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# Concept Notulen Plenary Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2025

Date: 16-04-2025 (15:00-17:00)

PCH 3.19

Aanwezig: Selin Stefanova (she/her), Rembrandt Tip (he/him), Kevin Eng (he/him), Hidde Heijnis (he/him), Arina Artemyeva (she/her), Francesco Bruseghini (he/him), Neha Thantry (she/her), Inna Kulazhenkova (she/her), Florence Lynch (she/her), Zep van de Visse (he/him), Riccardo Molin (he/him)

Afwezig: Ioanna Kestoros

Gast: Hannah Wessels (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 (5 min)
- 6. Updates (10 min)

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

7. Financing student association (SES + Spotlight) (15 minutes) (attachment: 0)

The FSR discusses whether they would like to support the associations.

8. <u>Diversity Office meeting (10 minutes) (attachments: 0)</u>

The FSR discusses the diversity office meeting and future steps.

9. Klankboordgroep & Budget cuts (10 minutes) (attachment:0)

The FSR discusses the budget cuts and the role of the sounding board.

- Break 5 minutes
- 10. Transfer committee & file division (15 minutes) (attachment:0)

The FSR appoints a transfer committee, responsible for organizing the transfer weekend and updating the transfer documents.

11. Protest preparedness policy (10 minutes) (attachment:0)

The FSR discusses their policy in case of protests.



- 12. Workgroup topics (5 minutes)
- 13. Palestine strategy (5 minutes)
- 14. PR of the week (5 minutes)
- 15. Final points and closing

#### **Notulen**

#### 16. Opening

Stefanova opens the meeting at 15.05.

#### 17. Mail, agenda, and action list (10 min)

Mohammad shares the mail by the FSR FNWI regarding the formalization of breaks. The council discusses how they will respond to the message. Mohammad will respond that the council shall share a similar letter with the faculty board [ACTIONPOINT]. Lynch will set up this letter [ACTIONPOINT].

Thantry updates on a potential collaboration with UvA film club. A date has opened up for May  $1^{\text{st}}$ .

Stefanova shares that the feedback provided by the communications department is currently being incorporated into the student survey.

# 18. Announcements (2 min)

Stefanova has to leave at 17.00. Kulazhenkova shares that she is unable to lead the OER file during the May period.

# 19. Confirmation agenda (3 min)

The agenda point on the faculty meeting on ties with Israeli institutions is removed. The break is shortened to five minutes. The agenda is confirmed.

#### 20. Confirmation minutes (5 min)

The minutes of 25-03 are confirmed.

# 21. Updates (10 min)

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

Heijnis gives an update on the TTO and the topics discussed.

Eng gives an update on this week's workgroup. Two memos to the OR and COR were set up and the subsidy applications were reviewed.

Bruseghini provides CSR updates. Their latest OV focused on the WIB counter proposal set up by the UNL. Bruseghini numerates the points the proposal addresses. Mohammad reiterates that the substantive points of the proposal can be found in a message forwarded to everyone's mail. The OV furthermore discussed the Berenschot report as well as the Maagdenhuis occupation of Monday the  $14^{\rm th}$  of April.

The CSR PV of this week focused on establishing a candidate committee for the next student assessor. A statement regarding the Maagdenhuis occupation was furthermore discussed. Additionally, a restructuring of the CSR's working agreements is taking place.

Thantry updates on the meeting with the Teaching & Wellbeing Centre (TLC). She proposes to set up an unsolicited advice on the omission of a wellbeing policy at the University, more specifically the Faculty of Humanities. Other universities do have such policies in place.

#### 22. Financing student association (SES + Spotlight) (15 minutes) (attachment: 0)

The FSR discusses whether they would like to support the associations.

The council discusses the subsidy applications by SES, Spotlight, Maecenas and Nordom. The council decides to hold a vote on how much funding each applicant will be granted.

