



Concept minutes Plenary Meeting 28th of February 2024

Aanwezig Noah Benjamins, Angelina Senchi, Carlos van Eck, Teun van Kasteel, Giovanni Prins, Hidde Heijnis, Huy Le (online)
Afwezig Sarah Boll, Rembrandt Tip, Sean Berg, Ivar Kracht
Gast -
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. Discussing: OV subjects (10 min) (attachment: -)

The FSR potential OV subjects.

8. Deciding: Printing budget (15 min) (attachment: 1)

The council discusses budget for printing posters.

9. Discussing: FSR budget proposal (20 min) (attachment: 1)

The FSR discusses spending our own budget on Heijnis's proposal.

10. Discussing: Instemmingsverzoek OER'en ACASA (10 min) (attachment: 7)

The FSR prepares the consent request regarding OER ACASA.

11. PR of the Week (5 min)

The FSR discusses PR of the week.

12. Final points and closing

30

31

32

33

34

35

36

37 **1. Opening**

38 Senchi opens the meeting at 15:06.

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

40 The council discusses the email list. The council discusses the agenda. Heijinis and Senchi will attend
41 the meeting regarding the honours program and internationalisation.

42

43

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

45 We will confirm the minutes at the end of the meeting. The council confirms the minutes from the 7th
46 of February and the minutes of the 14th of February. Lastly, the minutes of the 21st of February are
47 confirmed.

48

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

50 The agenda is confirmed.

51

52 **5. Announcements**

53 Prins has to leave 10 minutes earlier. There are no other updates. Tip, Kracht, Boll, Van Eck are
54 absent. There are no mandates.

55

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

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

58

59 Senchi has had contact with the board regarding the FGw museum night. Maria Hagen will have a
60 meeting with Senchi regarding the date decision. Senchi will meet with a CSR member of UvA Sociaal
61 to discuss mandatory attendance in the OER.

62

63 At CSR-level they will discuss during the upcoming OV; internationalization, democratization, cirfood
64 etcera.

65

66

67

68 **7. Discussing: OV subjects (10 min) (attachment: -)**

69 *The FSR potential OV subjects.*

70 We will be discussing the letter regarding university ties to Israel. Heijnis wants to ask the board if they
71 acknowledge that critical voices are important at Israeli universities and if they can also acknowledge that
72 something is wrong. [ACTIONPOINT] The council will read the IMRQ3 before the upcoming OV.

73
74
75
76

77 8. **Deciding: Printing budget** (15 min) (attachment: 1)

78 *The council discusses budget for printing posters.*

79

80 The council decides to use 72 euros to print the posters. This will be for 6 posters. Verhave will organize
81 the poster [ACTIONPOINT]. A test version will be printed during the break.

82
83
84

85 9. **Discussing: FSR budget proposal** (20 min) (attachment: 1)

86 *The FSR discusses spending our own budget on Heijnis's proposal.*

87

88 Heijnis introduces the meeting piece. He asks the council if they agree on spending the specific budget on
89 promotional material and cutlery. The council agrees.

90

91 **Voting Proposal:** The FSR FGw 2023-2024 proposes to allocate 500 euros of its budget to use on the
92 proposal for the Anti-Kantine.

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	4	-	3	-

93 The voting proposal is **accepted**. The FSR FGw 2023-2024 decides to allocate 500 euros of its budget to
94 use on the proposal for the Anti-Kantine.

95

96 10. **Discussing: Instemmingsverzoek OER'en ACASA** (10 min) (attachment: 7)

97 *The FSR prepares the consent request regarding OER ACASA.*

98

99 The council has a discussion regarding mandatory attendance. Heijnis says that he understands why some
100 courses are necessary to have mandatory attendance because the value of education comes from group
101 interaction in some courses. Senchi responds that it depends on the student and some students learn and
102 study in different ways. Once mandatory attendance is used for a course like *Wetenschapsfilosofie* it can be
103 applied for everything.

104

105 Heijnis says that mandatory attendance can make people decide to actually attend class.

106

107 Benjamins says that mandatory attendance puts a lot of stress and pressure on students who have
108 legitimate reasons for not being able to attend certain classes.

109

110 Van Kasteel says attending is important and it prepares students for the rest of their life. Furthermore, it
111 differs a lot per faculty, and at the FGw in class discussion is very important.

112

113 Prins says that if a student cannot attend, they should pick a course that fits their schedule. He says
114 personally he hates mandatory attendance because he feels like he's in high school but it does force him to
115 attend for example 9 am classes.

