

Concept minutes of the informal *Plenaire vergadering* of the CSR on 23 August 2023

Present	Noah Pellikaan, Titus van der Valk, Mic Cimmino, Ihab Laachir, Sofia Frumkina, Saar Schnieders, Noah Benjamins, Elisa Neiva, Stefana Feciuc, Roza Wagenaer.
Absent	Sanaa Kashif, Joaquim Becker, Ruben Brouwer, Jessey van Oostende.
Guest(s)	Maarten Krugers Dagneaux [student assessor]; Anjali George (former CSR member)
Minutes	Abigail Gilchrist (<i>Administrative secretary</i>).

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1. Opening

Noah P. opens the meeting at 11:33 and welcomes the meeting participants.

2. Mail

The mail is read.

3. Adapting concept minutes

The minutes of the 21st of June are postponed.

4. Checking the action list

The action list is checked. See attachment.

5. Announcements

- Maarten is announced as the new student assessor.

Mandates

10 eligible votes. The quorum is met.

6. Updates: DB, delegates, central student assessor

Updates are discussed.

7. Setting the agenda

10 The agenda is set. Green commitment, RvA Appointment and SoC Appointment are changed to informing/discussing.

8. Green Commitment

Noah P. introduces the green commitment to the CSR members. The CSR is informed the commitment is non-binding with no legal obligations but is used as guidelines.

15 The CSR discusses the value of the green commitment regarding the effect it will have on day-to-day activities. The CSR is informed regarding the catering limits consumption of meat and encourages other organisations and departments at the UvA who may sign to influence not only food consumption but sustainable travel and activities at the UvA.

Titus is not in favour of signing the green commitment as he believes it promotes vegetarian and vegan options instead of just vegan options. He believes it should be vegan options as a default, reasoning vegetarian is not as sustainable and Titus considers this a form of greenwashing. Titus will look into the previously signed Plant Based Treaty to see if it aligns with the green commitment as well.

Ihab agrees the default should be plant based but disagrees with excluding any animal products and would enforce what others do on other people. Elisa asks if the CSR will include local and vegan as local often excludes vegan as she states local and vegan contention with each other as local does not always involve vegan. Saar further disagrees that vegetarian is not sustainable and greenwashing and believes the green commitment should still be signed. Stefana mentions vegan food can also prove allergy problems and mentions some vegan products can also be unsustainable in their production process.

Noah P. mentions Article 3.2, "*Partners, including financial partners, with which UvA bodies have a sponsorship agreement, shall be evaluated with regards to Environmental Sustainability*" and asks if this is in line with the CSR stance regarding collaboration with 3rd parties, such as the fossil fuel industry, as there is no follow-up action. Noah P. will contact the Green Office to discuss the stance on the fossil fuel industry in regards to Article 3.2 of the Green commitment [**action point**].

9. Diversity Commitment

The CSR is informed regarding the diversity commitment and its' purpose. Mic asks for clarification regarding being mindful about terminology within the commitment, as it currently only refers to differences between countries and regions. The diversity commitment will be discussed in the next PV.

10. Working Agreements

The CSR previously discussed the working agreements and is informed on the procedure regarding amending the working agreements.

11. RvA Appointments

[Confidential]

12. SoC Appointment

Noah P. explains the SoC for the appointment of a new member to the CvB. Noah P. asks members who are interested in applying for the SoC to send motivation letters to Abbey by September 3rd. The CSR will discuss and form the profile for a SoC representative in the next PV, 230830. Noah P. will write a meeting piece to discuss the profile of the SoC appointment candidate in the next PV, 230830 [**action point**].

13. W.V.T.T.K. / Any other business

Titus asks about the appointment of two members to ISO and who would be interested in representing the CSR. Ihab expresses interest in attending ISO.

14. Input requests for the FSRs / to the media

There are no input requests.



15. Evaluating the PV

The PV is evaluated.

16. Questions

There are no further questions.

17. Closing the meeting

50 Noah P. closes the meeting at 12:4.

Decisions

Action list

- 230823-01** Noah P. will contact the Green Office to discuss the stance on the fossil fuel industry in regards to Article 3.2 of the Green commitment.
- 230823-02** Noah P. will write a meeting piece to discuss the profile of the SoC appointment candidate in the next PV, 230830.

Pro memoria

- 55 **140908-04** The DB keeps an eye on late meeting pieces, is strict about *nazendingen* and being present in time.
- 141208-04** The committee chairs notify the PR-committee after their meetings which files that the CSR is working on should be raised in the media.
- 60 **161017-04** The committee chairs make sure that everyone gives proper feedback in their committees about the work, steering and soundboard groups, and they make sure the documents are saved on Microsoft Teams. Council members archive all their documents on Microsoft Teams.
- 161017-05** The committee chairs oversee the diverse division of speakers for the OV.
- 170201-04** The DB oversees a proper balance between small and large files in the PV.
- 65 **171108-04** The delegates check whether the agendas, minutes, and letters of the FSR's are being published online.
- 190904-01** The DB protects the diversity of the council and supports a just and coherent working environment.
- 201002-01** All CSR members send their updates before Wednesday 12:00.
- 70 **201020-02** A double check on the spelling and grammar should be done for all *formal* communication. Committee chairs have the final responsibility for this.
- 220113-02** CSR members will inform the vice-chair if they are absent during a meeting or event of the CSR.
- 220113-03** Meeting pieces that concern files of other file holders will be sent to the committee chair before sending the meeting pieces to be discussed in the PV.
- 75 **220307-01** Receipts will be added to the request for budget approvals that are brought to the PV of the CSR.