#### **Decisions**

250416

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	6	-	1	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Inter	1	-	-	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
UvASociaal	-	-	1	-

The FSR FGw 2024-2025 proposes to fund SES with the full amount, Spotlight with the full amount, and Maecenas with half the amount.

The vote has passed.

#### 23. Diversity Office meeting (10 minutes) (attachments: 0)

The FSR discusses the diversity office meeting and future steps.

Thantry updates on the meeting with the faculty Diversity Office that took place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April. The meeting started by discussing the topic of disabilities and accessibility. The faculty





is working on a standard package of accommodations and adjustments for students with disabilities and neurodivergent students for examinations. This document will reach us soon. The fDO will organize a faculty wide discussion on decolonization of the academic curriculum in June. Furthermore, a point of contention in the faculty is religion and secularity within the faculty. The meeting also touched upon the effectiveness of current communication means and methods. Next, the notion of limited future career prospects of Humanities graduates among minority communities was discussed. Thantry adds that it is also an issue of hiring and employment, but this cannot be actively tackled at the moment due to the hiring freeze that is in place right now.

Molin brings forth concerns raised by a group of students regarding a pushback against making political remarks in the classroom. Van de Visse, Molin and Thantry will look further into this [ACTIONPOINT].

Mohammad queries how the action points will be followed up upon. Kristine shared that from the faculty's perspective, there is not one understanding of what decolonization entails and what falls under its umbrella. It would be good to have dialogue in a safe environment between students and staff to better facilitate a safe and healthy classroom environment that encourages critique and dialogue regarding inherently colonial curriculums. Perhaps it is effective to discuss with the social safety officer how this can be facilitated the best. Thantry asks whether the council wants to (co-)organize a discussion on classroom environment. She reiterates that the fDO is open to us co-organizing the symposium. Mohammad, Molin, Stefanova and Thantry will pick this up [ACTIONPOINT].

Mohammad gives a reminder on the symposium in the Kartini zaal next Tuesday.

#### 24. Klankboordgroep & Budget cuts (10 minutes) (attachment:0)

The FSR discusses the budget cuts and the role of the sounding board.

Heijnis updates on the session that took place with the klankbordgroep. The fDB set up a plan on how to deal with the budget cuts. The plan mostly consists of appointing the program directors with the responsibility to make their programs financially stable within the new framework. The initial purpose of the klankbordgroep was not to merely re-evaluate the faculty's finances and budget cuts, but to furthermore re-evaluate what kind of faculty we want to be and make a future vision plan based on the outcome. However, the klankbordgroep came to the realization that the vision plan included in the initial plan of the fDB consisted of many omissions. The vision plan consisted mainly of the faculty strategic plan and several other preexisting documents. It is an important point as the vision plan determines what sort of faculty we want to be and where our priorities lay. Do we want to be a faculty that is broad in its current sense with a lot of different disciplines or do we want to have main points of expertise and for example detach ourselves completely from our language programs. A small batch of klankbordgroep members will start meeting regularly to brainstorm on a vision plan. The council decides to appoint Tip as Heijnis' replacement as the FSR-delegate of the group.

Mohammad will try to attend as well to take minutes. Wessels elaborates that the board does

not want to impose a vision, so they took a step back there. Mohammad will send the memo on the Maagdenhuis occupation after the vote has taken place [ACTIONPOINT].

#### • Break - 5 minutes

#### 25. Transfer committee & file division (15 minutes) (attachment:0)

The FSR appoints a transfer committee, responsible for organizing the transfer weekend and updating the transfer documents.

Eng updates on the *forum onderwijsvisie* he attended. He did not experience it as a legitimate discussion, but rather as a publicity stunt to depict the idea that they are committed to improving education.

The council discusses the renewed file division. As some files were no longer relevant, the Daily Board of the FSR created a more principled division.

The council discusses the need for a transfer committee to be established. The committee shall consist of Lynch, Bruseghini, Eng, Lynch, Mohammad and Van de Visse. The committee will be in charge of updating the *inwerkmap*, transfer documents including an overview of all the files that were covered in 2024-2025. Kestoros and Kulazhenkova will be in charge of booking the accommodation.

