

# Concept minutes of the informal *Plenaire vergadering* of the CSR on 2 November 2023

Present	Noah Pellikaan, Titus van der Valk, Ihab Laachir, Mic Cimmino, Noah Benjamins, Stefana Feciuc, Joaquim Becker, Sanaa Kashif, Ruben Brouwer, Roza Wagenaer, Diana Burduja.
Absent	Sofia Frumkina, Saar Schnieders, Jessey van Oostende.
Guest(s)	Maarten Krugers Dagneux ( <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

Noah P. opens the meeting at 13:28 and welcomes the meeting participants.

## 2. Mail

The mail is read.

## 3. Adapting concept minutes

The minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> of October are adopted.

## 4. Checking the action list

The action list is checked. See attachment.

## 5. Announcements

- 5 Noah P. announces the mental health button has been clicked by half of all students at UvA. There is an upcoming ISO workgroup. Members should let Noah P. know if they want to attend. Stefana asks for updates regarding meeting changes to be sent by email so everyone can receive the information. Noah B. will leave at 14:55. Diana will leave at 14:15.

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### Mandates

Sofia mandates Joaquim  
11 eligible votes. The quorum is met.

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

Updates are discussed.

- 15 The FSR FdR has sent a letter about the house rules and code of conduct. The FSR believes the rules are vague and left to interpretation.

## 7. Setting the agenda

The agenda is set. House Rules is moved to agenda point 8.

## 8. House Rules

Noah B. mentions the UvA house rules are on the prohibition of events based on cultural, religious and political expression have recently come to light. The CSR had voted in favour of the strike supporting Palestine which seems to fall under the house rules. Noah B. would like to discuss the house rules in preparation for the upcoming OV.

Titus explains that the house rules are not in line with the intent of the WHW. According to the WHW, if the house rules are broken. Students face suspension for a year or expulsion, which is allowed only in extreme cases. For instance, if a teacher is physically attacked, this is considered an extreme case. He further adds in the house rules, it does suggest political events could face the consequence of expulsion. Titus mentions the CSR can use the WHW as an effective angle to change the house rules.

Stefana adds she was unable to find a policy on events, but the DB has requested the information in the IO. Stefana could also not find information on how the policy is adopted and would like more information regarding the house rules. Ruben mentions that protests in the main hall are not allowed due to fire safety risks. He suggests creating an area that is centrally located to have protests. Sanaa clarifies that protests are allowed, rather political protests are prohibited. Noah B. mentions even if fire hazards are a reason, it was not the reason the UvA gave to Folia, in which the UvA cited the house rules on political expression. Noah B. believes the UvA should not stifle the diversity present in the students at the UvA as the rules include more than the prohibition of political protests.

Stefana suggests the house rules discussion can be included under the topic of democratization as the CSR does not have an idea about how house rules are formulated and approved as a democratic manner. Stefana further argues the importance of the protest on Friday was aimed at education. If students are going to express their affiliations, it should be a public space. Given Room for Discussion has a space, she asks why there are only a few organisations with access to public spaces given the UvA's focus on democracy. Stefana further emphasises the house rules were not brought up in previous demonstrations or even during occupations but is only being brought now on the topic of Palestine-Israel. Sanaa mentions the Rules on expression and flags is contradictory to the UvA's support for Ukraine in the previous years by putting up flags. She mentions the CvB can then use loopholes to choose to apply the rules. Sanaa also suggests the CSR should focus on a specific part of the house rules so the topic is not so broad.

**Voting proposal:** The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of taking a stance against the house rule prohibiting expressions of a political, cultural, or religious nature.  
In favour: 10 (Noah P., Titus, Noah B., Stefana, Sanaa, Mic)  
Against: 1  
Blanco: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Decision: *The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of taking a stance against the house rule prohibiting expressions of a political, cultural, or religious nature.*

## 9. Event on Democratization

Titus informs the CSR he is working on the Concept New Democratic Framework in which he lists ideas on how to improve the UvA. Titus would like to organise an event at the end of November or early December to gather input from students. He would like to do the event based on a list of ideas that are supported by the CSR.

Joaquim asks if the event will need funding. Noah P. updates Bora Fidan has offered to fund certain medezeggenschap projects that apply to multiple bodies which the event would fall under.



