



Concept minutes Plenary Meeting 19^h of January 2024

Aanwezig	Angelina Senchi, Hidde Heijnis, Sean Berg, Rembrandt Tip, Sarah Boll (online) , Noah Benjamins, Giovanni Prins, Huy Le, Ivar Kracht (online)
Afwezig	Teun van Kasteel, Carlos van Eck
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Notulist	Liesje Verhave

Agenda

1. Opening

2. Mail and action list (15 min)

3. Confirmation minutes (5 mins)

4. Announcements (1 min)

5. Confirmation agenda (3 min)

6. Updates (10 min)

The chair, vicechair, **workgroups**, and CSR delegate share updates.

7. **Deciding:** (20 min) (attachment: 1)

The FSR discusses the advice regarding OER.

8. **Deciding: Part-time BA advice** (20 min) (attachment: 4)

The FSR looks at the part-time BA advice request.

9. **Discussing: OV prep** (20 min) (attachment: 3)

The FSR pre-discusses the OV.

10. **PR of the Week** (5 min)

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

11. Final points and closing



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32 **1. Opening**

33 Heijnis opens the meeting at 13:15.

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

35 The mail is discussed.

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

38 The FSR discusses the minutes of the 13th of December. There are no suggestions. The minutes are
39 confirmed.

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

41 The agenda is confirmed.

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43 **5. Announcements**

44 Van Kasteel and Van Eck are absent. Van Eck mandated Benjamins and Van Kasteel mandated Heijnis.

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

47 *Chair, vice-Chair, workgroups, and CSR-delegate share updates.*

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49 Verhave updates the council on the meeting her and Senchi attended regarding the FSR Night at the
50 Museum at the AP. The meeting went well. The event will probably happen, budget will come from the
51 faculty and the team at Allard Pierson will organize the event.

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53 Benjamins gives the council an update regarding the quality agreements. The CSR will soon send the FSR a
54 request to give our feedback on how the quality agreements are going at the faculty level. They will ask us
55 if the FSR is sufficiently involved in the spending of the quality funds. Furthermore, the CSR finally agreed
56 on the framework letter that the *medezeggenschap* will get a role in the housing discussion at REC – the CSR
57 and the FSRs present at REC. The CSR is also working on the budget.

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59 Senchi updates that they did some reorganizing for the social media output. The tasks will go from Heijnis
60 to Berg, Kracht and Le. Furthermore, *studentenkantine* was also discussed. Van Kasteel will take lead on
61 this subject. [ACTIONPOINT] We will put it on the PV for next week.

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63 Berg and Heijnis will set up a meeting to discuss social media [ACTIONPOINT].

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65 Senchi also says that she had contact with a staff member from the AP. He wondered if the FSR had any
66 input on how to diversify the catalogue of the library.

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68 **7. Discussing: Ongevraagd Advies Connecties Israëlische Universiteiten (20 min) (attachment: 1)**

69 *The FSR looks at the unsolicited advice connections Israeli universities.*

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71 Heijnis introduces the letter. Boll informs that there was a case in front of the International Board of Justice
72 from South Africa against Israel. Boll says that if the court has stated certain decisions it, we should mention
73 it, otherwise, international law has no use. Heijnis responds that the court has not made a decision yet, but

74 the fact that Israël is in front of this court already says a lot. Kracht adds that there are a lot of
75 condemnations in the letter but there is no condemnation of genocide in the letter – which the court case
76 is about. He says we should add this to the letter. Furthermore, the argument of academic neutrality of
77 Israeli universities according to Kracht is not the best to add in. Our argument is also that academic
78 neutrality does not exist as this is being used to block discussion around this subject at UvA. Heijnis says
79 that he mentions academic freedom, not academic neutrality. Tip proposes to finish it in a workgroup
80 meeting, as some facts are outdated – he also wants to add the arguments of lack of access to food and water
81 and the destruction of housing – as these points contribute to genocide. Heijnis still wants to phrase the
82 letter in a way that the fDB will support the letter. Berg is also concerned about the result of this letter. If
83 we, for example, ask for an indefinite suspension of relationships pending review instead of asking for a
84 complete suspension of this relationship. As this might lead to more action from the board. Senchi asks if
85 we want to discuss this letter at the OV, as this will influence how we should phrase the letter. Heijnis wants
86 to discuss this letter in a more informal setting, for example at a TTO. Tip and Heijnis will work on the letter
87 during the week [ACTIONPOINT].

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89 **8. Discussing: Budget response (20 min) (attachment: 1)**

90 *The FSR discusses the budget response.*

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92 Heijnis updates the council on the subject. He concludes that there are not many reasons to stick to a
93 negative advice. Kracht comments that we could use the letter in the context of the Israel-Palestine situation
94 and argue that we not advice positively until the faculty takes certain actions. Benjamins responds that it's
95 a bit strange to bring it up as we did not mention it in our original letter regarding the budget. Kracht
96 responds that it's an ongoing subject. Heijnis says the subject is not in connection with the current budget
97 discussion, so if we decide to bring this subject up now, we will have to make it broader and have this stance
98 on all council interactions with the fDB. Heijnis says we will have to include other organizations in this
99 action. Benjamins responds that we have already used our right of advice in our first budget and now we
100 are in the situation of discussing the budget, holding the negative advice does not have strong impact at
101 this point in the discussion. Tip says that even if there would be a court case, this would be bad publicity
102 for the faculty. If the international court of justice determines genocide, then the FSR has a legal basis to
103 refuse the budget. Senchi likes the strategy, but it doesn't make sense for the budget. Heijnis proposes not
104 to include this subject in the budget discussion. But to move forward with the letter regarding Israeli
105 universities, see the response of the fDB and then decide how to move forward.

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107 Furthermore, Benjamins says that in the university regulations only has advice right on the budget. Even
108 though, there is a section in the WHW that says that if there's certain rights at the central level, the faculty
109 level should have the same right.

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111 **Voting proposal:** The FSR FGw 2023-2024 proposes to send an email giving a positive advice on the FGw
112 budget after the adaptations were made.

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115 The proposal was accepted. Heijnis will write the email [ACTIONPOINT]. Send it to fDB and CC the
116 relevant parties.

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Benjamins will look in the FSR archive to see the discussion faculty-wide regarding the quality funds. If necessary, he will write up a memo for questions during the OV. [ACTIONPOINT]

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9. Deciding: Endorsement Canvas Letter FSR FdG

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The FSR FGw votes whether to endorse the Canvas letter by FSR FdG.

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The FSR discusses the letter. As this has been a subject also brought up by the council in the past as well, the FSR is positive about this initiative.

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Voting proposal: The FSR FGw 2023-2024 votes to endorse the letter of FSR-FdG to send the letter formally requesting access to Canvas for the FSR's.

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The voting proposal is accepted, Verhave will email FSR-FdG.

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10. Final points and closing

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Senchi asks for a temperature check on Jort Kelder hosting his podcast at UvA locations.

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

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

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159 The FSR-FGw 2023-2024 decides to send out the *Unsollicited Advice Onkostenvergoeding*
160 *231129*.

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164 format part B to the fDB.

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168 The FSR FGw 23-24 decides to send a negative advice on the proposed changes to part-time
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