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**Minutes of the Plenaire Vergadering (13) of the FSR FMG '23 - '24**  
*Faculty Student Council of the Faculty of Social and behavioural sciences*

Date: December 8, 2023

Location: On-site

Present FSR '23-'24: Rachel Ham, Diana Andreea Burduja, Kianush Monschau, Samarth Kambli, Julie Nesse Barikmo, Vidhi Khandelwal, Clara Ricci Curbastro Ruiz de Arcaute, Varvara Gorbunova (mandates vote to Serena), Marten van der Pal

Absent FSR '23-24: Sonia Batreja (mandates vote to Samarth), Elisa V Neiva (mandates vote to Rachel), Serena Song (mandates vote to Varvara)

Minutes: Kamyab Moteabbed

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## **1. Opening**

Rachel opens the meeting at 15:11.

## **2. Announcements**

Maarten, the CvB student assessor, joins the meeting today.

Late arrivals: Samarth.

Julie and Vidhi leave at 16.30.

## **3. Setting the PV minutes**

The minutes of PV12 are set.

## **4. Action Points**

The action list is updated.

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## **5. Mail**

Diana notes the FSR that Sterre asked to schedule a meeting about the OER.

15:17: Samarth enters the meeting.

Rachel informs the FSR that Suzanne from the executive board wants the FSR to help them in selecting a new dean. Rachel will attempt to include the whole FSR, but will meet Suzanne alone for now.

Maarten: this is the first step. you start off with a new document/profile, a bureau will help search for candidates. Someone is sent to the Bak to give consent on who is selected. Then ... don't leak!

Rachel also notes the Funding email she received from Joaquin, namely 1265 euros.

Maarten: this money is received from Bora, because of a government policy.

## **6. Updates**

### Updates delegate to the CSR

Diana: Sanna asks about the graduation. She wants the approval of the FSR so she can talk to the dean. Rachel responds that she needs to send a meeting piece, and she told this to Sanna a few weeks ago.

Also, Diana informs that Titus asked about funding for study advisors.

Clara understands this concern, but they should come to the FSR for such issues. Until the FSR has consent rights, the FSR cannot do much.

Julie informs that the amount of students have decreased, not increased, and says that they can send her an email.

Rachel: It was her and Julie and both Noah's that were there.

Julie has already told them to give any tips and tops.

Rachel notes that the tone used is a bit unfair.

### Updates worker's council

No new updates.

### Updates O&F

No new updates.

### Updates E&C

No new updates.

Rachel notes an update from the DB, namely that the meeting with the dean was not productive. It resulted from a misunderstanding from the dean's part, who thought the FSR organized the National walkout for Palestine, and that the OV served as a temperature check for the FSR to give the green light to the protest. The DB informed the dean that the FSR had nothing to do with the walkout. Also, the dean asked why the house rules questions were not given to her beforehand, but the DB notified her that they did not have those questions written yet at that point.

Rachel notes being happy that the outcome was not negative, but the emotional stress caused was not fair. This might be a possible OV topic.

## **7. Setting the agenda**

Agenda has been set.

### **8. Topic 1: Student assessor**

The student assessor introduces himself to the council.

He/hm. Medicine student. His role is advisory on student and educational topics. Access to UvA central. He also visits al FSRs each year. And urges the FSR to contact him if they need anything.

Rachel notes that our assessor attends meetings with OWIs and tunes in with the FSR's Ovs. She also updates Rachel weekly, and gives info on what the dean wants to see.

Maarten notes that he fulfills a similar function.

### **9. Topic 2: FSR funding**

Rachel informs the FSR about the budget.

Rachel: this could be skipped.

### **10. Topic 3: The guidebook**

Clara discusses the guidebook with the council.

Clara: this could be skipped. She notes that she will send an email asking for feedback about her writing since she has been writing on her own. She will also schedule a meeting with the student assessor of the FMG.

### **11. Topic 4: The Guidebook**

The council discusses student associations.

Diana asks the FSR if any member is in the SIB (the Dutch United Nations Student Association in Amsterdam). None is.

They did nothing in terms of events on the ongoing situation and genocide in Palestine.

Diana called out this absent, and called it inconvenient issue for them.