60 Titus mentions the room can be booked for free. He would like a second speaker and someone to take minutes. He would also like to provide some snacks. Noah P. recommends booking the event somewhere outside a lecture hall for the event to increase engagement.  
The CSR decides to delay the vote as members express they would like more information on the Concept Framework.

## 10. Democratization [confidential]

65 The CSR discusses a confidential point on democratization at the UvA.

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*Jessey joins 14:02*

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The CSR takes a vote on the event for democratization under the following agenda point.

70 **Voting proposal:** The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of hosting an event to collect input on the Concept New Democratic Framework.  
In favour: 12 (Noah P., Titus, Noah B., Stefana, Sanaa, Mic)  
Against: 0  
Blanco: 0  
75 Abstain: 0  
Decision: *The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of hosting an event to collect input on the Concept New Democratic Framework.*

## 11. Gender Neutral Toilets

Mic would like to take a stance as the CSR on gender neutral toilets as no previous CSR has taken an official stance. Mic states the data the UvA has on trans students is not accurate. They explain students feel as the UvA  
80 does not have an accepting and safe attitude towards trans students given the lack of recognition. The proposal is to put forward one gender neutral toilet in every building.

Joaquim asks how the UvA phrases questions and why there is such a big discrepancy. Mic responds they received information from the UvA that was not accurate. Maarten mentions that concerning Dutch students, they are not asked to fill in their gender. The information comes from the central government which cannot be  
85 changed. He suggests the UvA should have the option for students to change their gender. Noah B. asks if the non-binary option is given by the Dutch government. He states this already ignores identity in the data of UvA students.

Jessey clarifies if the bathrooms should be implemented on every floor in every building of every faculty. He mentions the FSR FdG has been given the question from facility services if they want gender neutral toilets in  
90 which they indicated yes. The faculty would still like to keep the gendered toilets given religious and cultural diversity of students. Mic clarifies each floor should have both options for students; gendered and gender neutral. Maarten asks how the bathrooms are currently divided now. Mic responds the UvA published an overview of the locations and there are not many locations. They state there are buildings where there are no gender-neutral toilets and some buildings only have one.

Joaquim states he is unsure about the framing. He mentions it might be better to say accessible within two minutes of where you are as building is up to interpretation. Joaquim clarifies it may be important to reframe  
95 "building" as the interpretation could be REC as a whole building rather than the individual buildings of A,B,C,D, etc.

100 **Voting proposal:** The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of making gender neutral toilets more accessible.  
In favour: 12 (Noah P., Titus, Noah B., Stefana, Sanaa, Mic)  
Against: 0



Blanco: 0

Abstain: 0

Decision: *The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of making gender neutral toilets more accessible.*

## 12. Menstrual Products

105 Mic clarifies the current distribution of menstrual products is still socially unsafe as students do not feel comfortable getting products from dispensers in the hallways rather than closer to the bathrooms. They have spoken to facility services with a new budget proposal on locating the dispensers outside bathrooms. Mic proposes drafting a new plan for expanding the dispensers. Mic would like to make menstrual products completely free and accessible to all students at the UvA.

110 Jessey asks where the budget for menstrual products comes from. Mic clarifies the products given to the FSR's was a CSR pilot and the plan would be to use the UvA facilities budget for the menstrual products. Mic mentions there are still products in the CSR office that can be distributed but they are not sure how long the products will last before the UvA implements menstrual products.

115 **Voting proposal:** The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of making menstrual products completely free and accessible to all students at the UvA.

In favour: 12 (Noah P., Titus, Noah B., Stefana, Sanaa, Mic)

Against: 0

Blanco: 0

120 Abstain: 0

Decision: *The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of making menstrual products completely free and accessible to all students at the UvA.*

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*Jessey leaves 14:39*

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## 13. CSR Merch

125 Ruben asks for input on the design for the CSR merch. He mentions the bandanas would be difficult and advises a CSR beanie might be a better option.

Sanaa would like travel mugs to be added as well. Ruben is waiting for a reply on the ceramic and travel mugs. Stefana asks if the merch will include names or also the logos. Ruben responds the merch should include names and the term year.

130 Joaquim recommends meeting the amount for a discount the CSR could also buy mugs for the CSR for next year.

Roza suggests tote bags instead of beanies. Ruben will check with the company whether they have tote bags. More input on merch can be sent to Ruben.

Ruben asks if the sweater in the meeting piece with a zipper. Most CSR members are in favour of a hoodie.

