojo Perez as Safe Person of the council.
37 200811-05 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 elects Robbert Verheul as Treasurer of the council.
38 200904-01 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 decides to have a working group structure.
39 200904-02 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 elects Robbert Verheul as the FSR member to the Application
40 Committee of the GSH.
41 200904-03 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 elects Lotus Friede as the FSR member to the
42 Application Committee of the CoH.
43 200904-04 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 decides to join the Guidance Committee 7-7-4
44 200911-01 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 elects Sara Kemper as member of the Guidance Committee 7-7-4.
45 200911-02 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 elects Liesje Verhave as member of the Guidance Committee 7-7-
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- 1 200911-03 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 confirms working group 1 OER/OC + Diversity (OOD) and
2 appoints Chimira Obiefule, Subu Choudhury, Kauthar Bouazzati, Lotus Friede and
3 Olaiya Aro as its members.
- 4 200911-04 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 confirms working group 2 Organization, Finance and Housing
5 (OFH) and appoints Tammie Schoots, Gabriel Sojo Perez and Sara Kemper as its members.
- 6 200911-05 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 confirms working group 3 BA/MA, Communications, PR and
7 Associations (BaMaCom) and appoints Liesje Verhave, Subu Choudhury, Sara Kemper,
8 Robbert Verheul and Lotus Friede as its members.
- 9 200911-06 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 elects Lotus Friede as member of the Daily Board for the FSR
10 FGw 2020-21.
- 11 200911-07 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 elects Liesje Verhave as member of the Daily Board for the FSR
12 FGw 2020-21.
- 13 200911-08 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 elects Gabriel Sojo Perez as member of the Daily Board for the
14 FSR FGw 2020-21.
- 15 200918-01 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 decides to adopt the sustainability policy 2020-2021.
- 16 200918-02 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 decides to adopt the dates for the vacation letter.
- 17 200925-01 The FSR FGw 2020-2012 accepts the changes made in the OER addendum letter set up by
18 Friede.
- 19 201002-01 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 adopts the letter regarding the name change of the BA
20 Archaeology.
- 21 201002-02 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 will have a podcast on UvA Radio.
- 22 201009-01 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 will apply the recommendations in the memo concerning
23 kwaliteitsgelden.
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- 28 201016-01 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 adopts the sentence *“What is the procedure for appointing a new
29 dean? What’s the timeline regarding the process of finding a new dean? Could you forward us
30 this tijdpad/timeline within two weeks? How will the FSR FGw be involved in this process?”*
31 for the OV memo.
- 32 201016-02 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 adopts the sentence *Due to Corona we want to make sure that
33 students still get updated about what is going on within the council, because of this we would
34 like to ask you to add the content of the Wandkrant to the FGw Studentennieuws e-mail.”* to
35 the OV memo.
- 36 201016-03 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 adopts the sentence *“When will the meetings of the 8-8-4 steering
37 committee start? Can we get an update on this within two weeks?”* to the OV memo.
- 38 201016-04 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 adopts the sentence *“Could we have more reservable spots at
39 PCH? Could we have a long-term plan in regards to study spots in general?”* to the OV
40 memo.
- 41 201016-05 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 adopts the sentence *“Since Tammie Schoots and Nelson Addo are
42 in a legal process, how can the DB ensure that there won’t be a conflict of interest?”* to the OV
43 memo.
- 44 201016-06 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 adopts the sentence *“Can you promise us that we will have the
45 mandatory 6 weeks to respond to every advice or consent request?”* to the OV memo.
- 46 201030-01 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 will write a negative advice on the Faculty Budget 2021.



- 1 201106-01 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 will send the negative advice letter regarding the Faculty Budget
2 2021.
- 3 201106-02 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 adopts the proposed amendments to the OER part A and faculty
4 part B.
- 5 201106-03 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 will use the name 'Humanities in Context' for their UvA Radio
6 podcast.
- 7 201112-01 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 adds the changes and additions to the HR (except for the
8 anonymous voting article).
- 9 201112-02 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 adds the changes and additions to article 6.6.c of the HR
10 concerning fully anonymous voting.
- 11 201112-03 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 confirms and accepts the Sustainability Policy, including the
12 changes made to point 7 and 8.
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- 23 [REDACTED]
- 24 [REDACTED]
- 25 [REDACTED]
- 26 201119-01 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 will demand an addendum by the fDB to the CoH Yearly Plan.
- 27 201119-02 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 agrees to the points stated in the letter [attachment:
28 kwaliteitsgelden PV 201119] by Sojo Perez on to send it to the fDB.
- 29 201119-03 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 will use the content for Wandkrant nr. 1 (council year 2020-21).
- 30 201126-01 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 will to apply the changes to the letter in response to the board's
31 reaction to the negative budget (2021) advice.
- 32 201126-02 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 will apply the changes to the Memo (OV 201208 – Jos van Geel,
33 Ad Interim Director *Bedrijfsvoering*) and accepts it being sent to the fDB for further
34 discussion at the OV.
- 35 [REDACTED]
- 36 [REDACTED]
- 37 201217-01 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 will to accept option 3 (Sojo Perez will head OOD as DB member,
38 leaving Schoots and Kemper as possible coordinators of OFH) as a **temporary** solution.
- 39 [REDACTED]
- 40 [REDACTED]
- 41 [REDACTED]
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- 43 210114 -01 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 will use the positive advice letter on the faculty budget 2021 set
44 up by Kemper.

- 1 210114-02 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 appoints Liesje Verhave, Zazie van Dorp and
2 Robbert Verheul as members of the Sollicitatiecommissie for a new council
3 assistant.
- 4 210114-03 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 will sign the petition 'University of Amsterdam staff
5 and students support Boğaziçi University'.
- 6 210121-01 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 will write an (unsolicited) advice about the Green Paper OCs.
7 210121-02 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 write a letter about the Green Paper OCs to the OCs.
8 210121-03 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 will e-mail the CSR about the Election Regulations detailing that
9 they need to include a part about not being allowed to bribe potential voters by promising
10 them gift cards or objects and making the Fair Play Agreements formal.
- 11 210121-04 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 will propose for the OER article to state: *"Bij online toetsing
12 wordt géén gebruik gemaakt van software voor online surveillance (proctoring) die strijdig
13 is met de privacybelangen van de student"*.
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- 16 210208-01 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 will send the edited unsolicited advice Greenpaper OCs.
17 210301 The FSR FGw 2020-2021 will become a collaborator to the #NietMijnSchuld protest of
18 March 13 2021.
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