



Minutes Plenary Meeting (PV) Faculty Student Council FGw, 1st – 2nd of September 2021

Present	Julia Ballak, Juliet Hondtong, Sara Kemper, Farah Malash, Jelle Mars, June Ouwehand, Ciprian Piraianu, Carlos van Eck, Mikayla Vieira Ribeiro, Tea Svendsen, Sara Verveer
Absent	
Guest	Zazie van Dorp (Technical Chair), David Batelaan, Gabriel Sojo Perez, Liesje Verhave
Secretary	Angelina Senchi

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1. Opening
2. Announcements
3. Confirming Agenda
4. Voting: Appointment Chair
5. Voting: Appointment Vice-Chair
- ~~6. Voting: Appointment Daily Board Members~~
- ~~7. Voting: Appointment Treasurer~~
8. Wvttk (any other business)
9. Final Points & closing

1. Opening

1 Van Dorp opens the meeting at 18:25 and notes that during this meeting she will supply general information
2 regarding PV procedures.

2. Announcements

3 Van Dorp enquires whether councillors have any announcements they'd like to share relating to the meeting
4 (e.g. scheduling conflicts, absentees, etc.). Ouwehand announces that she will have to leave the meeting at an
5 earlier moment.

3. Confirming Agenda

6 Van Dorp explains that at this point in the meeting attendees can suggest changes to the agenda, for
7 instance: adding an agenda point, scrapping an agenda point, announcing a discussion topic for the agenda
8 point *wvttk* or changing the order of the agenda. She continues by explaining why the former Chair and Vice-
9 Chair added a note to the agenda which states the appointment of the Daily Board might be subject to
10 change; she explains that in the previous council year deciding on the DB members during the first PV posed
11 some difficulties, this meant they had to postpone it to another meeting. Moreover, Van Dorp comments that
12 it is possible to make or supply confidential agenda points. This can be done in case the council has to
13 discuss sensitive information.

14 Senchi would like to add *confirming minutes* to the agenda; Van Dorp agrees and sets the agenda:
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4. Confirming Minutes (210701 & 210707)

16 The attendees go over the minutes of the 1st of July page by page. No changes are suggested; Van Dorp
17 confirms the minutes (210701). Subsequently, the attendees go over the minutes of the 7th of July page by
18 page. Senchi notes that she will edit the document to reflect the absentees for that particular meeting; Van
19 Dorp confirms the minutes (210707). Senchi will publish the confirmed minutes on studentenraad.nl
20 [ACTION POINT].

5. Voting: Appointment Chair

21 Van Dorp explains that at this point during the meeting people can express their candidacy for the chair
22 position. Before asking who would like to take up the position Van Dorp and Batelaan explain that it is
23 required for the Chair to be competent in actively speaking and writing in Dutch and that both Chair and
24 Vice-Chair are members of the FSR's Daily Board. Then, Van Dorp asks the attendees who would like to
25 candidate themselves for the Chair position. None of the attendees candidate themselves. Van Dorp



1 comments that this causes a dilemma and asks the attendees why no one seems willing to fill the position.
2 Piraianu comments that he would be interested in the Vice-Chair position, but adds that he is uncertain if his
3 Dutch skills might cause communication impediments. Van Dorp and Kemper note that the CSR also had an
4 international student as Vice-Chair, Van Dorp doesn't believe his Dutch language skills will cause any
5 problems for the Vice-Chair position. Continuing, Batelaan adds that the Vice-Chair has an internal
6 communications role whereas the Chair an external communications role. In order to adequately address
7 the press, organisations, board, teams and student body it is required for the Chair to have both Dutch and
8 English (active) language skills.

9 Ballak expresses that she worries the Chair position might take up too much time, which would conflict with
10 her study plans. Kemper comments that a regular council member is expected to put in 15 hours of work;
11 Batelaan and Van Dorp note that DB members approximately put in 20 -24 hours of work per week and,
12 thus, also receive a larger grant. Former council members share how they planned their council- and study
13 hours in order to be effective as both student and council member. Verhave also explains how having in-
14 person meetings will positively affect the manageability of having a council position, because it will improve
15 communication during and between meetings.

16 Ouwehand wonders how the former council dealt with having a smaller workforce, Van Dorp replies that
17 due to the council having a working group structure they were able to merge working groups and disperse
18 some of the workload. Subsequently, Van Dorp briefly explains the types of council structures: file holder
19 system and working group structure. For more information Kemper refers everyone to the *inwerkmap*.

