

Concept minutes of the informal *Plenaire vergadering* of the CSR on 9 May 2024

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| Present | Titus van der Valk, Sofia Frumkina, Sanaa Kashif, Noah Benjamins, Diana Burduja, Mic Cimmino, Ruben Brouwer, Jessey van Oostende, Robin van Straaten, Roza Wagenaer, Ihab Laachir. |
| Absent | Noah Pellikaan, Stefana Feciuc, Joaquim Becker. |
| Guest(s) | Maarten Krugers Dagneaux (<i>Student assessor 23-24</i>) |
| Minutes | Abigail Gilchrist (<i>Administrative secretary</i>). |

A list of general abbreviations can be found at the bottom of this document.

1. Opening

Titus opens the meeting at 16:05 and welcomes the meeting participants.

2. Mail

The mail is read.

3. Adapting concept minutes

The minutes of the 18th and 25th of April are adapted.

4. Checking the action list

The action list is checked. See attachment.

5. Announcements

- 5 Sanaa says there will be a party debate next Tuesday related to elections. Diana says the FSR FMG had an OV and will provide an update after the minutes are adopted.

Mandates:

- Joaquim mandates Noah B.
10 Stefana mandates Mic
13 eligible votes. The quorum is met.

6. Updates: *DB, delegates, central student assessor*

The updates are discussed. Titus will chair this meeting as Noah P was detained due to the OMHP Occupation. Noah B mentions that there are 2 trust people available if they are needed during the meeting.

7. Setting the agenda

The agenda is set. The agenda points 9 & 10 have been switched.

8. REC Encampment

- 15 The CSR is invited to give a round of initial thoughts and reactions to the REC encampment and ongoing actions on campus. On Monday, the 6th of May, students set up an encampment at REC and intended to stay until the UvA agreed to the demands to publish ties with Israeli Universities and divest from Israeli universities and institutions. The police were subsequently called to evict protestors in which there were

20 violent clashes between groups of protestors outside the camp and with the police. The following day, a second encampment took place at Oudemanhuispoort, which was allowed to stay overnight. Students were evicted Wednesday afternoon, resulting in more violent clashes from the police.

Mic states they are in favour of the CvB resigning as the police response and the response from the UvA was unacceptable. Sanaa adds the events unfolding at the UvA have been terrifying and unjustifiable.

25 *Ruben enters 16:23*

30 Robin believes many students support the peaceful protests unfolding on campus. Robin would like to talk with Jewish students at the university who feel unsafe to gain more perspective from those students. Titus believes the CvB is responsible for choosing an aggressive response to peaceful protestors and is outraged by the bulldozers that were present. Jessey agrees the events at the UvA have been terrifying, but is also concerned about the damage done to the university. Ruben agrees and would like more information on the protestors from outside the camp and the barricades. Ruben also believes the UvA's connections with Israeli universities are not problematic and he would prefer a different approach to discuss divestment from Israeli universities. Ruben adds there are also people living around campus and the protestors were making noise.

35 Mic clarifies that the barricades were not present from the beginning of the protests but were a response to the police presence. Students were aware of the use of violence by the police in the past and wanted to protect themselves by building barricades. Protestors decided on an encampment as conversations on divesting from Israeli universities have not been well received by the CvB. Mic further clarifies that people from outside the university were present and instigated the violence seen at the encampments.

40 Jessey asks if the student protestors took out the bricks and brought fireworks to the encampment. Noah B responds bricks were taken to strengthen the barricades but there were active calls from the encampment for protestors not to bring fireworks. Diana confirms fireworks were brought by protestors outside the UvA. The CSR is informed the mayor said that it wasn't safe anymore, she called Jan and said that they will intervene, and then Jan called the cops. Noah B states there was a call between Jan Lintsen and Noah P. at 17:00 in which

45 Lintsen informed Noah P. the encampment would not be allowed to stay the night. The CSR is informed Femke Halsema, the mayor of Amsterdam, decided to intervene in which they requested permission to enter the building from the UvA.