## 14. CvB Profile

135 Noah P. updates the finalised profile has been sent to the CSR. Most of the suggestions the CSR made have been included in the profile. They are happy with the outcome of the advice as it incorporated most CSR points.

The CSR is in agreement with the profile.

140 **Voting proposal:** The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of sending a positive advice on the CvB Profile.



In favour: 11 (Noah P., Titus, Noah B., Stefana, Sanaa, Mic)

Against: 0

Blanco: 0

Abstain: 0

145 Decision: *The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of sending a positive advice on the CvB profile.*

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*Noah B. and Diana leave 14:52*

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## 15. Mandatory Attendance

150 Titus informs the CSR he would like to bring mandatory attendance to the OV. Titus states according to a statement from the CBE, mandatory attendance can only be enforced when absolutely necessary which does not currently match the UvA's Model-OER. Titus believes the law on mandatory attendance should be enforced at the UvA. Joaquim asks if Titus believes the UvA is breaking the law. Titus clarifies in all courses attendance is mandatory but according to the CBE, attendance can only be mandatory if it is shown to be necessary. He states it cannot be default. He would like to CvB to give clear guidelines on when mandatory attendance is allowed or not.

155 Maarten mentions the CvB is aware of the CBE and the Model OER and asks if Titus is aware if the CBE and Model-OER are meant to align. Titus will meet with legal affairs on the topic.

## 16. Board of Examinations

Titus informs the CSR the goal is to convince the CvB that the current tasks of the examination board are problematic and the Model-OER should be changed. He mentions the functioning of the examination committees should be explored if improvement is needed. There are no further questions.

## 17. W.V.T.T.K. / Any other business

160 Joaquim announces to the CSR that the financial crisis is not averted. Joaquim mentions it would be nice to wait for a definitive response from the CvB to close all the unnecessary costs until there is a solution. Joaquim asks what will happen with the CSR CoBo given the funding problem. Noah P. currently does not know about the CoBo.

Noah P. has forwarded a registration link for the Sweelinck Orchestra.

165 Noah P. mentions if any members need a letter to excuse them from mandatory tutorials, they should message them.

## 18. Input requests for the FSRs / to the media

There are no input requests.

## 19. Evaluating the PV

*The PV is evaluated.*

Members agree to limit online meetings.

## 20. Questions

170 There are no further questions.

## 21. Closing the meeting

Titus closes the meeting at 15:14.

### Decisions

- 175 **231102-01** The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of taking a stance against the house rule prohibiting expressions of a political, cultural, or religious nature.
- 231102-02** The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of hosting an event to collect input on the Concept New Democratic Framework.
- 231102-03** The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of making gender neutral toilets more accessible.
- 180 **231102-04** The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of making menstrual products completely free and accessible to all students at the UvA.
- 231102-05** The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of sending a positive advice on the CvB Profile.

### Action list

- 185 **231019-01** Abbey will communicate the O&O election results to the profiling fund and FSRs.
- ~~**231019-02** Sanaa will make an Instagram post about the updated University Library hours during exam week.~~
- 231019-03** O&F will meet with Jessey and the FdG to discuss the FSR allocation from the CSR.
- 231012-01** Noah P. and Joaquim will draft a concept budget for the CvB to propose higher funding for the CSR.
- 190 ~~**231012-03** All CSR members will fill out their availability for block 2 by the PV231019.~~

### Pro memoria

- 140908-04** The DB keeps an eye on late meeting pieces, is strict about *nazendingen* and being present in time.
- 195 **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.
- 200 **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.
- 190904-01** The DB protects the diversity of the council and supports a just and coherent working environment.
- 205 **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.
- 220113-02** CSR members will inform the vice-chair if they are absent during a meeting or event of the CSR.
- 210 **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.
- 220307-01** Receipts will be added to the request for budget approvals that are brought to the PV of the CSR.



## Important transfer tips

- 215 **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
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

# Concept minutes of the informal *Plenaire vergadering* of the CSR on 9 November 2023

Present	Noah Pellikaan, Titus van der Valk, Ihab Laachir, Mic Cimmino, Noah Benjamins, Stefana Feciuc, Joaquim Becker, Sanaa Kashif, Ruben Brouwer, Diana Burduja, Sofia Frumkina, Saar Schnieders.
Absent	Jessey van Oostende, Roza Wagenaer.
Guest(s)	Maarten Krugers Dagneux ( <i>Student Assessor 23-24</i> ); Céline Zahno ( <i>student</i> )
Minutes	Abigail Gilchrist ( <i>Administrative secretary</i> ).

