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Minutes of the Plenaire Vergadering (9) of the FSR FMG '23 - '24
Faculty Student Council of the Faculty of Social and behavioural sciences

Date: November 10, 2023

Location: On-site

Present FSR '23-'24: Rachel Ham, Varvara Gorbunova, Diana Andreea Burduja, Kianush Monschau, , Elisa V Neiva, Samarth Kambli, Clara Ricci Curbastro Ruiz de Arcaute, Julie Nesse Barikmo

Absent FSR '23-24: Serena Song (mandates vote to Varvara), Sonia Batreja, Vidhi Khandelwal

Minutes: Kamyab Moteabbed

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1. Opening

Rachel opens the meeting at 15:16.

2. Announcements

Late arrivals: Varvara (each week due to schedule), Elisa, Kamyab, Clara, Samarth, Diana.

Diana might have invited the SRVU by accident. No harm done.

Website training on Monday, 6th of November. Organized by the CSR. Tell FSR about it. Add a button there linking it to the Wix website. Still, some information on the WordPress website will be useful, as Abbey informed Kamyab. A Suggestion was made to add a photo from our CoBo on the FSR-FMG WordPress page.

Elisa forwarded an email informing the FSR about a group of Kurdish students who want to plan a seminar about Rojava in the first weeks of January. They already have a professor from Groningen to speak, and are in need of a lecture room and budget.

Lastly, a Programme Director was asked about their opinion on the House Rules. They expressed interest. However, they opposition against the Palestinian slogan and Palestinian flags.

Julie: this rule is incredibly unequally enforced, since the UvA put out Ukrainian flags out.

The REC House rules section specifically bans all forms of political and religious expressions.

REC is violating their own House Rules with the disabilities entrance.

3. Setting the PV minutes

The minutes of PV8 are set.

4. Action Points

The action list is updated.

231012-6: Rachel/Varvara schedules the meeting with the director. (haven't, they start in January)

231030-4: Vote about denouncing the newly enforced house rules on protests and religious, and political expression. Comes back in topic 4.

231109-1: Diana drafts message to the student objecting to the PR statement. The council has a few hours to approve. If no objections, it will be sent out.

231109-2: All file holders should send Clara a small paragraph of what topics are tackled in the file and what tasks they have. This is particularly important for E&C as Clara is not part of the committee.

5. Mail

Linda van der Weg, team leader of the library at REC, has invited the FSR to discuss study spaces at REC ABC, and perhaps opinions we have regarding improvements. She is asking whether the council in this. There is no specific date on when to meet.

CoBo invitation: Mercurius: 13th of November at Café Plan West from 19.00-23.00.

The CSR has new O&O chair has been elected: Sofia Frumkina.

Rachel received an email from Sterre about numerus fixus of the Psychology Bachelor's. Ingmar Visser wants to talk about it in the OV. He opposes the idea of the one-week break, since he believes the Bachelor is too big to implement this idea. If the FSR has any questions about this, ask him before the OV with Diana, since she will bring this topic up in OV2. This is also going to be discussed about it in OV3. Keep communication with Ingmar.

Samarth suggested meeting Ingmar soon.

Rachel: a revision regarding Numerous Fixus for Psychology in topic 2. The Numerous Fixus is related to the OER, but not specifically a part of it.

6. Updates

Updates delegate to the CSR

No new updates

Updates worker's council

No new updates.

Updates O&F

Regarding the language accessibility issue, Clara sent a response to Sterre responding to her response on the budget. Clara will get in touch with Sonia to find and hire a trust person. Sterre noted that for the PC, there is don't need translators, because the FSR can ask for a rapport. OER are in English as well. Clara, however, noted that official translators might still be beneficial for the future, if the budget is not necessarily used this year.

Rachel, Kianush and Julie agree that the effort to get official translators is still important. It helps benefits the FSR to better participate.

Updates E&C

No new updates.

7. Setting the agenda

Agenda has been set.

8. Topic 1: Discussing prayer rooms

Samarth had a meeting with Sanne, and she agreed with the FSR. She suggested changing the policy ever so slightly to allow for lockers in the room, where religious items may be stored, such as prayer mats. This would still be a neutral space, specific religious objects would be stored in these lockers.

9. Topic 2: Discussing a response to the Israeli/Palestinian statement

In regards to the FSR's statement on Palestine, Varvara presented the FSR with a heated Instagram message from a student condemning the statement. Varvara suggested a second statement, written by her, be posted on the FSR-FMG Instagram page denouncing any form of discrimination, and suggested linking it to the student who was doxed at the EB graduation ceremony. Kianush, agreed with this proposal, and opposed a general statement denouncing discrimination. Julie suggested not mentioning the EB director. Rather, she points to the institutional nature of the issue. Varvara suggested not rushing in, that there is no immediacy right now to release a second statement.

Should the FSR reply to the student taking issue? Julie suggested yes, to set a democratic precedent. A response will be sent out in the group chat beforehand to get everyone's approval.
Vote:

The FSR is unanimously in favor for sending a response to the student. Votes in favor: 9; votes against: 0; abstainers: 0.

10. Topic 3: Proposed OV Agenda assessment

Diana brought up the inconsistency of when college hours end. Officially, colleges should end 15 minutes early, so there is time to change classes and to set up the next lecture. However, this does not happen at Sciencepark. This should be formalized.

Rachel suggested to save this issue for next OV.

Diana asked about topic 5: Since REC has very few study spaces. The rooms in the V-building can potentially serve as used as study spaces; moving classes to ABC. Rachel worries who to talk to.

Kianush suggested a trail, where the FSR books rooms for students to study in. This, however, had very low turnout in previous years, and must therefore be thoroughly advertised beforehand.

Julie suggested discussing why the current system exists the way it does, i.e. locking rooms unless booked. Concerns regarding theft. She suggested a discussion about ways to make the booking system more accessible, instead of opening everything up.

Rachel suggested to postpone this issue to OV3.

Julie suggested to add a few more minutes for the House Rules topic instead. Although there are concerns about things getting heated around this topic, so should this be discussed early or late in the OV.

Diana suggested moving the House Rules as the final issue. Although, that will depend on when the Programme Directors will attend.

Diana was unsure about the specifics of the Budget topic.

Rachel: The FSR will reiterate their advice on the budget, but will also express disapproval around the fact that they have no consent or binding advice.

11. Topic 4: OV Topic Discussion

Distributing the topics:

Questions to the Programme Directors: Varvara, Samarth, and Kianush;

774 system: Diana, Varvara, and Rachel;

House rules topic: Julie, Diana, Elisa, Kianush, Rachel, and Clara;

Language accessibility topic: Clara, Sonia, Vidhi, Serena, and Rachel.

12. Topic 5:

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13. Any other business

No other business.

CoBo on the 16th of November.

Diana and Samarth are the stick people.

There will be no formal attire requirements.

If you are not going to drink and are going to be a trustperson, let Rachel know.

14. Points for the CSR

No points

15. Points for the Media

No points.

16. Questions and Closing

No questions.

Rachel closes the meeting at 17:03.

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