Important transfer tips

- 80 **220120-01** The new CSR members should be brought in contact with the advisory board as soon as possible.

List of Abbreviations

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PC(s)	Program committee(s)	Opleidingscommissie(s)
FEB	Faculty Economics and Business	Faculteit Economie en Bedrijfskunde
FGw	Faculty of Humanities	Faculteit der Geesterwetenschappen
FMG	Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences	Faculteit Maatschappij & Gedrag
FdG	Faculty of Medicine	Faculteit der Geneeskunde
FdR	Faculty of Law	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
ACTA	Academic Center for Dentistry Amsterdam	Academisch Centrum Tandheelkunde Amsterdam
FNWI	Faculty of Science	Faculteit Natuurwetenschappen, Wiskunde en Informatica
PPLE	Politics, Psychology, Law, and Economics	Politiek, psychologie, rechten en economie
SA	Student Assessor	Student assessor
UvA	University of Amsterdam	Universiteit van Amsterdam
W.v.t.t.k.	Any other Business	Wat verder ter tafel komt

Concept minutes of the informal *Plenaire vergadering* of the CSR on 30 August 2023

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Absent	Sanaa Kashif.
Guest(s)	Maarten Krugers Dagneaux [student assessor]; Daan Rademakers [student assessor]
Minutes	Abigail Gilchrist (<i>Administrative secretary</i>).

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Noah P. opens the meeting at 10:05 and welcomes the meeting participants.

2. Mail

The mail is read.

3. Adapting concept minutes

The minutes of the 21st of June and the 23rd of August are postponed.

4. Checking the action list

The action list is checked. See attachment.

5. Announcements

5 Mandates

12 eligible votes. The quorum is met.

6. Updates: DB, delegates, central student assessor

Updates are discussed.

7. Setting the agenda

The agenda is set. Trust persons, SoC Appointment and RvA Appointments are moved up. University Forum is removed

8. Trust Persons

10 The CSR is informed on the profile of the trust person(s) and the function of the trust person(s). Noah B. asks whether one Dutch or one international member is a requirement or a suggestion. Titus responds it is more a suggestion for the functioning of the positions rather than a requirement. The deadline for CSR members to submit their applications is set to Friday by 20:00.

9. Working Agreements

15 The CSR has received a document to make comments and check the overview of changes. Noah P. explains the procedure to vote on the changes.

The CSR decides on changing the update format. The CSR discusses the usage of updates and members are generally in favour of keeping an update format to keep up communication to and from faculties. The CSR will further discuss the update format. The DB will write a proposal for the next PV on the format for the CSR updates [**action point**].

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Daan Raademakers enters 10:17

Stefana states she is opposed to the proposed change for the “chair to prepares the DB meetings instead of the Vice-Chair and the Vice-Chair chairs the PV meetings”. She states the general members would lose their contact with the outside world if the external contact person is not chairing the PV. She believes the Vice-Chair is better suited to handle the internal affairs within the DB and provide an internal overview. Titus states the change would help in providing less neutrality from the Chair. He believes there is too much structurally power in one person that remains neutral. Sofia states she disagrees that it is not about power or neutrality but giving space and time to every member. Elisa states the chair takes extra responsibility rather than becoming a point of structural power. A vote will take place next week on the proposed change.

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Noah P. asks whether the CSR believes there should be a regular overview of the spending and how periodic it should be. Jessey responds once per block would suffice and help with making adjustments of the spending if needed. The CSR is in agreement.

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Noah B. states he believes a simple majority is enough to overturn a DB decision in case of a decision to strip an inactive member of their voting rights. The CSR is further in favour of a 2/3rd majority vote in order to strip a member of their voting rights.

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Art. 9. C of the working agreements entails the Chair’s ability to grant an inactive member voting rights for the duration of the meeting. Noah P. proposes adding a clause (hereby C.I) to the working agreements in which the council may overturn the Chair’s decision by a 2/3rd majority. The council members discuss the additional clause and add to Art. 9. C. that the Chair and the Vice-Chair must both agree to grant an inactive member voting rights. Ihab believes adding clause C.I. will create a balance that checks the CSR’s internal power. The CSR concludes the clause to overturn the Chair and Vice-Chair’s decision by a 2/3rd majority will be added.