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

## 1. Opening

Noah P. opens the meeting at 13:15 and welcomes the meeting participants.

## 2. Mail

The mail is read.

## 3. Adapting concept minutes

The minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November are adopted.

## 4. Checking the action list

The action list is checked. See attachment.

## 5. Announcements

- 5 Diana will leave today at 14:55.  
Maarten and Ihab will leave today at 14:30.

### Mandates

- 10 Stefana mandates Noah B.  
Ihab mandates Noah P.  
Roza mandates Ruben  
Diana mandates Sanaa  
13 eligible votes. The quorum is met.

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

- 15 Maarten updates he has met with ASVA to discuss the social safety in student associations and the house rules. Maarten has also met with Peter-Paul to discuss the points.  
The CSR has received response on the unsolicited advice on 3<sup>rd</sup> party collaborations.  
A proposal will arrive to the GV on their involvement in the REC campus development working group.

## 7. Setting the agenda

The agenda is set.



## 8. CSR CoBo

20 The CSR is currently working on solving the internal budgeting problem. Therefore, the CSR is unsure about the funding for the CoBo. The CoBo requires 600 euros for the venue and the artists present will be paid. Noah B. asks what the current commitments to the bands and the DJs are. Noah P. informs the agreement was that transportation costs would be covered and each band would also receive a compensation.

Titus proposes to set a preliminary budget in case there is clarity on the budget. Joaquim advises to cancel the CoBo given the uncertainty in the budget and how much the CSR will be allocated.

25 Ihab recommends if more information is not provided by Monday the CSR should cancel the CoBo. Diana asks if there is a possibility to pay for the CoBo in 2024. Noah P. would like to avoid creating a future problem for the 2024 budget and is unsure later payment would be possible. Diana clarifies if there was a cancellation fee or time limit for the venue. Noah P. states they are unsure but most likely this would have been communicated in advance if there was one. The CSR is recommended to speak to the financial controller in person for a  
30 solution for the internal budgeting. The CSR will hold an email vote once a decision has been made. Noah P. will call Mariska to ask for a response from the CDO regarding funding for the gender conference hosted by the CSR [action].

## 9. Democratization

Titus would like to have a discussion with the CvB on democratisation at the UvA in the upcoming OV on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Titus would like the opportunity for the CSR to share their initial positions with the CvB. He  
35 would also like to establish an open conversation with the CvB as he hopes this will give a better basis for more constructive conversations with the CvB. He would like to start with a problem statement and the main lines in which the CvB can react to. Saar mentions the mainlines for the solution can be created but to what extent the solutions are viable depends on how the CvB reacts to having an open conversation. Titus adds he would like the CSR to stand for what they believe without compromise on the mainlines. Saar adds she  
40 believes it is contradictory to start a conversation and to not compromise later on. Titus adds there would be room for conversation but core points would not be open for compromise.

Sanaa asks if there is a timeframe for the discussion. Titus would like the discussion to happen in the upcoming OV. He would then work on input based on the conversation for a second OV.

Joaquim asks which points Titus finds essential and which points are throw-away points that can be used for negotiations but are not essential. The mainlines in the meeting piece Titus has included are points that are non-negotiable. Strengthening Medezeggenschap, right to protest, more consenting rights, non-violence and downward accountability are core examples for Titus. Sanaa believes it would be more successful to focus on one or two points rather than more as the chances are higher in getting certain points accepted. Titus states  
45 democratization is not just one point but would come more through the package of points.

50 Saar mentions it is important to acknowledge there are only nine months left in the council term. She mentions it is good to start the conversation but it is not realistic to expect these points will change in the next nine months. Joaquim recommends creating an outline of what the CSR would like to achieve and push it to the next CSR afterwards.

## 10. UvA for Palestine

*Free Campus for a Free Palestine – UvA for Palestine Petition*

55 Noah P. updates a new organisation has been founded at the UvA. The organisation planned a silent sit-in for Palestine outside Maagdenhuis. Noah P. mentions another petition from UvA for Palestine is circulating in which the organisation would like the CSR to sign the current petition. Joaquim recommends to sign it but ask the group to remove the demand stating:



60 “(...) the UvA’s house rules be amended in dialogue with the FSR FGw (...)”. Joaquim mentions the amendment of the house rules should not be in consultation with only one faculty as it is also a central issue.

