



Concept Minutes Plenary Meeting 4th of March 2025

Date: 04-03-2025 (15:00-17:00)

PCH 6.15

Aanwezig: Selin Stefanova (she/her), Hidde Heijnis (he/him), Kevin Eng (he/him), Arina Artemyeva (she/her), Inna Kulazhenkova (she/her), Neha Thantry (she/her), Katja Kerzan (she/her) (online), Riccardo Molin (he/him) (online)

Afwezig: Rembrandt Tip, Ioanna Kestoros, Zep van de Visse, Francesco Bruseghini

Gast: Annika Gitter (any), Io Carpiso (she/her), Bente Schriemer (she/her)

Notulist: Tahira Mohammad (she/her)

Concept agenda

1. Opening

2. Mail, agenda, and action list (10 min)

3. Announcements (2 min)

4. Confirmation agenda (3 min)

5. Confirmation minutes (15 min)

6. Updates (10 min)

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

7. Discussing – Meeting pieces (10 minutes) (attachment:1)

The FSR discusses the proposed template on Meeting pieces by Heijnis.

8. Discussing and deciding – Possible collaborations (15 minutes) (attachment:0)

The FSR discusses and decides on collaborating with an organization suggested by Heijnis.

- Break – 10 minutes -

9. Discussing and deciding – Exam policy (10 minutes) (attachment:1)

The FSR discusses a point brought by Eng last week and decides on how to proceed.

10. Discussing and deciding – Unsolicited advice (10 minutes) (attachments: 1)

The FSR discusses and decides the Unsolicited advice by Molin.

11. Discussing and deciding – Subsidy guidelines (10 minutes) (attachments: 2)

The FSR discusses and decides on the Subsidy guidelines set in last week's Workgroup meeting.

12. Workgroup topics (5 minutes)

13. Palestine strategy (5 minutes)

14. PR of the week (5 minutes)

15. Final points and closing

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1. Opening

Stefanova opens the meeting at 15.10.

2. Mail, agenda, and action list (10 min)

The council holds an introduction round for the attending guests.

Mohammad shares the response of the exam committee. Kestoros, Kulazhenkova, and Tip will be contacted regarding their availability [ACTIONPOINT]. Stefanova updates on the survey; it is finalized, and she will share it with Kestoros [ACTIONPOINT].

Eng updates on his invitation to contribute to the quality of UvA's education. He proposes to discuss during one of the workgroups what points the council wants to bring forward given the fact we have insight into what opinions students hold regarding their education.

Eng updates the council on the budget improvement request. Heijnis shares that he was in contact with the previous treasurer about this topic. Eng will proceed by requesting what the faculty's expectations are, sharing the pending amount of last year and await a response to this.

3. Announcements (2 min)

Stefanova will have to depart the meeting at 17.00 sharp. Thantry announces that she will not be able to attend next week's plenary and the upcoming workgroups.

4. Confirmation agenda (3 min)

The agenda is confirmed.

5. Confirmation minutes (15 min)

Heijnis elaborates on the filled omissions in the document of 18-02. The minutes of 18-02 are confirmed.

The minutes of 25-02 are confirmed.

6. Updates (10 min)

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

Heijnis updates on the TTO of 28-02. Heijnis will be the FSR delegate for the faculty's consultative group (*klankbordgroep*) focusing on the Humanities' future in light of the current budget plans. Heijnis will furthermore also partake on behalf of the FSR FGw in the panel on the ethical framework for collaborations with third parties.

Artemyeva updates on the Housing meeting of February 11. Mohammad will ask whether Zep will be able to partake in the Housing meeting upcoming Thursday March 6th.

Eng updates on his workgroup that focused on the upcoming staff strike. Thantry updates on Kestoros' workgroup (led by Tip) which focused on the subsidy policy.

7. Discussing – Meeting pieces (10 minutes) (attachment:1)

The FSR discusses the proposed template on Meeting pieces by Heijnis.

Heijnis elaborates on the agenda point. During the evaluation weekend, the council reached the consensus to make use of meeting pieces for expansive agenda points as a means to facilitate a more efficient discussion. The meeting piece will focus on the motive, objective and main question of the agenda point. Heijnis queries whether the meeting piece should be used for every agenda point or merely for the expansive points. Eng responds that since it will increase the workload, it should only be used for expansive points. Heijnis adds to this that it should also be used for agenda points that require a vote. In case of usage of meeting pieces, the council decided to set a deadline for Friday mornings.

8. Discussing and deciding – Possible collaborations (15 minutes) (attachment:0)

The FSR discusses and decides on collaborating with an organization suggested by Heijnis.

Heijnis mentions that, as shared before, BDS Netherlands requested us to become part of their apartheid free zones coalition. They have a manifesto with numerous BDS demands, which are of similar nature to the pledges we adopted. Heijnis asks whether we want to partake in this campaign? Partaking in the campaign would entail further expanding the apartheid free zone in university by approaching other councils, student parties and organizations/associations. In case we proceed further, we should inform them that as an elected council, future composition and thus the council's stance is always subject to change. The council holds a vote on whether they want to proceed further.

