



Concept Minutes Plenary Meeting 24th of April 2025

Date: 24-04-2025 (15:00-17:00)

PCH 3.19

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

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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. **Discussing - Faculty meeting on ties with Israeli institutions (15 minutes)**
(attachment:0)
The FSR discusses the use of a referendum for breaking ties.
8. **Informing and discussing – Guess correction formula (10 minutes) (Meeting piece: 1)**
The FSR discusses updates on the Guess correction formula.
9. **Discussing - Election promotion (10 minutes)**
The FSR starts discussions on their promotion before and during elections.
 - Break – 5 minutes
10. **Discussing and deciding - Protest preparedness policy (25 minutes) (Meeting piece: 1)**
The FSR discusses their Protest preparedness policy.
11. **Discussing and deciding – End of Council year (10 minutes) (attachments:0)**
The FSR goes through the files and discusses what they want to focus on for the last months of their Council year.
12. **OV Preparation (20 minutes)**
The FSR starts preparing for their upcoming OV.

13. Workgroup topics (5 minutes)

14. Palestine strategy (5 minutes)

15. PR of the week (5 minutes)

16. Final points and closing

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17. Opening

Stefanova opens the meeting at 15:10.

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

Mohammad shares the request for a FSR delegate to participate in the jury for the FGw Education prize. The council decides to delegate Mohammad.

The council goes through the action list. Kestoros and Kulazhenkova give an update on the accommodation for the transfer weekend. The council decides to hold the FSR FGw x UvA Film Club movie screening in June. Kestoros shares that additional feedback has been provided for the survey, which will be incorporated during this week's workgroup.

19. Announcements (2 min)

Eng and Lynch have to leave at 17.00.

20. Confirmation agenda (3 min)

The agenda is confirmed.

21. Confirmation minutes (5 min)

The minutes of 16-04 are confirmed.

22. Updates (10 min)

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

Tip updates about the Faculty *Klankbordgroep*. The group wants the FSR to inform the faculty's board that they want them to play a more active role in establishing a vision plan for the faculty. The FGw is shrinking, at this rate we would meet the demands for less international students. The absolute numbers are decreasing, there is a possibility that the structural funding of the faculty will be decreased by an additional 20 percent, resulting in an overall 30 percent cutback. The minister responded to UNL's proposal. He plans to proceed with implementing TAO. Van de Visse shares that there is a big chance that a strict version of the TAO will be implemented, resulting in all programs (except for English) being offered only in Dutch. Tip elaborates that it is hard to attribute the cutback in student interest to one specific cause. Multiple factors might contribute to the current decrease in student applications.

Thantry and Kestoros update on the workgroups.

Kestoros updates on the meeting with the exam committee. The main focus of the meeting was the use of AI. The faculty plans on restructuring classes and assignments in such a way that most assignments will be finished in class, to decrease the chances of AI use by students.

Stefanova updates that she has not received a call by the dean.

Mohammad updates on the Kartini symposium.

**23. Discussing - Faculty meeting on ties with Israeli institutions (15 minutes)
(attachment:0)**

The FSR discusses the use of a referendum for breaking ties.

Thantry explains that an alternative proposal for the G1000 collaboration has been in the works. The council discusses proposing a referendum instead of the initial alternative plan. There are two potential alternatives. The first idea would be to pursue the initial alternative plan. The second idea would be to pursue a referendum. There is precedent for this, regarding the 2015 democratization referendum. The result was that an overwhelming number wanted a more democratic university.

24. Informing and discussing – Guess correction formula (10 minutes) (Meeting piece: 1)

The FSR discusses updates on the Guess correction formula.

Kestoros explains the meeting piece. The exam committee explained that the mandatory use of the guess correction formula was implemented this academic year. Bruseghini and Kestoros shared that many students are unaware of this formula, as it has not been included in the OER. The exam committee responded that it has been included in a separate document. The council discusses their stance on the guess correction formula. Thantry states that students should not be penalized for making an educated guess. If teachers are worried that their exams are too guessable, they should work on the quality of the exam questions. Mohammad asks whether the FSR FGw of last academic year was updated on the implementation of the formula. Tip says that he cannot recall being informed. Eng shares that he contacted the CSR about this matter. They will update us once any progress has been made. Van de visse shares that this is part of a broader pattern within the University and society that makes rules to address fraud instead of doing the thing that you're supposed to do. It assumes fraud at the expense of people who do not fraud yet lose from the system. Thantry states that she is of the opinion that the FSR should take a stance against it. Since we are against punitive testing measures and penalizing students on the assumptions that they are not meeting the expectations set for them, guess correction is something we should make a strong stand against. Thantry states that the fact that it is not included in the OER and that it never passed the FSR is probably against the rules. The point of the OER is that mandatory and automatic rules are established in consultation with staff and students. Mohammad asks how one can assess the difference between a student that studied very well versus a student that was successful in making the right guess. The council

decides to write an unsolicited advice. Bruseghini, Kestoros and Thantry will work on the advice [ACTIONPOINT].

25. Discussing - Election promotion (10 minutes)

The FSR starts discussions on their promotion before and during elections.

Mohammad says that Thantry rightfully pointed out that election campaign activities mainly take place at REC. She suggests to do a stance at the main floor in PCH. Thantry reiterates her idea to do a candidates debate for the FSR FGw in the PCH cafeteria on the third floor. The council discusses in what week they want to campaign. The council decides to start the Thursday before the elections officially start. Kestoros suggests to start working on the promotion material. Artemyeva and Kestoros will contact facility services to include the election promotions on the screens in the FGw buildings [ACTIONPOINT]. Facility services will furthermore be contacted to ask permission for the stance on the ground floor [ACTIONPOINT]. Stefanova and Bruseghini will see if De Nieuwe Mensa can help out [ACTIONPOINT]. Mohammad will ask for the fDB to support the candidates' debate on the third floor of PCH [ACTIONPOINT].

The council takes a break.

- Break – 5 minutes

26. Discussing and deciding - Protest preparedness policy (25 minutes) (Meeting piece: 1)

The FSR discusses their Protest preparedness policy.

The council discusses the policy. The need for legal observers during protests is discussed. The council will send Amnesty an email and ask for a point of contact and whether they are able to provide legal observers on a short notice [ACTIONPOINT]. The council appoints Stefanova as the media spokesperson. The council discusses appointing a backup.

27. Discussing and deciding – End of Council year (10 minutes) (attachments:0)

The FSR goes through the files and discusses what they want to focus on for the last months of their Council year.

28. OV Preparation (20 minutes)

The FSR starts preparing for their upcoming OV.

The council discusses the agenda points they want to bring forward during the upcoming OV on 20-05. The following points will be brought forward: Ties with Israeli institutions, English as the governing language within the FSR, student social wellbeing policy within the FGw, and student assessor selection.

29. Workgroup topics (5 minutes)

30. Palestine strategy (5 minutes)

31. PR of the week (5 minutes)

32. Final points and closing

The meeting ends at 17:00.

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

241101



	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

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 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-acceptance, to proceed with 25 percent attendance.

Decisions

250113

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	5	-	3	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Inter	1	-	-	-

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UvASociaal	-	-	1	-
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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

250127

	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	-	-	-

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	-	-	-

	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
UvASociaal	1	-	-	-

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

Decisions
250304

	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	-	-	-

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

Decisions
250304

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Activistenpartij	5	-	3	-
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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 17th 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.

Decisions

250425

	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 send an unsolicited advice on bilingual working conditions within the FGw.

Decisions

250425

	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 send an unsolicited advice on 'Response to Recent Student Protests'.