Noah P. recommends advising the organisation to change it to “Medezeggenschap input” in place of the FSR FGw. Joaquim asks if the statement comes from FGw, the CSR is unsure.

Ihab clarifies if the CSR will vote to support the statement as if the CSR signs the petition it will include the content that is already there. Noah P. mentions the CSR can take a stance to support on the condition the  
65 petition is changed to add the Medezeggenschap in general.

Ihab also mentions he is not sure why the CDO is included in the petition in which UvA for Palestine demands “(...) a re-evaluation of the role and organizational structure of the CDO. We urge the CDO to be accountable to its duties of care and inclusion (...)”.

Noah B. responds if the CDO is not accountable for the work by communicating on the topic, it is difficult to  
70 know what is happening. Ihab believes it is too antagonistic to the CDO to sign the petition without an amendment as the CDO is also understaffed.

Saar mentions she has a problem with the statement on comparing Ukraine and Palestine and asking for equal compassion.

75 “We demand the UvA address the dire situation in Palestine with the same level of compassion as it did for the military occupation of Ukraine in 2022 (...)”.

Sanaa clarifies it ensures that the UvA provides equal contribution to students as they did for Ukrainian students. Sofia mentions it would be important to rephrase the demand. She mentions during 2022 Ukrainian, Russian and Belarussian students received support yet the UvA is not providing support for Palestinian or Israeli students. Ihab adds Israeli and Palestinian students should receive similar communication as

80 Ukrainian, Russian and Belarussian students did in the previous year. Sofia clarifies during the Ukraine invasion students received personal emails which has not happened for Palestinian and Israeli. Noah P. adds financial support is different in this case as there are not Israeli refugees at the UvA or Israeli students in the same financial position as Russian students were put in last year after Europe cut ties with Russian banks.

Maarten clarifies Palestinian Israeli students can receive the same support if they reach out to administration.

85 Ruben adds that Roza and him may submit a meeting piece on the entire situation as they will not be voting on the petition. Ruben states after an informal conversation with Roza, he feels the CSR is presenting a one-sided discussion.

#### Research Master Social Sciences Statement

90 Noah P. updates the CSR has been sent a letter from 50 students from the Research Master Social Sciences in which they ask the CSR to be a co-signatory. Sanaa is in favour of the letter as it is in line with previous CSR stances.

Noah P. asks if there are any comments on the statement from the research masters students. The CSR is in agreement in co-signing the RMSS statement.

95 The vote is delayed on the petition until next week, the vote on the RMSS statement proceeds.

**Voting proposal:** The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of co-signing the Research Master for Social Sciences support for Palestine letter.

In favour: 10 (Noah P., Titus, Noah B., Stefana, Sanaa, Mic, Joaquim)

100 Against: 0

Blanco: 0

Abstain: 3

Decision: *The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of co-signing the Research Master for Social Sciences support for Palestine letter.*

105 Noah P. will forward the CSR signature to the Research Master for Social Sciences [action].



## 11. Climate March

Stefana mentions a climate march will take place on Sunday. Given the CSR's funding situation, Stefana recommends the CSR can be present at the march and can spread information in support of the march. Saar mentions that the march does not seem student specific and asks why the CSR would like to support the march. Joaquim believes that it is a student issue as the students will be affected by the climate crisis. Stefana adds that the march ties into the third-party collaborations, working on projects with the green office, cutting ties with Deutsche Bank, and other climate projects at the UvA. Saar adds she agrees but would like to discuss where the CSR should draw the line in what they are involved in. Ihab adds it is difficult to discuss a line as the CSR has a lot of autonomy and there are a lot of student issues in many topics.

**Voting proposal:** The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of supporting the climate march.

In favour: 13 (Noah P., Titus, Noah B., Stefana, Sanaa, Mic, Joaquim)

Against: 0

Blanco: 0

Abstain: 0

Decision: *The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of supporting the climate march.*

## 12. Business Administration Graduation [CONFIDENTIAL]

The CSR discusses a confidential point on the Business Administration Graduation.

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*Ihab leaves 14:29*

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*Maarten leaves 14:33*

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*Diana leaves 14:55*

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**Voting proposal:** The CSR 23/24 votes in favour condemning the actions of the Dean Beetsma regarding the controversy of the Business Administration graduation statement.