Decisions

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Activistenpartij	5	-	3	-

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UvASociaal	1	-	-	-

The FSR FGw 2024-2025 proposes to enter in a collaboration with the BDS movement. The vote has passed.

The council takes a break at 15.48.

- Break – 10 minutes -

9. Discussing and deciding – Exam policy (10 minutes) (attachment:1)

The FSR discusses a point brought by Eng last week and decides on how to proceed.

The meeting resumes at 16.04.

Eng raises the question how to proceed further with the guess correction formula point. Heijnis states that this formula exists and is applied in other faculties as well. He suggests to look whether the OER mentions usage of the formula. Eng will contact Bruseghini whether this is a point picked up the CSR, if not, the council will proceed by writing an unsolicited advice. In case the CSR is already working on this, the council will approach the CSR with their points of concern [ACTIONPOINT].

Regarding the language policy on exams, Eng shares that the faculty will not make changes as it states she is already compliant with faculty policy.

Regarding the use of dictionaries during exams, the council agrees that it should be policy, and if this is already the case, it should improve its communication on the policy. Eng's workgroup will look into whether the OER covers the use of dictionaries during exams.

Eng shares the response from ASVA about our request for free Dutch language classes for Humanities students.

10. Discussing and deciding – Unsolicited advice (10 minutes) (attachments: 1)

The FSR discusses and decides the Unsolicited advice by Molin.

Molin incorporated the feedback received over the past weeks. Stefanova shares Bruseghini's suggestion to include the steps taken at other Dutch universities to accommodate neurodiverse students. The council votes on the advice.

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UvASociaal	1	-	-	-

The FSR FGw 2024-2025 proposes to send in the unsolicited advice on neurodiversity and identity including Bruseghini's proposed suggestion. The vote has passed.

11. Discussing and deciding – Subsidy guidelines (10 minutes) (attachments: 2)

The FSR discusses and decides on the Subsidy guidelines set in last week's Workgroup

meeting.

The council does not have any comments on the current concept of the policy. Stefanova will include the FSR logo in the document. Mohammad will place it on the website and furthermore share it with the Humanities associations and the university broad cultural associations [ACTIONPOINT]. The council holds a vote on the subsidy guidelines.

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UvASociaal	1	-	-	-

The FSR FGw 2024-2025 proposes to accept the subsidy guidelines. The vote has passed.

12. Workgroup topics (5 minutes)

This week's workgroups will focus on the OER ACASA, the fire policy and the OER dictionaries.

13. Palestine strategy (5 minutes)

Heijnis shares the points the Israel-Palestine fileholders will bring to the G1000 meeting on Thursday March 6th. Heijnis requests for a mandate to send invitations of the BDS campaign to other FSR's and organizations within the university.

14. PR of the week (5 minutes)

The council will promote on social media that they are now officially part of the BDS movement. The created content for the staff strike will be posted as well.

Thantry shares that she is working on the FGwandkrant. Stefanova updated the bake sale post with the raised sum.

15. Final points and closing

The meeting is closed at 16.44.

Decisions

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The FSR FGW 24-25 accepts and sends the unsolicited advice on democratic decision making on complicit ties with the proposed amendments.

Decisions

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UvASociaal	-	1	-	-

The FSR FGw 24-25 votes per mail to not accept supporting the letter sent by the FSR EB to the CSR to withdraw the vote of no confidence in the University Board.

Decisions

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UvASociaal	-	-	1	-

The FSR FGw 24-25 accepts and sends the unsolicited advice on genocide in communication with the proposed amendments.

Decisions

241107

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UvASociaal	-	-	1	-

The FSR FGw 24-25 accepts per mail to send the memo on class cancellation in support of the budget cuts protest.

Decisions

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The FSR FGw 24-25 votes to accept the FSR amendments for the OER A and format part B.

Decisions

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UvASociaal	1	-	-	-

The FSR FGw 2024-2025 votes to send the unsolicited advice on support for the staff strike.

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241206

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The FSR FGw 2024-2025 proposes to remove article 4.7 in OER B, and in case of non-acceptance, to proceed with 25 percent attendance.

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UvASociaal	-	-	1	-

The FSR FGw 2024-2025 proposes to send in a Woo request for communication documents between the CDO and University Board during the Palestine campus demonstrations in May 2024.

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UvASociaal	1	-	-	-

The FSR FGw 2024-2025 proposes to send the unsolicited advice on committing to no ties with Israeli universities [on the condition that Bruseghini's suggested paragraph is added].

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The FSR FGw 2024-2025 proposes to adopt pledges on no ties with Israeli universities.

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The FSR FGw 2024-2025 proposes to send the unsolicited advice on resit schemes with the proposed changes.

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