She asked how Ukraine which they did an event on was any different.

Someone attacked Diana, for being 'biased.'

The conversation ended with the chair answering why other topics were chosen, without noting why Palestine or the republic of Congo was ignored.

The FSR is organizing an event with SIB, but Diana is uncomfortable with the SIB's 'neutrality' on these subjects, and their attitude and apathy towards the suffering of these people.

Clara is uncomfortable too.

Julie withdraws her support too.

Diana expresses her apology for associating SIB in this event, and regrets doing so.

Also, Diana notes that SIB has internal issues.

Vidhi asked why SIB characterized these issues as "complicated."

Diana responds that one person mocked Diana's use of the term "genocide." SIB, however, maintained their stance on their neutrality and said that discussion is important to be fostered, and that oversimplification must be avoided. However, they had pro-Ukrainian events. Clara responds that they are the ones oversimplifying the situation.

Clara notes that the FSR cannot support SIB in that case.

Varvara asks if she can message a contact from SIB that Diana is not comfortable.

Diana responds that Varvara can tell him that she does not want to work with them.

Ihab sided with Diana, but Brody refrained from commenting.

The FSR discusses voting to rescind our support for the SIB

Kianush asks when to email SIB for a meeting. He wants to check if SIB's behavior stems from fear.

Julie wonders about this too asks when the event was supposed to take place. Julie would like the FSR to first take the institutional road; to schedule a meeting before sending a group email from the FSR first.

Rachel thinks this issue is time-sensitive. She understands the logic of discussing the issue with some SIB members before voting, but a decision has to be made ASAP.

Julie asks if the refraining would be a pause or a full denouncement. She does not see the usefulness of going into an argument with SIB.

Varvara would avoid giving SIB the impression that the FSR is ignoring them.

Rachel suggests two votes. The first vote is to pause the work for now. During a meeting, the FSR can bring an agenda, and if the answers are not satisfactory, then a second vote will be taken.

Rachel suggests voting on giving the council assistant (now and in the future; current and successor) voting rights.

In favor: 8 + 3 mandates; Against: 0; Abstained: 0. The council assistant position has voting rights!

The FSR votes to pause their work and ask for a meeting with SIB.

In favor: 9 + 3 mandates; Against: 0; Abstained: 0.

Diana suggests not sending the email. The contact person should be informed that Varvara is no longer the contact person.

Rachel suggests being the new contact person.

## **12. Topic 5: Discussing whether to invite Bora to the next PV**

The council discusses whether to invite Bora.

Vidhi leaves at 16:26.

Julie leaves at 16:29.

Diana asks if this was not discussed in the previous PV.

Diana suggests it would be useful for Bora to be here for 15 minutes. He should know this happened

Maarten: Bora is having meetings with every dean about 'medezeggenschap.' But Diana informs that the FMG dean already had this meeting.

Clara would like the issue to be in the minutes, discussed with Bora present and listening.

Varvara feels this issue is semi-resolved, and do not see a reason for having him. She is concerned about escalation.

Kianush agrees.

Maarten suggests that the FSR should think about what goal the FSR wants to achieve by inviting Bora to the PV.

Rachel notes that the FSR wants to inform what the dean is doing and acting.

Diana thinks this issue should be brought up now, and not months later when it is no longer relevant.

Maarten thinks that Bora might not be the right person for this. He recommends instead going to a safety officer or 'ombudsfunctionaris.'

Kianush agrees and would like to ask for advice on how to proceed with this issue, whether to pursue it further, and how.

Rachel notes that Bora is then not the person for this, and to go to the ombudsfunctionaris instead.

### **13. Any other business**

Kianush suggests the FSR to sign the ASVA letter concerning the UvA's response to the genocide in Gaza.

### **14. Points for the CSR**

Rachel notes that the FSR will contact the CSR for a meeting. Julie would love to have contact.

### **15. Points for the Media**

Varvara notes that OV1 snippets should be uploaded.

Also, she reminds the FSR about the study spaces post.

Clara will send a form about this in the group chat to get the opinions of other councilmembers. It consists of four questions.

Samarth leaves at 16:43.

### **16. Questions and Closing**

No questions.

Rachel closes the meeting at 16:44.

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