In favour: 13 (Noah P., Titus, Noah B., Stefana, Sanaa, Mic, Joaquim)

Against: 0

Blanco: 0

Abstain: 0

Decision: *The CSR 23/24 votes in favour condemning the actions of the Dean Beetsma regarding the controversy of the Business Administration graduation statement.*

## 13. Mandatory Attendance

Saar asks where Titus received information about mandatory attendance in FNWI as it is not representative. Saar clarifies for the first year the FNWI standpoint is that it is important to transfer students from high school to university and to engage students on campus. Saar adds the FNWI has discussed the first year courses to be mandatory for the sake of the transition of students to be facilitated well is complies with what the CBE says. Titus adds not all students are from high school and there are other ways of supporting students in the transition. Sofia adds in FEB the entire first year is mandatory. Titus would like more input from the FSR and more examples from members.

Titus clarifies he would like a clear framework for the application of mandatory attendance. Saar agrees the central framework could be more clear. Joaquim asks how much power the CSR has on the central level. Titus



mentions the statement from the CBE is binding for the UvA. Sanaa mentions the CvB will direct the mandate to decide on mandatory attendance to the deans. Titus clarifies this is why a central framework should be made to provide clarity to the deans. Titus will check if the CSR has right of consent to the changes made to Model OER, especially regarding mandatory attendance [**action**].

#### 14. Credits for Medezeggenschap

150 The agenda point is moved until next week.

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

There will be a committee photoshoot for O&O and the DB next week.

Ihab and Noah P. have done an interview with AT5 on their own personal stances.

Titus announces an office clean-up.

#### 16. Input requests for the FSRs / to the media

Saar will send a question to all delegates on mandatory lunch breaks

155 Celine would like to discuss the crisis policy with members after the meeting.

#### 17. Evaluating the PV

*The PV is evaluated.*

#### 18. Questions

There are no further questions.

#### 19. Closing the meeting

*Noah P. closes the meeting at 15:19.*

#### Decisions

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**231109-01** The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of co-signing the Research Master for Social Sciences support for Palestine letter.

**231109-02** The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of supporting the climate march.

165 **231109-03** The CSR 23/24 votes in favour condemning the actions of the Dean Beetsma regarding the controversy of the Business Administration graduation statement.

#### Action list

**231109-01** Noah P. will call Mariska to ask for a response from the CDO regarding funding for the gender conference hosted by the CSR.

170 **231109-02** Noah P. will forward the CSR signature to the Research Master for Social Sciences.

**231109-03** Titus will check if the CSR has right of consent to the changes made to Model OER, especially regarding mandatory attendance.

~~**231019-01** Abbey will communicate the O&O election results to the profiling fund and FSRs.~~

**231019-03** O&F will meet with Jessey and the FdG to discuss the FSR allocation from the CSR.

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Absent	Ihab Laachir
Guest(s)	Melanie Kool ( <i>FSR-FNWI Vice-Chair</i> )
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Noah P. opens the meeting at 13:15 and welcomes the meeting participants.

## 2. Mail

The mail is read.

## 3. Adapting concept minutes

The minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> of November are adopted.

## 4. Checking the action list

The action list is checked. See attachment.

## 5. Announcements

- 5 Mic asks all members to remain respectful in their communication to each other.  
Titus thanks all CSR members for the attendance at the CoBo.  
Joaquim asks regarding international tuition fees if students pay the higher fee if students get the corrected amount back. The CSR confirms the UvA will correct the amount.  
Delegates will reach out to Stefana regarding the FSR internal budgets [**action**].

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### Mandates

13 eligible votes. The quorum is met.

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

The updates are discussed.

## 7. Setting the agenda

The agenda is set. Democratization is taken off.

## 8. Leon van den Zande

- 15 The CSR is introduced to Leon van den Zane, the new Secretary of the UvA.

## 9. Mandatory Attendance

Regarding mandatory attendance, Titus would like to bring the topic to the upcoming OV with the approval of the CSR. Titus would like three points mentioned. Firstly, to define what practical exercise means in regards to attaching mandatory attendance to “practical exercise”. Secondly, examining the possibility of an exemption in mandatory attendance for first year classes. Finally, creating a clear framework on proportional sanctions for attendance.