20 Ballak asks the former council members to summarise the Chair's tasks, responsibilities and competencies.
21 Batelaan and Van Dorp note that, as Chair, you have to prepare all meetings you attend and host (e.g. the
22 weekly PV and DB meeting), you are the council's spokesperson, you delegate tasks, ensure stability and a
23 positive working environment, guide the weekly PVs (i.e. technically chairing), etc. These tasks would be
24 well suited for a person who is sociable, a good and clear interlocutor, has authority, is empathic, proactive,
25 etc. Senchi adds that regular council members work on content whilst the Chair would be responsible for
26 organisation and giving the council members the tools to be able to work on said content. Kemper also notes
27 that the Chair is the face of the council and has to be very aware of the council's stance on a diverse range of
28 topics; the Chair holds final responsibility for the decisions made by the council and they will sign the
29 council's letters with their name and signature.

30 Piraianu comments that, if he runs for Vice-Chair, he would like to work with a Chair who won't feel
31 hindered by his Dutch language skills. Considering the hesitancy among councillors to candidate themselves
32 as well as her lack of familiarity with her fellow council members, Ouwehand proposes to postpone voting
33 on all council positions. Senchi interjects and explains that this would cause very serious scheduling
34 implications, though in Ouwehand's experience it wouldn't cause any major conflict. Van Dorp disagrees
35 with Ouwehand's statement and feels it is necessary to vote on the council positions during the *Inwerk*
36 *Midweek*. Ouwehand requests to, at least, postpone voting on the DB members; attendees agree to this
37 request. Van Dorp proposes to go for a break and for the councillors to consider their candidacy for the
38 Chair position.

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40 *Break*

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42 When returning from the break, Van Dorp asks if anyone has reconsidered their willingness for the position.
43 Ballak candidates herself as Chair. Consequently, Batelaan explains the difference between the closed and
44 open voting procedure. When voting for a person the vote will be closed, meaning attendees will
45 anonymously share their votes with the *Ambtelijk Secretaris* (AS), Senchi. Opposed to voting on cases or
46 stances, then the vote will be open and they determine a majority vote via a show of hands. Attendees are

1 able to vote in favour, against, blank (which will count for quorum and the vote will go to the majority) or
2 abstain (which will not count for quorum). As a technical point, Van Eck asks Ballak if she feels certain about
3 her commitment to becoming Chair. Senchi, in turn, proposes to postpone the voting procedure to the
4 following day in order to give the attendees extra time to ponder about this decision, but Van Dorp believes
5 it might be fruitful to decide on the position today (210901) considering the dean will be visiting the next
6 day and he will be expecting a Chair and Vice-Chair decision.

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8 The attendees agree to adjourn the meeting until 11:00 o'clock the following day, before the arrival of the
9 dean.

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11 *At 19:35 the meeting is adjourned until September 2nd 11:00*

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13 Van Dorp reopens the meeting at 11:23 on September 2nd, 2021. Ouwehand is unable to join the continuance
14 of the meeting; Vieira Ribeiro and Hondtong have joined the meeting on-site. Van Dorp notes that candidates
15 for the Chair and Vice-Chair position will be asked to share their motivation for the position followed by an
16 opportunity for attendees to ask them questions. At this point in the meeting there are no candidates for the
17 Chair position and Ballak briefly explains why she's decided to pull back her candidacy. Senchi comments
18 that the attendees should take their time to discuss the issue of finding a Chair and looking for solutions to
19 overcome most attendees' adversity towards taking on this responsibility. Van Eck proposes to make a
20 round and take inventory of everyone's reasons for their unwillingness to take up the position; the
21 attendees agree. Most attendees briefly express their reasons for waiving their candidacy (e.g. party size,
22 available time, conflict of interest, competency, trust, workload, etc.). Some of the attendees share possible
23 solutions to overcome some of the hesitations councillors have regarding position (e.g. rotating chairs, co-
24 chairs, higher stipend, etc.).

25 Attendees propose to set a deadline at 17:00 the same day (September 2nd, 2021) to come to a decision on
26 the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair. Everyone agrees to the proposed deadline; attendees will use the rest
27 of the day to brainstorm, come up with viable solutions, discuss council structure and make a final decision
28 on the matter.

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30 *The meeting is adjourned until 17:00*

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32 Van Dorp reopens the meeting at 17:13 and asks attendees about the fruit of their labor. Kemper comments
33 that they have decided upon installing a co-chairing structure, which means the FSR FGw would have two
34 Co-Chairs and one Vice-Chair. Vieira Ribeiro and Kemper candidate themselves as Co-Chairs; both share
35 their motivation for the role. The majority of the council feels secure about voting on the matter. Thus, Van
36 Dorp commences the closed voting procedure.