The CSR discusses next steps that should be taken as a council, such as releasing a statement to the press. Jessey proposes to invite all the FSR's to come up with a joint statement on the CvB's decision to call the police and the ongoing student demonstrations. Jessey proposes to invite all the FSR's to the PV next week to draft a joint statement. Robin adds the CSR and FSR's should talk to all students who no longer feel comfortable at the university. Sanaa proposes to publicly ask the CvB to resign. Titus would like to ask students to keep the protests non-violent. Sofia proposes to have a joint statement with the COR.

55 The CSR agrees to vote on the press statement and the contents of the statement.

Voting proposal: The CSR 23-24 votes in favour of releasing a press statement on the events in the past few dates.

In favour: 10 (Noah B., Titus, Sanaa, Mic, Sofia, Robin, Diana, Joaquim, Ihab, Stefana,)

60 Against:

Blanco:

Abstain: 3 (Ruben, Roza, Jessey)

Decision: *The CSR 23-24 votes in favour of releasing a press statement on the events in the past few dates.*

Voting proposal: The CSR 23-24 votes in favor of including asking the CvB to resign in the press statement.

65 In favour: 8 (Noah B., Titus, Sanaa, Mic, Diana, Joaquim, Ihab, Stefana)



Against:
Blanco: Robin, Jessey
Abstain: Sofia, Roza, Ruben
Decision: *The CSR 23-24 votes in favour of including asking the CvB to resign in the press statement.*

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Voting proposal: The CSR 23-24 votes in favor of asking the protestors to be nonviolent in their press statement.
In favour: 11 (Noah B., Titus, Sanaa, Mic, Sofia, Robin, Diana, Joaquim, Ihab, Stefana, Jessey)
Against:
Blanco:
Abstain: 2 (Ruben, Roza)
Decision: *The CSR 23-24 votes in favour of asking the protestors to be non violent in their press statement.*

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Voting proposal: The CSR 23-24 votes in favour of reaching out to students and making a call for students to reach out to us in the press statement.
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Voting proposal: The CSR 23-24 votes in favour of asking the CvB to publicly apologize and condemn the violence in the press statement.
In favour: 10 (Noah B., Titus, Sanaa, Mic, Sofia, Robin, Diana, Joaquim, Ihab, Stefana)
Against:
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Voting proposal: The CSR 23-24 votes in favour of supporting the aim of the protests in the press statement.
In favour: 9 (Noah B., Titus, Sanaa, Mic, Robin, Diana, Joaquim, Ihab, Stefana)
Against:
Blanco:
Abstain: 4 (Jessey, Ruben, Sofia, Roza)
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Voting proposal: The CSR 23-24 votes in favour of cops off campus in the press statement.
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Against:
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Voting proposal: The CSR 23-24 votes in favour of drafting the document by 12pm on Friday and have a 6 hour long email vote and ends on Friday at 18:00.

In favour: 13 (Noah B., Titus, Sanaa, Mic, Sofia, Robin, Diana, Ruben, Roza, Joaquim, Ihab, Stefana, Jessey)

Against:

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9. Vote of No Confidence Next Steps

Following the CSR's vote of no confidence in the CvB given the mismanagement of refunding tuition fees under the Institutional Tuition Fee policy, a meeting took place between Noah B., Noah P., Joaquim and Eric Boels. The UvA is currently working on an audit of the tuition fee system which will also look specifically into students who have already graduated. Regarding the vote of no confidence, the right steps are being taken to resolve the lack of confidence in the CvB. Even so, Noah B. states there still may be other reasons not to have confidence in the CvB, such as the response to the student demonstrations.

Jessey informs the CSR that the FSR FdG has passed a motion of afkeuring (censure) in the CSR. The FSR FdG will request all confidential letters to be made public.

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

All other agenda points are postponed.

11. Input requests for the FSRs / to the media

There are no input requests.