116 Senchi also says that if your course is so easy that you can pass it without attending the curriculum should
117 be changed. Class importance should come from class content and not from mandatory attendance. Prins
118 agrees that this element should be included in classes, but class attendance is also part of discipline.

119

120 Heijnis says that now some courses in the faculty have guidelines where there are repercussions once a
121 student misses three classes. This also ties into the discussion for the borders of responsibility for teachers.

122

123 Senchi asks if adding it to the OER solves the issue.

124

125 Prins says he never met a teacher who made a big fuss about students having legitimate reasons for
126 attending classes. However personally, lower attendance ruins the course for him. Senchi and Heijnis agree
127 that it should be decided on the level of the course and not the level of the program.

128

129 Benjamins asks the council why the university should force students to attend. Heijnis says that in an ideal
130 world, the quality and difficulty of a course will make attendance necessary, but in the current situation,
131 low attendance makes the class quality even worse.

132 Prins also says that EC's and the classes are part of the education and not attending harms your education
133 which is a legitimate reason to force students to come as often as they can. Having a structural rule where
134 it's not mandatory every time but you have one or two free skips gives students the flexibility of not
135 attending when they are not able to. Senchi says that mandatory attendance is too strict, she is more in
136 favor of participation grades. It also gives students the option to improve their grades by just showing up
137 and participating in their courses.

138

139 Heijnis proposes to double down on the participation grade.

140

141 Benjamins says that in his program even when there's no mandatory attendance students still show up.
142 Senchi agrees that in her classes she also has good attendance. Prins says that in his experience the only
143 full classes he has participated in – even if the course is not the best attendance improves the quality.
144 Ideally, it can be fixed on the course level, but the best of the worst options is to have an attendance policy.
145 Benjamins agrees that attendance is good for education, but a mandatory attendance policy is a draconian
146 way to go about it. Ideally, you want motivated students attending your class, not students who are forced
147 to be there.

148

149 Heijnis concludes that there should be no mandatory attendance but allow participation grading. If teachers
150 complain that they do not have enough tools to get students into the classroom, they then can use the
151 participation grade and that this is encouraged by the faculty.

152

153 Senchi likes the idea of having a reward system that shows up instead of punishing the students that do not
154 attend. Van Kasteel says the FSR should also talk to teachers about this. Senchi says that we should
155 inventory where the most complaints are coming from, and which programs struggle the most with having
156 students attend classes.

157

158 Van Kasteel is in favor of mandatory attendance for all courses. He thinks we should talk to teachers about
159 this as it can lead to more administrative tasks but having a group of students that attends weekly creates
160 a sense of community and a personal classroom experience.

161

162 Prins proposes to send an email to different professors he has had classes with to ask about their positions.
163 Senchi proposes maybe organizing a session about mandatory attendance at VOX-pop to discuss this topic.

164

165 .

166 **11. Final points and closing**

167

168 The meeting is closed at 16:46.

169

170

171

172

173

174

175

176

177

178

179

180

181

182

183

184

185

186

187

188

189

190

191

192

193

194

195

196

197

198

199

200

201

202

203

204

205

206

207 **Decisions**

208

209 **230925**

210

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	7	-	-	-

211

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

212

213 **231002**

214

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	7	-	-	-

215

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.

216

217

218 **231009**

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	6	-	1	-

219

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.

220

221

222 **231030**

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	6	-	1	-

223

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.

224

225 **221115**

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	6	-	1	-

226

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

227

231129

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	5	-	2	-

228

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

229

230 **231206**

231

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	7	-	-	-

232

The FSR FGw 2023-2024 decides to send the advice letter concerning the OER part A and format part B to the fDB.

233

234

235 **231213**

236

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	6	-	1	-

237

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

238

239 **240119**

240

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	6	-	-	1

241

The FSR FGw 2023-2024 decides to send an email giving a positive advice on the FGw budget after the adaptations were made.

242

243

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	7	-	-	-

244

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

245

246 **240202**

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	5	-	1	1

247

The FSR FGw 2023-2024 decides to send the unsolicited advice concerning the connection to Israeli universities to the fDB.

248

249 **240221**

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	5	-	2	-

250

The FSR FGw 2023-2024 decides to send the reflection as written down in the proposed plan of action in the meeting piece regarding quality agreements to the central level.

251

252 **240228**

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	4	-	3	-

253

The FSR FGw 2023-2024 decides to allocate 500 euros of its budget to use on the proposal for the Anti-Kantine.

254

255

256

257

258