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Article 2.1. refers to the deadline for the CSR to send in meeting pieces to the administrative secretary, stating “one working day before the PV before 09:30...”. Stefana states the deadline should be moved to two working days before the PV in order to give council members more preparation time. Titus opposes the change as he believes writing meeting pieces takes longer for council members than reading. Ihab adds that reading takes more time for council members and it is something to keep in mind. The CSR is generally in favour of two days in order to prepare the information, have informal discussions or consultations. Joaquim recommends adding a clause to clarify in emergency situations a meeting piece can be approved.

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Stefana updates the CSR on her research regarding platforms for informal communication. She presents alternatives for accessibility and privacy concerns. The current proposed alternative is Matters Most but the accessibility of the platform is still being discussed. Stefana and Ihab will check the accessibility of Matters Most as an alternative to Telegram [**action point**].

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Titus recommends removing the sponsorship addendum as it is specific from the last CSR and he believes it would function better to evaluate sponsorship requests on a case-by-case basis. Saar states a guideline would



65 be good to follow depending on the number of requests. Jessey agrees the current procedure is quite long but a simple procedure to follow would be good to have as an addendum. Ruben states he believes the requests for funding should be submitted in a detailed way to vote on the request than the addendum does not have to too elaborate. The CSR is mostly in favour of having a shorter guideline for funding

10. SoC Appointment

70 The CSR discusses the profile for the member of the SoC. Noah P. states they believe the member of the CSR in the SoC should be someone who is representative of the CSR. The member of the SoC will be unable to inform the CSR of the content of the committee meetings. Saar states she would like to see the member of the CSR in the SoC who has had experience in the Medezeggenschap previously. She states she herself would feel unprepared without previous experience to properly serve as a member of the SoC. She believes the person should have the time to fully commit as well. Ihab adds the person should also be trusted to have moral competency to be able to choose a similar candidate to trust and judge character of potential CvB members. Titus suggests asking Sara Kemper for her advice regarding the profile for a good candidate. Noah P. will reach out to Sara Kemper for advice on the profile of a SoC CSR member [action point]

11. RvA Appointments [confidential]

[Confidential].

12. Green Commitment

80 Titus suggests changing Part 2. Article 4.2.A. "*Vegetarian and vegan options shall be provided*" to "*Plant based options shall be provided*". He proposes a second amendment to Part 2. Article 4.2.B "*UvA Bodies are encouraged to set vegetarian and vegan options as default options*" in which vegetarian should be removed leaving vegan as the default option. Titus suggests proposing the changes to the Green Office and if it does not adapt to not sign the commitment. Noah P. will reach out to the Green Office to suggest the amendment and receive more information on terminology in the commitment [action point]

85 Sponsorship agreement: the footnotes include only banking and environmental sustainability is not defined. Noah P. would like to avoid greenwashing. Noah B. states the footnote is unclear as environmental sustainability is defined previously and does not only refer to banking.

90 Joaquim states Part 2. Article 5.2.A.i. "*Printing shall only be done when this is necessary*" reduces the ability for the CSR to advertise their work through forms such as pamphlets. Sofia is against using printing aimlessly but printing should be focused on permanent options. The majority of the CSR sees the value in printing for the purpose of outreach and advertisement.

95 Elise states she is not in favour of the plant based as a default as she is open to honest conversation with the Green Office but prefers local over plant based for further sustainability. Noah P. mentions organic and local options are mentioned in Part 2. Article 4.2.D. "*UvA Bodies are encouraged to provide organic and local food*" but agrees it is good to set up a meeting with the Green Office to discuss the commitment. The CSR agrees and the signing will be postponed until a further meeting with the Green Office.

13. Diversity Commitment

Mic has sent a proposal to the CSR regarding an addendum to being mindful of used terminology. The proposed addendum includes a recommendation for more inclusive terms, including AFAB (Assigned Female

100 at Birth) and AMAB (Assigned Male at Birth) and asks members to acknowledge and scrutinise gender-related language. Titus asks Mic for an elaboration on what Mic suggests in practice. Mic responds in discussing certain issues, such as menstrual products, referring to putting products in the women's restrooms or to use "feminine products", not to generalise as a women's issue as it is broader and concerns others who identify outside of the conceptualisation of a women's issue. Ihab stresses to handle the terminology to refer to the golden rules set by the CSR to be mindful and inclusive and to create a database of non-inclusive terminology further councils can learn from. Elisa reminds the CSR of the mandate to represent all the students of the CSR and to think about the diversity of the students at the UvA. The CSR agrees to the additional addendum proposed.

14. Treasurer

CSR members are asked to apply before 20:00 September 1st. The procedure is stated in the meeting piece.

15. W.V.T.T.K. / Any other business

110 Ihab states the meeting pieces take longer to read and it is overwhelming to learn Teams, the emails and catching up with the information given. He states expecting everyone to read everything and to keep work boundaries adds extra stress. Noah P. proposes it should be the norm to summarise the meeting pieces beforehand during the PV and hopes the newly proposed deadline will help. The suggestion is to ask if information is clear and summarised during the PV. An abstract can be added for longer meeting pieces to summarise the content.

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There are no input requests.

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19. Closing the meeting

Noah P. closes the meeting at 12:00.

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Decisions



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