12. Evaluating the PV

The PV is evaluated.

13. Questions

There are no further questions.

14. Closing the meeting

Titus closes the meeting at 18:02.

Decisions

240509-01 The CSR 23-24 votes in favour of releasing a press statement on the events in the past few dates.

240509-02 The CSR 23-24 votes in favor of including asking the CvB to resign in the press statement.

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240509-04 The CSR 23-24 votes in favour of reaching out to students and making a call for students to reach out to us in the press statement.

240509-05 The CSR 23-24 votes in favour of asking the CvB to publicly apologize and condemn the violence in the press statement.



- 145 **240509-06** The CSR 23-24 votes in favour of supporting the aim of the protests in the press statement.
240509-07 The CSR 23-24 votes in favour of cops off campus in the press statement.
240509-08 The CSR 23-24 votes in favour of drafting the document by 12pm on Friday and have a 6 hour long email vote and ends on Friday at 18:00.

Action list

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Pro memoria

- 155 **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.
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.
160 **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.
171108-04 The delegates check whether the agendas, minutes, and letters of the FSR's are being published online.
165 **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.
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.
170 **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.
175 **220307-01** Receipts will be added to the request for budget approvals that are brought to the PV of the CSR.
240215-01 The DB will be attentive to social activities and council cohesion

Important transfer tips

- 180 **220120-01** The new CSR members should be brought in contact with the advisory board as soon as possible.

List of Abbreviations

| Abbreviation | English | Nederlands |
|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| CSR | Central Student Council | Centrale studentenraad |
| COR | Central Workers Council | Centrale ondernemingsraad |
| DB | Daily Board | Dagelijks Bestuur |
| GV | General Assembly | Gezamenlijke vergadering |



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| GV meeting | General Assembly meeting | Vergadering van de gezamenlijke vergadering |
| CvB | Board of Executives | College van Bestuur |
| O&O | Education and Research | Onderwijs en Onderzoek |
| O&F | Organization and Finance | Organisatie en Financiën |
| PR | Public Relations | Promotie |
| PV | Plenary meeting (of the CSR) | Plenaire vergadering (van de CSR) |
| OV | Plenary meeting (with the CvB) | Overlegvergadering (met het CvB) |
| FSR(s) | Faculty student council(s) | Facultaire studentenra(a)d(en) |
| 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 |



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| Absent | Diana Burduja. |
| Guest(s) | Maarten Krugers Dagneaux (<i>Student assessor 23-24</i>), Thomas van der Sommen (<i>Legal Representative</i>), Lily George (<i>ASVA chair</i>), Quinten Dam (<i>ASVA Treasurer</i>), Mickey Luzzatto (<i>AUC student council</i>), Cat Gelderloos (<i>AUC student council</i>). |
| Minutes | Abigail Gilchrist (<i>Administrative secretary</i>). |

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1. Opening

Noah P. opens the meeting at 16:04 and welcomes the meeting participants.

2. Mail

The mail is read.

3. Adapting concept minutes

The minutes of 9th of May are adapted.

4. Checking the action list

The action list is checked. See attachment.

5. Announcements

- 5 The CSR has voted in favour of a press release last Friday and extending the election week to the 22nd of May. Abbey announces there is a new process for requesting funding from the medezeggenschap fund. FSR FEB, FSR FGw and AUC have joined the vote of no confidence on the CvB.

Sofia enters 16:08

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Sofia announces that the DB will create a Coffee with the CSR to go on different campuses to encourage students to share their opinions and thoughts on the ongoing protests with the CSR.

Mandates:

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Mic mandates Stefana
Diana mandates Sanaa
Ruben mandates Roza
Robin mandates Sofia
13 eligible votes. The quorum is met.

6. Updates: DB, delegates, central student assessor

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The updates are discussed. Maarten will provide the CSR with an update next Tuesday.



7. Setting the agenda

The agenda is set.

