



Minutes Plenary Meeting (PV) Faculty Student Council FGw, 27th of September 2021

Present	Julia Ballak, Sara Kemper, Jelle Mars, Ciprian Piraianu, Carlos van Eck, Mikayla Vieira Ribeiro, Tea Svendsen, Sara Verveer
Absent	Juliet Hondtong, Farah Malash, June Ouwehand
Guest	Froukje Vroom
Secretary	Angelina Senchi

Agenda

- 1. Opening**
- 2. Announcements**
- 3. Mail and Action List**
- 4. Confirming Minutes (210920) & Agenda**
- 5. Updates**
- 6. Discussing & Voting: *Huishoudelijk Reglement (HR)***
- ~~**7. Discussing: Location *Constitutieborrel***~~
- 8. Wvttk (any other business)**
- 9. Final Points & closing**

1. Opening

1 Kemper opens the meeting sometime after nine o'clock; Kemper will technically chair most of today's
2 meeting due to Vieira Ribeiro feeling under the weather.

2. Announcements

3 Ouwehand, Hondtong and Malash are absent. Hondtong has mandated Verveer. Senchi notes that her laptop
4 will forcibly restart during the meeting, which means part of the minutes might be less accurate than usual.

3. Mail and Action List

5 Senchi reminds the council of why she sets up the mail list, which is mostly to give the council members an
6 overview of the emails that they receive and to highlight what items require action. She's aware most people
7 are easily overwhelmed by the amount of emails they receive or that their inbox can easily become quite
8 chaotic. Nevertheless, she stresses that updating the mail list takes some time and she would appreciate it if
9 the councillors would inform her if they feel they don't need to use it. This way it would save her time so she
10 can work on other tasks. Otherwise, if the council does plan to use it, she urges the coordinators to really go
11 over the list during their committee- and DB meetings. Regarding the mail list, Kemper notes that they
12 received files relating to their budget advice. Kemper asks Senchi whether she has sent out confirmations of
13 receipt to the Council Assistant applicants yet. Senchi replies that she hasn't, because she felt that it'd be nice
14 to go over the applications with the *sollicitatiecommissie* first and filter the applications. Especially,
15 considering some applications seem fake or far from eligible.

16 Subsequently, the council goes over the action list:
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Action List

- 18 210222-01 Regarding *Inwerken*:
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20 evaluate the year and learn from it.
- 21 a. Sojo Perez, Van Dorp and Batelaan will finalize the Year Review
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24 Batelaan for a status update regarding the Year Review.
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26 democratization of the dean position.
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28 which will be presented at the PV in order to facilitate this discussion.
- 29 210617-02 Vieira Ribeiro will have a meeting with the Diversity Coordinator regarding the finished
30 diversity and inclusivity survey during the 2021-2022 academic year.
- 31 210642-01 The FSR FGw 2021-2022 will schedule a meeting with Marie Therese Seignette at the start
32 of the upcoming academic year (2021-2022) for a social safety update.
33 ***Kemper notes that this meeting piece can be scrapped, considering the meeting has
34 been scheduled – though, it still needs to be confirmed.***
- 35 210901-01 Senchi will publish the minutes (210701 & 210707) on studentenraad.nl



1 ***Senchi has published the minutes and will also publish the confirmed PV 210820***
2 ***minutes and OV 210617 minutes. Though she reminds everyone that she would still***
3 ***like the committees to take over this task, some councillors mention that Malash***
4 ***showed interest in picking up this task. Regardless, the action point is scrapped.***
5 210920-01 The council will select a council member to join the 774 committee (for their brainstorm
6 session September 27th)
7 ***Kemper comments barely anyone replied to the organiser of the meeting and***
8 ***therefore the meeting will be rescheduled.***

4. Confirming Minutes (210920) & Agenda

9 The council goes over the minutes page by page; one spelling mistake and one grammatical error are
10 highlighted. Kemper confirms the minutes; Senchi will edit the mistakes and publish the final version.
11 Next, Kemper projects today's agenda and asks whether people have any subjects they'd like to add or
12 changes they'd like to make. No changes are made to the agenda; Kemper sets the agenda.

