



# Concept minutes Plenary Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> of November 2023

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## Agenda

### 1. Opening

### 2. Mail and action list (15 min)

### 3. Confirmation minutes (5 mins)

### 4. Confirmation agenda (3 min)

### 5. Announcements (1 min)

### 6. Updates (10 min)

*Chair, vice-Chair, DB-members, and CSR-delegate share updates.*

### 7. Discussing: **Unsolicited Advice Onkostenvergoeding Study Associations** (20 min) (attachment: 1)

*The FSR discusses the meeting piece in regard to onkostenvergoeding study associations.*

### 8. **Structure FSR: Workgroup** (10 min)

*The FSR discusses the structure of the council.*

### 9. Orientating: **HR FSR – Internal regulations** (15 min) (attachment: 1)

*The FSR looks at the old FSR HR.*

### 10. Deciding: **Israël Palestine letter** (10 min) (attachment: 1)

*The FSR decides the plan of action.*

### 11. **PR of the Week** (5 min)

*The FSR discusses what they want to post on social media this week.*

### 12. Final points and closing

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35 **1. Opening**

36 Heijnis opens the meeting at 13:13.

37 **2. Mail and action points (15 min)**

38 Van Kasteel did not have time to prepare a mail list. This will be discussed later in the meeting.

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40 **3. Confirmation minutes (5 min)**

41 The FSR discusses the minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> of November. No suggestions are made, minutes are confirmed.

42 **4. Confirmation agenda (3 min)**

43 Agenda is confirmed.

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45 **5. Announcements**

46 Heijnis explains that Van Beersum has dropped out of his studies and thus also of the FSR.

47 Van Eck has to leave the meeting earlier. Senchi joins the meeting at 13:23.

48 **6. Updates (10 min)**

49 *Chair, vice-Chair, DB-members, and CSR-delegate share updates.*

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51 Senchi explains she is in a conflict with a philosophy professor on the issue of social safety. For instance,  
52 professor shows potentially triggering videos without taking proper precautions or opening up a space for  
53 talk. Another problem is the language of examination of the professor, which is supposed to be in Dutch but  
54 the professor insists on having it in English which has led to stress for students. Senchi also announces that  
55 she has a meeting for organizing a museum night at the Allard Pierson. There are no further updates.

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57 **7. Discussing: Unsolicited Advice *Onkostenvergoeding* Study Associations (20 min) (attachment:  
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59 Benjamins shares on this issue which he was working on with Van Beersum. Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> they worked  
60 on the advice, but it is still unfinished because of a lack of time. Benjamins that in broad strokes the ideas  
61 that need to be in the advice are written down. Van Kasteel explains to Berg that the problem is that the  
62 board of ALPHA has got a cut in their *onkostenvergoeding* compared to the FSR FGw. A second problem is  
63 that not all study associations get an equal amount of *onkostenvergoeding*. For instance, the study  
64 association of Slavic Studies was not recognized anymore and therefore got no funds. Van Kasteel explains  
65 that last year a similar advice to solve this problem was sent by the FSR, but there was barely any response  
66 except a short and informal one on one meeting between Van Kasteel and a member of the faculty board.  
67 Van Kasteel says that the decisions on the funding of study associations should be decentralized for the  
68 humanities because of the large number of smaller programs. Berg says that this is a way to demotivate  
69 students for participating in boards or councils. Van Kasteel agrees.

70 Van Kasteel asks whether we should work on this issue on a central level as well. Benjamins explains that  
71 this will also be discussed on a central level. Heijnis proposes an addition to the letter that it is also good  
72 for the university to have a culture of participation and engagement with associations. Van Kasteel

73 emphasizes that the engagement with study associations is an interesting point to tackle. Senchi suggests  
74 arguing for a different kind of *onkostenvergoeding* in order for the board not to be able to say that council  
75 members already get funding. Senchi also states that eventually it should be furthered on a central level.  
76 The FSR agrees that councils and boards do a lot of work for the faculty, and therefore deserve proper  
77 compensation.

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79 Van Kasteel suggests that the letter is somewhat mild, in particular because the FSR has not yet gotten a  
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82 Heijnis proposes that since Van Beersum has dropped out somebody should help Benjamin. Van Kasteel  
83 proposes to help. Plan is to finish the letter for next week [ACTION POINT].

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#### 85 **8. Structure FSR: Workgroup (10 min)**

86 *The FSR discusses the structure of the council.*

87 Heijnis explains that the FSR has little time to discuss issues because the only meeting is during the weekly  
88 PV. Heijnis proposes workgroups in a less formal setting to suggest issues that could later be discussed in  
89 the PV. The idea is two workgroups without assigned topics, and that they will take place twice a week so  
90 that members can join at least one. Senchi adds that scheduling the workgroup on the basis of time instead  
91 of issue is good because it leaves the room open for discussion of several topics while also accommodating  
92 for the different schedules of members. Senchi explains that these workgroups can also aid in training  
93 members of the FSR in different processes such as writing advice letters.