Titus enters 16:12

8. Information Request Damages Report

Noah P. would like to send an information request for a cost breakdown regarding the damage from student demonstrations. Sofia states the CSR should discuss whether it is within the role of the CSR given the ceased relationship with the CvB. Noah B. states the CSR should define the boundaries of the relationship with the CvB first. The CSR will delay the conversation.

9. UvA Protests

Titus would like to discuss the demonstrations from the past few weeks. During the IO, the CSR discussed the CvB's response to the protests. Titus states the question to consider is whether cutting connections with Israeli institutions is the most effective way to make a statement as a university. Titus would like to improve procedures to restore the trust in democratic decision-making. Titus proposes a referendum in which students can only vote if they have participated in the dialogues. Roza asks what the referendum would be on. Titus would like to have members of the UvA community vote on cutting connections with Israeli institutions. Sanaa would like more information about the referenda in the meeting piece for next week.

Noah P. states there is no procedure for the occupiers and having a dialogue with all UvA students and staff is not feasible. Ihab adds there is often a maximum for those involved in dialogues. Ihab is against the idea of referendums.

Ihab updates UCO had a meeting in which he understood everyone shared the CSR's perspective that many students and staff have lost trust in the CvB and the institution, including bodies outside the UvA. The tensions have been rising since the beginning of the academic year and Ihab states it seems the administrators are too far removed to see that the tensions were rising. While conversations are useful, Ihab sees it is also a problem the way the CvB is speaking about the dialogues. Ihab would like to stress the importance of viewing each body as an equal partner in conversation rather than looking down on one another.

10. RvT Letter

The CSR would like to write a letter to the RvT to recall the CvB. The points the CSR voted in last week can provide a basis for the letter to the RvT. Noah B. asks if the CSR should send a second letter to the CvB to reiterate the lack of confidence and the strengthening of a lack of confidence in the last few weeks. The reasons for a lack of confidence include the ICG and the response to the demonstrations. Titus would like to include points on the deterioration of the relationship as well as not taking the CSR seriously. Ihab would like to vote on any extra points added to the letter.

Sofia states there should be two things in the letter, the ICG vote of no confidence and the resignation of the CvB. Sofia would like to discuss what the vote of no confidence means as well. Noah B. recommends having an informal strategy session for members interested to draft a plan and to discuss the topic further.

Jessey states the CSR should have come up with a strategy before taking a vote of no confidence and is disappointed in the way the situation is going at the UvA. Sanaa mentions the situation at the UvA has changed since the vote of no confidence was taken.

11. GV Functionality

Noah P. states there will be no GV on the 17th of May week but there is a possibility to schedule one for the 24th of May. The COR will discuss the demonstrations on Friday the 17th. Ihab mentions the meeting can be



seen more as a strategy meeting rather than informal or formal. There will be a new GOR delegate to the COR, Jan Buursma.

12. Voting Procedure

60 The CSR has received a few proposals on a new voting procedure given the confusion with the abstention vote in the CSR. The CSR has experienced confusion over the purpose of the abstain option in the voting procedure. Noah B. has proposed to make a distinction between actively voting abstain versus not being present. Noah B. explains a voting proposal scenario. A vote takes place in which 5 are absent, 4 are in favour, 2 against, 0 blanco and 3 abstain. In the current system, the vote does not pass as the ratio in favour and blanco means there is not a majority in favour. Given the 3 abstentions, quorum is not met. Noah B. states he is
65 against the current procedure in which members can abstain while being present in the meeting. The voting procedure will be discussed next week.

13. UNL Protocol on Demonstrations

UNL has proposed a protocol on demonstrations for universities in the Netherlands. Noah P. would like more information from the CvB on which recommendations the UvA is in favour of. Many of the proposals are contradictory to Amnesty's report on demonstrations at educational institutions (Demonsteren op
70 onderwijsinstellingN). Titus is in favour of meeting with the GV to discuss the proposal from UNL. Sofia has heard from the CDO a protocol on demonstrations is being drafted on the Parliamentary level as well. Sofia and Sanaa will ask the CDO for more information on the national conversation on the protocol for demonstrations [action]. The UvA has also formed new house rules which will be decided upon on Tuesday.