The council decides that Stefanova and Lynch will co-lead the OER file.

#### 26. Protest preparedness policy (10 minutes) (attachment:0)

The FSR discusses their policy in case of protests.

Thantry states that in times of crises, we should be prepared well in advance who our points of contact are, whether we initiate the contact with the fDB and the OR as well. It should furthermore be clarified if and how we want to come forward with statements on our social media. Mohammad proposes to, due to time constraints, for someone to write a meeting piece and continue this agenda point during the next plenary. Thantry will write the meeting piece [ACTIONPOINT].

The council discusses what points Stefanova should bring forward with her talk with the dean. Lynch reiterates that the narrative always has to be forced back to emphasizing communication with the protesting students. Mohammad reiterates that the University should always refrain from involving riot police. Heijnis proposes to mandate everyone to contact the OR the next time a similar situation arises. Tip suggests including it in the eventual policy.

- 27. Workgroup topics (5 minutes)
- 28. Palestine strategy (5 minutes)
- 29. PR of the week (5 minutes)
- 30. Final points and closing





The meeting is closed at 17:09.

# **Decision list**

# **Decisions**

240912

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	5	-	3	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Inter	1	-	-	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
UvASociaal	1	-	-	-

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

# **Decisions**

241022

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	-	7	1	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Inter	-	1	-	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
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**

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	5	-	3	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Inter	1	-	-	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
UvASociaal	-	-	1	-

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

#### **Decisions**

241107

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	7	-	1	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Inter	1	-	-	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
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**

241108

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	5	-	3	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Inter	1	-	-	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
UvASociaal	1	-	-	-

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

# **Decisions**

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	6	-	2	-





	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Inter	1	-	-	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
UvASociaal	1	-	-	-

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

#### **Decisions**

241206

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	6	-	2	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Inter	1	-	-	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
UvASociaal	1	-	-	-

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

#### **Decisions**

250113

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	5	-	3	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Inter	1	-	-	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
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.

#### **Decisions**

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	6	-	2	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Inter	1	-	-	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
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].

# **Decisions**

250127

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	6	-	2	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Inter	1	-	-	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
UvASociaal	1	-	-	1

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

# **Decisions**

250127

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	6	-	2	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Inter	1	-	-	-

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UvASociaal	1	-	-	-

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

# **Decisions**





	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	5	-	3	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Inter	-	-	1	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
UvASociaal	1	-	-	-

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

#### **Decisions**

250304

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	5	-	3	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Inter	-	-	1	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
UvASociaal	1	-	-	ı

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

# **Decisions**

250304

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	5	ı	3	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Inter	-	-	1	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
UvASociaal	1	-	-	-

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

# **Decisions**

250311

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	5	-	3	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Inter	1	-	-	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
UvASociaal	1	-	-	-

The FSR FGw 2024-2025 adopts the statements within the OER ACASA documents as official council standpoints.

# **Decisions**

250314

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	5	-	2	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Inter	1	-	-	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
UvASociaal	-	-	1	-

The FSR FGw 2024-2025 votes per mail to send the memo on dictionaries during exams.

# **Decisions**

250314

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	6	-	1	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Inter	1	-	-	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
UvASociaal	1	-	-	-

The FSR FGw 2024-2025 votes per mail to support the staff strike on the  $17^{\text{th}}$  of March.





# **Decisions**

250318

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	4	-	3	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Inter	1	-	-	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
UvASociaal	1	-	-	-

The FSR FGw 2024-2025 proposes to send a legal notice to the department of Legal Affairs of the University.

# **Decisions**

250416

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	6	-	1	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Inter	1	-	-	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
UvASociaal	-	-	1	-

The FSR FGw 2024-2025 proposes to fund SES with the full amount, Spotlight with the full amount, and Maecenas with half the amount.