5. Updates

5.1. CSR

13 Kemper informs the council that she was unable to attend the second half of the CSR's PV. During the
14 first half the central student council discussed their internal language policy, as should the FSR. She
15 notes that during the part she attended, they were unable to reach a consensus on the matter and will
16 continue the discussion later. Furthermore, they discussed informing the *College van Bestuur* (CvB) to
17 scrap mandatory attendance. She notes that the attendance issue at the humanities faculty seems to
18 differ from the other faculties; at the humanities faculty, those who want to attend often are unable to
19 due to lack of space and/or seating options or technical issues concerning hybrid sessions. Moreover,
20 they discussed the quality funds (*kwaliteitsgelden*). Kemper explains that the money is meant to
21 compensate students for higher education's shortcomings in connection to the promises made of
22 improvement when the loan-system was introduced, she stresses that the funds need to be invested in a
23 manner that is directly related and beneficial to students.

5.2. Chair(s)

24 Kemper and Van Eck attended an explanatory meeting regarding the budget with Anne van de Graaf
25 and Youssef Achahbar. During the meeting, they informed Van De Graaf & Achahbar that they might not
26 be able to finish their advice within five weeks.

5.3. Education & Learning Culture

27 Ballak attended TTO, where they (Piraianu and her) asked Weerman and Wilts to get more time for the
28 budget advice. Instead, Weerman proposed for them to get an additional meeting with Van De Graaf and
29 Achahbar and that, of course, the council could always enquire for more help or additional information
30 on the subject. After a question from Vroom regarding the budget timeline, Kemper explains that the
31 faculty board is also faced with a very tight timeline due to the deadline given to them by the CvB. Thus,
32 the council's timeline is also cut short because the advice timeline is based on the faculty's decision
33 timeline imposed by the central level. Kemper will consult with the CSR to see what can be done about
34 the timeline [ACTION POINT]. Furthermore, regarding TTO, Piraianu and Ballak add:

- 35 • the council will receive the Humanities in Context responses in the next two weeks;

- 1 • the department heads have received social safety trainings and board is considering
2 implementing these trainings for students (and study associations) as well;
3 • the board has received a document by the Ministry of Education concerning the guidelines for
4 restart of higher education; they will be adding policy notes on this to the Faculty Strategic
5 Plan.

5.4. Organisation & PR

6 Van Eck doesn't have an update to share.

5.5. Student Member fDB

7 Vroom shares that she has met up with the central level student assessor and urges the council to set up
8 a meeting with him. She notes that he has very interesting ideas and that he's especially interested in
9 inclusivity; the assessor has shared with Vroom that he himself has encountered obstacles as an
10 international student. Furthermore, they touched upon the subject of social safety and its importance.
11 Vroom and Kemper are both aware of an awareness campaign being launched regarding this theme, but
12 remain unaware of the specifics. At the end of the week the council's DB will meet with Marie-Therese
13 Seignette, the faculty's social safety expert, and ask about the campaign [ACTION POINT].

14 Also, there seems to be an issue of lecture halls/rooms being too full; not all students attending their on-
15 site lecture are guaranteed a seating place. Vroom notes that the board believes that this issue will
16 resolve itself, their reasoning being that it is a trend for fewer students to show up to class as the lecture
17 weeks progress. Vroom and council both believe this isn't an actual solution to the problem and that it
18 should be monitored very closely.

6. Evaluation: *Overlegvergadering (OV)*

19 Kemper gives a brief summary of the OV meeting for those who were unable to attend. She notes that:

- 20 • the council should contact Reijnen to make sure he sends over his research regarding inclusivity
21 and the alcohol policy [ACTION POINT];
22 • the council should contact Maria Hagen, head of communications and marketing, to discuss survey
23 options regarding the alcohol policy [ACTION POINT];
24 • the council should send over concrete information to Van Wesemael regarding the issues with the
25 *casuscommissie* (context: restart higher education & COVID-19)[ACTION POINT]

26 *Vroom leaves*

27 *Break*

7. Discussing & Voting: *Huishoudelijk Reglement (HR)*

28 Kemper projects the meeting piece and Senchi comments that she feels that the HR they are currently
29 discussing is dated. She explains that some vital edits, which were part of last year's discussion, aren't
30 reflected in the document; she fears that, even though the previous council might have voted on the changes,
31 they haven't actually applied them to the document. Regardless, this year's council will continue working
32 with the document that is currently available. Attendees go over the meeting piece and suggested
33 adaptations one by one:

- 34 • Regarding article 4.3:
35 It is suggested that the phrasing should be changed from 'technical chair' to 'chair', Senchi notes
36 that the technical varies depending upon the meeting (OV, working group- and DB-meeting) and

- 1 that they should consider this when it comes to notifying one's absence. The council will keep the
2 phrasing 'technical chair'.
- 3 • Regarding article 4.4:
4 Attendees observe that article 4.3 and 4.4 are quite similar. Therefore, they edit the document and
5 merge article 4.3 and 4.4. The edited article notes that the technical chair and/or secretary should
6 be notified of someone's absence during a meeting preferably 24 hours in advance.
 - 7 • Regarding article 4.9:
8 It is noted that the phrase 'it goes without saying' should be scrapped and replaced by a more
9 motivational phrasing. Attendees suggest changing it to 'members are expected'; council feels
10 positive about this change and the document is edited to reflect this suggestion.
 - 11 • Regarding article 5:
12 Svendsen feels like adding a percentage might help clarify how one determines a quorum. The
13 article is edited to reflect this suggestion by adding in "(i.e. >50%)". This way the article
14 demonstrates both a numerical and verbal explanation.
 - 15 • Regarding article 6, especially concerning the voting procedure:
 - 16 ○ Concerning article 6.6:
17 Van Eck has supplied some suggested sub-articles as an option to ensure the counting of
18 votes can still be arranged in an orderly manner in the case of, for instance, the secretary's
19 absence.
 - 20 ○ Concerning article 6.7:
21 Van Eck would like to promote transparency of and within the council and thus has
22 suggested several sub-articles related to the reporting and/or publication of the number
23 votes cast (in favour, against, blank, abstain) and the listing of names and parties that have
24 cast these particular votes. Ballak responds that the council should function as one and
25 that publishing such a report of the cast votes would make them and the meeting look
26 fractured. Piraianu notes that he feels positive about the registration of votes but he also
27 understands Ballak's concern. Vieira Ribeiro comments on online safety and that
28 registration of votes on controversial topics might be detrimental to future employment,
29 especially when names are listed and employers research individuals online. She suggests,
30 perhaps, keeping the registration internal. Van Eck retorts that names and comments
31 made by councillors are already part of the minutes. Senchi briefly recounts the difference
32 between the procedure of a closed vote and an open vote and the casting of an anonymous
33 vote. Kemper then notes that with an anonymous vote there shouldn't be any registration
34 of who voted what and proposes for the suggested sub-article 6.7.b, regarding open votes,
35 that names shouldn't be mentioned but only numbers and parties. Van Eck stresses the
36 importance of vote registration and gives an example of a situation wherein a chair is
37 elected with a small number of votes opposed to a unanimous vote. A councillor raises
38 their concern for the registration of votes possibly hindering someone in casting their
39 vote. Currently the proposal is: closed votes → only number of votes registered; open vote
40 → registration of votes by name and party; anonymous votes can be requested at any time.
41 Ballak objects to the registration of names and Mars feels the threshold for requesting an
42 anonymous vote should be increased. He feels that, especially when it comes to important
43 issues, this would create valuable insights. Kemper confirms whether this would mean a
44 higher threshold for controversial issues. Piraianu notes there is a distinction between
45 sensitive issues and controversial issues, he feels controversial issues could warrant
46 registration and sensitive issues might require a different treatment. Kemper suggests that

1 closed votes can be requested anytime, whereas a decision for an anonymous vote would
2 require a council majority. Senchi checks with the council how they feel about the current
3 voting options: the majority of the council feels comfortable with the registration of
4 parties and numbers during an open vote; the majority of the council also feels
5 comfortable with only registering numbers when it comes to a closed vote. The subject of
6 deposition is brought to the council's attention and its sensitivity when it comes to
7 registering votes. Vieira Ribeiro wonders whether the registration of votes could be more
8 harmful than useful, considering it might negatively and personally affect councillors
9 instead of being motivational or valuable. Ballak stresses that she would only feel
10 comfortable with these changes to the voting procedure if a completely anonymous vote
11 can still be requested at any time.