14. FdG Motion of Afkeuring

75 The CSR has received a letter from the FdG on a motion of censure from the FSR. The CSR can vote to make confidential minutes public and send all PV and OV minutes to the FSR FdG. The CSR will not share private messages. Jessey announces he is too biased to give input on the letter given his position as the delegate from the FSR FdG but will answer any questions from the CSR. For further information, Noah P. invites the FSR to meet with the CSR chair.

15. Legal Advice

Thomas van der Sommen enters 17:25

80 The CSR has invited Thomas van der Sommen, a human right lawyer, to answer questions from the CSR regarding a request for legal advice. Thomas has brought four proposals to the CSR for legal action and assistance. The CSR will look into whether there are legal rights for the CSR to take on certain cases. Noah P. would like to make a decision today on whether the CSR will move forward with a legal case on the AUC social probation and the protocol on demonstrations.

85 Stefana asks if the CSR and ASVA can file a criminal charge for police violence. Thomas mentions the CSR and ASVA can bring forward criminal charges as complaints are not effective. The criminal charge is also not a guarantee but a judge would assess the case. Stefana asks if the CSR and ASVA files charges, will people victimized by police violence need to be present from the ASVA and the CSR and will they have to provide names. Thomas states the law firm will need to investigate further but a testimony may be required.

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Quinten enters 17:32



Noah P. asks if the legal advice on social probation could be used as a preventative measure or applied if there are future incidents regarding social probation. Thomas informs the CSR any advice from the legal firm can be utilised as needed.

Regarding the case on police violence, Titus asks if the CSR can pursue a case through the UvA. The estimate of costs provided is based on the presumption this is paid by the UvA.

Lily enters 17:39

The CSR discusses further questions for the lawyer to decide on proceeding with legal advice. Sanaa asks if the CSR would address the police as a body or individuals. Noah P. clarifies the officers would not be named but it would have to be individuals. Titus would like the CSR to reflect on how a case would look to the media.

Stefana would like to ask if files can be charged against protestors who came to campus and threw fireworks.

Noah B. would like to vote in favour of legal advice on an administrative appeal regarding using the ME to evict.

Sanaa asks what the administrative appeal would look like in practicality. Often with a big demonstration, the mayor may give a notification to deploy the ME. The decision can be appealed to a court, including a verbal notification. The appeal can happen within a day.

Stefana asks if administrative appeals can be registered retroactively from previous occupations. Thomas states decisions can be appealed within 6 weeks depending on the type of decision. If the CSR appeals, it would be an appeal to the mayor which can be ignored or the decision can be changed. The CSR could go to an administrative court to freeze a situation. On the grounds of the freeze, the mayor cannot act in a certain way as the situation is frozen for the judge to make a proper assessment.

If the CSR decides to pursue a case, Sofia asks if it is done as an organization or as individuals. For the advices and the criminal charges this can be done as an organization. For complaints, further research is needed. For the administrative appeal, a representative organization is possible. The legal team has seen there was excessive violence in some cases. For the advices, the legal team will need to look further into whether the case is feasible.

Sofia asks if occupation is legal given the line is blurry between public and private property. Thomas is unable to give a straightforward answer. Some types of occupation merit a certain degree of protection given the right to protest, but it is often allowed to prohibit occupations.

The CSR proceeds with the vote to pursue legal advice.

Voting proposal: The CSR 23-24 votes in favour of pursuing legal advice regarding complaints against police violence in response to the UvA demonstrations.

In favour: 14 (Noah P., Stefana, Noah B. Titus, Jessey, Sanaa, Sofia, Roza, Mic, Robin, Joaquim, Sanaa, Diana, Ruben)

Against:

Blanco:

Abstain:

Decision: *The CSR 23-24 votes in favour of pursuing legal advice regarding complaints against police violence in response to the UvA demonstrations.*

Roza asks what the purpose for getting legal advice on the guidelines is as these can be contested since they are guidelines. Noah P. states the advice will only be used in the future if necessary but will not be pursued at the moment.