94 Heijnis and Senchi propose to make a round for suggestions/opinions on the idea. Prins expresses support  
95 for the idea and explains that lately it has been hard to discuss everything in the PV. Van Kasteel states that  
96 it is a nice plan in order to not constantly be on the reacting side of things. Van Kasteel proposes to do these  
97 meetings at night in informal settings such as dinners and drinks. Bol expresses enthusiasm for dinner  
98 meetings. Senchi says that it is important and beneficial to have the meetings on a regular, weekly basis for  
99 continuity. Benjamins expresses some concerns about not having topics for the meetings. Senchi answers  
100 that it leaves the room open for multiple topics instead of restraining it. Tip says he likes the idea. Berg and  
101 Senchi state that they had the idea, after the meeting on 20/11, that the board enjoys the interaction with  
102 the FSR. Berg explains that pushing the agenda and have more attendance and involvement would be a  
103 good way to increase the interaction with the board and issues in the university.

104 Heijnis asks Tip and Van Kasteel for their preference for a day. Van Kasteel proposes a set day in which he  
105 does an evening meeting and Tip a morning/afternoon meeting. Senchi and Van Kasteel discuss the use of  
106 a poll to divide the groups. Heijnis proposes to have the poll on Friday to distribute the groups.

107 Council takes a break at 14:08

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#### 109 **9. Orientating: HR FSR – Internal regulations (15 min) (attachment: 1)**

110 *The FSR looks at the old FSR HR.*

111 Meeting resumes at 14:28

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113 Bol has left the meeting.

114 Senchi explains that the FSR 2023-2024 does not have HR/internal regulations, but that it might be good  
 115 to have a discussion on them. For instance, what kind of ground rules do we want to have, how do we deal  
 116 with somebody who has not showed up to meetings in a while, etc. Senchi says that now we are somewhat  
 117 winging it and do not have specific rules to adhere to.

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119 Heijnis asked for clarification on whether we have rules now or not, and Senchi explained that we only have  
 120 the rules from last year. Senchi asks the FSR to think about changes or suggestions to the HR and have an  
 121 open discussion on them in the near future. Senchi places the HR document in the folder for next week's  
 122 meeting [ACTION POINT].

123 10. **Deciding: Israël Palestine letter** (10 min) (attachment: 1)

124 *The FSR decides the plan of action.*

125 Heijnis proposes to send the statement the FSR posted on the social media to the DB. Berg asks whether  
 126 there is any possibility of working towards a joint statement. Van Kasteel and Heijnis say the DB will  
 127 probably not want this. Senchi says that the FSR can send it as unsolicited advice, but then it needs to be  
 128 rewritten in terms of a plan of action, as opposed to a statement/memo. Van Kasteel states he does not see  
 129 the point in sending it. He proposes instead to take some time to research the ties between the state of  
 130 Israël and certain universities, and the role this has with the occupation of Palestine. Tip says there is an  
 131 overview online that we can check to find this information. Van Kasteel clarifies that we should look into  
 132 the ties in relation to the humanities faculty. Senchi asks what the goal would be after attaining this  
 133 information. Van Kasteel proposes to tie it in with the larger discussion of cutting ties with Israeli  
 134 universities, and even take it as far as to cut ties with Belarussian and Russian universities, but that it is  
 135 important to first research the connections. Senchi suggests that there is a range of options, for instance a  
 136 discussion with the dean on the matter. Heijnis explains that he wants to research the concrete ties with  
 137 the faculty of humanities. Prins will help with this [ACTION POINT]. Based on this we can decide a further  
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139 **11. Final points and closing**

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141 The PV closes at 14:49.

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152 **Decisions**

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De FSR FGw 2023-2024 besluit de brief van de CSR getiteld "Unsolicited advice -third part collaboration 230921" mede te ondertekenen.

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De FSR FGw 2023-2024 besluit om de inhoud van agenda punt 8 "Relations between the voetnoot te plaatsen bij het agendapunt dat het zwartlakken heeft plaatsgevonden op verzoek van het fDB.

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De FSR FGw 2023-2024 besluit om de brief "support for the unsolicited advice from the CSR regarding third party collaborations" te delen met de CSR.

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De FSR-FGw 2023-2024 besluit om het statement aangedragen door Van Beersum te delen op sociale media als formeel statement met betrekking tot de situatie in Israël en Palestina.

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The FSR-FGw 2023-2024 will send out a negative advice to the fDB regarding FGw Budget.

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