12 Due to a lack of time in the meeting and the importance of the voting procedure, the
13 council decides to have a separate in-depth discussion on article 6 during the next PV.
14 Piraianu, Mars and Van Eck will create additional meeting pieces to facilitate the
15 discussion on the voting procedure and create a proposed voting structure [ACTION
16 POINT].

- 17 • Regarding article 7.1:
18 The council decides that mandates should be publicly announced. Kemper notes that she will be
19 absent for next week's PV and mandates Vieira Ribeiro in her absence.
- 20 • Regarding article 8.2:
21 Ballak suggests making the action of offering compromise proposals optional instead of obligatory.

8. Discussing: Location *Constitutieborrel*

22 This topic will be discussed either in the Telegram group chat, via email or during next week's
23 PV.

9. WVTTK (Any Other Business)

24 Vieira Ribeiro reminds everyone of the council clean-up and photo-op and Kemper wants the councillors to
25 consider how they feel about using Telegram, Signal or WhatsApp. Ballak asks about the division of the files;
26 they decide to discuss this in the working groups using the meeting piece sent in the Week of the FSR.

10. Final Points & Closing

27 No final points are mentioned. The meeting is closed at 10:58.

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- 21 concerning the faculty budget.
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- 23 a) During their introduction meeting, the DB- members will ask Seignette for details
- 24 about the social safety awareness campaign.
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- 33 discussion on the voting procedure and create a proposed voting structure.

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 <i>Heidag</i> must be prepared for next year.
3	190904-04	The FSR - DB action list must be discussed for OVs, both internally and during the VO.
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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 the minutes.
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9	191001-01	The AS makes sure at the end of the year all private information of the Councilors is deleted.
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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 <i>eindejaarslijst</i> 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 <i>verslaglegging</i> in the Week of the FSR.
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19	200525-02	In case of absence – and especially for members with voting rights – the Councilors should be informed on time and mandate someone.
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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 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 terminology to avoid confusion between the council and board.
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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 together again
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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 the letter for (but not limited to) argumentative, stylistic, vocabulary, grammar and structural flaws in order to improve it.
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36		b) The writer(s) of the formal letters will notify the editors in time for the deadline or PV to check its contents.
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38	210506	The council will vote on the final version of the <i>inwerkmap</i> on the 17 th of June 2021
39	210701	The council will ask the board to send over Word-files, when the council is required to/feel the need to supply them with in-text textual edits/commentary.
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1 **Besluiten/Decisions**

- 2 210707 The FSR FGw 2021-2022 appoints Sara Kemper as CSR delegate for the FSR FGw 2021-2022.
- 3 210902-01 The FSR FGw 2021-2022 appoints Sara Kemper as Co-Chair for the FSR FGw 2021-2022.
- 4 210902-02 The FSR FGw 2021-2021 appoints Mikayla Vieira Ribeiro as Co-Chair for the FSR FGw 2021-
5 2022.
- 6 210902-03 The FSR FGw 2021-2021 appoints Ciprian Piraianu as Vice-Chair for the FSR FGw 2021-2022.
- 7 210913-01 The FSR FGw 2021-2021 will operate via a working group structure.
- 8 210913-02 The FSR FGw 2021-2022 appoints Carlos van Eck as DB Member for the FSR FGw 2021-2022.
- 9 210913-03 The FSR FGw 2021-2022 appoints Julia Ballak as DB Member for the FSR FGw 2021-2022.
- 10 210913-04 The FSR FGw 2021-2022 appoints Tea Svendsen as Safe Person for the FSR FGw 2021-2022.
- 11 210913-05 The FSR FGw 2021-2022 appoints Angelina Senchi as Safe Person for the FSR FGw 2021-
12 2022.
- 13 210913-06 The FSR FGw 2021-2022 appoints Sara Verveer as Treasurer for the FSR FGw 2021-2022.c
- 14 210913-07 The FSR FGw 2021-2022 appoints Svendsen, Van Eck and Malash as members of the
15 *Sollicitatiecommissie* in search of a council assistant for the FSR FGw 2021-2022.