Voting proposal: The CSR 23-24 votes in favour of getting legal advice on the status of UvA's House Rules and UNL guidelines on demonstrations and the right to protest.



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Against:
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170 In favour: 12 (Noah P., Stefana, Noah B. Titus, Sanaa, Sofia, Mic, Robin, Joaquim, Sanaa, Diana, Ruben)
Against:
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16. W.V.T.T.K / Any other business

Ihab asks about the Coalition agreement released by the Dutch government and finds it important the CSR discusses the current proposals. Roza asks if the official request to extend the voting period has been sent. The CSR confirms.

17. Input requests for the FSRs / to the media

190 There are no input requests.

18. Evaluating the PV

The PV is evaluated.

19. Questions

There are no further questions.

20. Closing the meeting

Noah P. closes the meeting at 18:15.

195 Decisions

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Action list

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Concept minutes of the informal *Plenaire vergadering* of the CSR on 23 May 2024

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| Present | Titus van der Valk, Sofia Frumkina, Sanaa Kashif, Noah Benjamins, Mic Cimmino, Ruben Brouwer, Jessey van Oostende, Roza Wagenaer, Ihab Laachir, Stefana Feciuc, Joaquim Becker, Diana Burduja. |
| Absent | Noah Pellikaan, Robin van Straaten. |
| Guest(s) | Maarten Krugers Dagneaux (<i>Student assessor 23-24</i>). |
| Minutes | Abigail Gilchrist (<i>Administrative secretary</i>). |

A list of general abbreviations can be found at the bottom of this document.

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Titus opens the meeting at 16:03 and welcomes the meeting participants.

2. Mail

The mail is read.

3. Adapting concept minutes

The minutes of 16th of May are adapted.

4. Checking the action list

The action list is checked. See attachment.

5. Announcements

- 5 There will be an informal meeting with the GV Friday the 24th of May. Noah P. is absent as he is being held in jail temporarily.

Mandates:

- Robin mandates Noah B.
10 Noah P. mandates Joaquim
13 eligible votes. The quorum is met.

6. Updates: *DB, delegates, central student assessor*

The updates are discussed. Maarten will provide the CSR with an update next Tuesday.

7. Setting the agenda

The agenda is set. The DB will draft a letter to the RvT requesting mediation and send it for an editorial round [action].

8. FdG Motion of Afkeuring

- 15 The CSR has received a draft letter to send to the FSR FdG in response to the FSR's motion of censure. Titus would like to ensure the tone of the letter is not aggressive and includes an appreciation for the FSR FdG's concerns. The CSR proposes to anonymize names within the minutes of the PV. Sofia proposes to only declassify the ICG topic rather than the whole document.

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Ihab and Ruben enter 16:21

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Roza would also like to change the tone and ensure the CSR clarifies they appreciate being held accountable for their own actions, including it is good they remain critical. Sofia agrees the CSR's letter should explain and include learning from their own mistakes. Ihab states he did not like the inclusion of low representation/voter turnout in the CSR in the letter from the FSR FdG. Ihab acknowledges the CSR could have included the FSR's better but it is important to remain diplomatic. Ihab would like to mention the CSR does not appreciate the attempt to delegitimize the CSR from the FSR FdG. Stefana recommends drafting the letter with a different tone and conduct an email vote on Friday. Jessey will share the minutes from the FSR FdG PV on the motion of censure.

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Against: 1 (Ihab)

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9. UvA Campus Dialogues

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Titus has written a meeting piece on the proposed campus dialogues following the student demonstrations. Titus would like to discuss whether the CSR should attend the campus dialogues on protests.