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38 **Voting proposal:** The FSR FGw 2021-2022 proposes to appoint Sara Kemper as Co-Chair for the FSR
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40 The proposal is **adopted**. The FSR FGw 2021-2021 appoints Sara Kemper as Co-Chair for the FSR
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43 **Voting proposal:** The FSR FGw 2021-2022 proposes to appoint Mikayla Vieira Ribeiro as Co-Chair
44 for the FSR FGw 2021-2022.

45 The proposal is **adopted**. The FSR FGw 2021-2021 appoints Mikayla Vieira Ribeiro as Co-Chair for
46 the FSR FGw 2021-2022.



6. Voting: Appointment Vice-Chair

1 Piraianu candidates himself as Vice-Chair and shares his motivation for the position.

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3 **Voting proposal:** The FSR FGw 2021-2022 proposes to appoint Ciprian Piraianu as Vice-Chair for
4 the FSR FGw 2021-2022.

5 The proposal is **adopted**. The FSR FGw 2021-2021 appoints Ciprian Piraianu as Vice-Chair for the
6 FSR FGw 2021-2022.

7. Voting: Appointment Daily Board Members

7 *The agenda point is scrapped and postponed to the next meeting.*

8. Voting: Appointment Treasures

8 *The agenda point is scrapped and postponed to the next meeting.*

9. WVTTK (Any Other Business)

9 Senchi reminds everyone they will also have to decide on a *sollicitatiecommissie* (SoCo; application
10 committee) for the FSR's council assistant, the safe person(s) and two delegates for the SoCo CoH and SoCo
11 GSH which are recruiting student members for their respective councils.

10. Final Points & Closing

12 No final points are mentioned. The meeting is closed at 17:38.

Action List

- 1 210222-01 Regarding *Inwerken*:
- 2 a) The council will create a Year Review document for the current and future council to
- 3 evaluate the year and learn from it.
- 4 ~~a. Kemper will translate the Housing Bi-Annual Report.~~
- 5 b. Sojo Perez, Van Dorp and Batelaan will finalize the Year Review
- 6 before the end of August.
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- 8 b) (210506) Choudhury will send out a form to all *inwerkweekend* attendees to convey
- 9 their food preferences and/or allergies.
- 10 210520-01 The incumbent council will schedule a meeting with the possible DB candidates (2021-
- 11 2022) to discuss how they envision council structure and their opinion on a DB vote
- 12 during the first PV.
- 13 210603-01 The FSR FGw 2021-2022 will have a conversation to establish their stance regarding the
- 14 democratization of the dean position.
- 15 210603-03 Batelaan, Kemper and Verhave will remove all FSR FGw *Wandkranten* before the start of
- 16 the next council year.
- 17 210610 The FSR FGw 2021-2022 will discuss mandating Kemper and Verhave (council members
- 18 FSR FGw 2020-2021) so they can attend the 774-committee meeting in September 2021.
- 19 210617-02 Vieira Ribeiro will have a meeting with Letje Lips regarding the finished diversity and
- 20 inclusivity survey during the 2021-2022 academic year.
- 21 210642-01 The FSR FGw 2021-2022 will schedule a meeting with Marie Therese Seignette at the start
- 22 of the upcoming academic year (2021-2022) for a social safety update.
- 23 210901-01 Senchi will publish the minutes (210701 & 210707) on studentenraad.nl



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 PVs 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.
30 201204 The council will meet up as soon as government restrictions allow 10-15 people to get
31 together again
32 210408 Regarding formal letters by the council
33 a) For every formal letter the council writes, at least, 2 editors will be appointed to check
34 the letter for (but not limited to) argumentative, stylistic, vocabulary, grammar and
35 structural flaws in order to improve it.
36 b) The writer(s) of the formal letters will notify the editors in time for the deadline or PV
37 to check its contents.
38 210506 The council will vote on the final version of the *inwerkmap* on the 17th of June 2021
39 210701 The council will ask the board to send over Word-files, when the council is required to/feel
40 the need to supply them with in-text textual edits/commentary.

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Besluiten/Decisions

- 210707 The FSR FGw 2021-2022 appoints Sara Kemper as CSR delegate for the FSR FGw 2021-2022.
- 210902-01 The FSR FGw 2021-2022 appoints Sara Kemper as Co-Chair for the FSR FGw 2021-2022.
- 210902-02 The FSR FGw 2021-2021 appoints Mikayla Vieira Ribeiro as Co-Chair for the FSR FGw 2021-2022.
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