Sanaa would like to see there are substantial outcomes from the dialogues and that the CSR would have an impact on the dialogues. The CSR should also consider what is needed to see that the dialogues have a tangible outcome.

65 Stefana asks when the dialogues will take place. The dialogues have not been planned yet. Stefana states she believes the dialogues for third party collaborations were used to legitimate policy the CvB wanted to create rather than implementing feedback from the discussions during the dialogues. Stefana adds the dialogues with the protest organizers were not finalized and were done in bad faith. The CSR is informed the dialogues are also aimed to make it clear what the UvA is doing, rather than how the media is reporting on the UvA.

70 Sofia states is unsure how the CSR can be involved in the structure of the dialogues. For Sofia, if the CSR is involved in the dialogues, she would like to see a preliminary action plan for what will happen after the dialogues.

Mic states they see the dialogues as pointless. Students have been discussing the UvA's connections with Israeli universities for the past several months. Mic states if the CvB had wanted to understand student concerns, they would address the concerns and letters from students in the previous months.

75 Ihab believes many students are in favour of the protests, yet students may not be in favour of the manner of the protests. Ihab would like to hear opinions from students and staff outside the scope of the CSR. There is currently a big divide in the staff regarding how to organize and take further steps at the university. Ihab would like to stand as a representative body for all the students and believes it would be good for the CSR to participate on behalf of all students. He believes it would be good to communicate the outcomes of the dialogues should aim towards specific resolutions and to make the dialogues binding.

10. Voting Procedures

The CSR continues the discussion on voting procedures for the voting option "abstain". Noah B has included a fourth proposal from last week's PV to add a fifth voting option, "neutral". Robin shares he votes abstain if he needs more information or if more discussion is needed before taking a vote. Taking away the abstain vote may take away power from minorities in the council that would still like to make their voices heard. In the option the abstain vote is changed to a neutral vote, there is still an option to physically leave the PV to not make quorum. While that is not explicit in the regulations, it is still possible for members to do so. Ihab adds he would not like to remove a voting option as it is important to represent themselves appropriately when they are against a procedure.

90 The CSR does a temperature check on the options for the voting procedure options.

For the first option "*we keep everything as is*", three people are in favour.

The second proposal, "*we use the role of blanco for the neutral vote that counts towards quorum*", no one is in favour.

95 The third proposal, "*we make a distinction between actively voting abstain and not being present*", 6 are in favour.

The fourth proposal "*adding a neutral voting option*", three are in favour.

11. GV Functionality

100 The CSR discusses the relationship with the GV given the vote of no confidence. The GV has received the request for consent on the Kaderbrief. The CSR will ask for further information on formal workings of the GV from the COR on the 24th of May. Ihab would like to discuss individual voting proposals and how these operate in the GV once it is formalized.

12. Relationship with the CvB [Confidential]

The CSR discusses a confidential point on the relationship with the CvB.



105 **Voting proposal:** The CSR 23-24 votes in favour of going into mediation with the CvB.
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Against:
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110 **Voting proposal:** The CSR 23-24 votes in favour of continuing the legal duties of the CSR despite the vote of
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In favour: 5 (Ihab, Titus, Joaquim, Noah P., Sofia)
Against: 5 (Stefana, Noah B., Mic, Diana, Sanaa)
Blanco:
115 Abstain: 4 (Jessey, Robin, Roza, Ruben)
Decision: *The vote does not pass.*

Ruben and Jessey leave 18:05

120 **Voting proposal:** The CSR 23-24 votes in favour of continuing the legal duties of the CSR while mediation is
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In favour: 4 (Ihab, Joaquim, Sofia, Noah P.)
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13. W.V.T.T.K / Any other business

135 There is no other business.

14. Input requests for the FSRs / to the media

There are no input requests.

15. Evaluating the PV

The PV is evaluated.



16. Questions

Noah B. states he was informed a representative from the UN is looking to discuss with students on the right to protest. Stefana will join.

140 Titus reminds all members to join the informal GV from 13:00-14:00 on the 24th.

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