Sofia mentions Titus’ proposal to leave defining what a practical exercise is for the programmes to define in their own way. She asks if there will be an framework to oversee how the programmes will define what a practical exercise is and what kind of oversight would be provided. Titus clarifies the programme committees have a right to define practical exercise according to the OER. He would like to ensure there are conditions in place when programmes define practical exercises that are implemented into the model OER.

Sofia mentions a second concern regarding courses that maintain mandatory attendance and later on exclude students from final examinations for missing too many classes. Sofia would like an emphasis that there would be a control system to ensure students are not excluded from final examinations based on their attendance. Titus agrees he would like to look into exclusion of students from final examinations further but would like to separate that discussion from the current discussion on mandatory attendance. Saar mentions the exclusion of students from final exams is for the PC’s to have an overview on as the programmes are directly responsible rather than implementing policy on a central level. Titus mentions the CSR should ensure there are clear rules that are being followed at the central level. Saar clarifies if there are specific cases and the framework can be made clear and if things go wrong in specific programmes the PC’s have central standard to follow but ultimately it will be solved within the programmes.

Noah P. asks regarding one of the proposed changes to the model OER from Titus, stating “*If the FSR and PC agree, during a students’ first semester or academic year following this program, courses can also be made mandatory...*”, why the faculty OR would not also be involved. Titus answers the decision should be left to the students to agree whether mandatory attendance is necessary. Noah P. recommends adding a statement to include the decision is made “in consultation with the faculty OR” to avoid issues in the future. Jessey clarifies whether Titus refers to the students as the FSR’s or the general student population in a particular programme. Titus clarifies it would be the FSR and the relevant PC.

Saar mentions she is not in favour of the FSR being involved as it is difficult for the FSR to advise on each course and believes the PC’s know more about the courses. She would rather see just the PC making the decision which also includes OR members. Titus clarifies it would be for the whole programme rather than individual courses. Sanaa supports OR involvement as they are familiar with the educational system and structure. Titus will include a proposal to have the students consult with the OR on mandatory attendance. Diana suggests adding the statement from the CBE to the OV memo in order to strengthen Titus’ proposals.

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Roza enters 13:54

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**Voting proposal:** The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of a central framework on mandatory attendance that contains a lowering of sanctions to missing mandatory classes, and a more narrow definition of what classes are allowed to be mandatory, while still giving space for first year classes to be mandatory.

In favour: 13 (Noah P., Titus, Noah B., Stefana, Sanaa, Mic, Joaquim)

Against: 0

Blanco: 0

Abstain: 0

Decision: *The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of a central framework on mandatory attendance that contains a lowering of sanctions to missing mandatory classes, and a more narrow definition of what classes are allowed to be mandatory, while still giving space for first year classes to be mandatory.*





Noah P. will forward the CSR signature to the Research Master for Social Sciences [action].

## 10. CSR Merch

Ruben hands out samples to the CSR to try on options for the merch. CSR members vote on the different designs. Option A (13 in favour) and B (11 in favour) are voted in favour for the hoodie designs.

65 For the T-shirt, option C and B (12 in favour).

For mugs, the CSR would like to design mugs from other options.

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## 11. PV Dynamics [CONFIDENTIAL]

The CSR discusses the dynamics of the PV and social cohesion in the council.

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*Diana leaves 14:55*

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## 12. UvA for Palestine

The agenda point is postponed.

## 13. Credits for Medezeggenschap

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The agenda point is postponed.

## 14. W.V.T.T.K / Any other business

Titus asks the delegates to ensure the agendas, minutes and letters of the FSRs are published online.

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Joaquim requests a petition to be shared on the CSR Instagram.

## 16. Evaluating the PV

*The PV is evaluated.*

## 17. Questions

Titus will send out invites for the democratisation event today and asks delegates to share with their faculties.

## 18. Closing the meeting

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*Noah P. closes the meeting at 15:17.*

## Decisions

### 231109-01

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Absent	Roza Wagenaer, Ruben Brouwer, Noah Pellikaan, Sofia Frumkina, Ihab Laachir, Mic Cimmino.
Guest(s)	Maarten Krugers Dagneux ( <i>Student Assessor 23-24</i> );
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## 3. Adapting concept minutes

The minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> of November are adopted.

## 4. Checking the action list

*The action list is checked. See attachment.*

## 5. Announcements

- 5 Saar announces she was sent an invitation to Twilight in concert. Saar requests the CSR to attend as a social event. The DB will look into the Twilight concert as a social activity for the council [**action**].  
Noah B. announces he had a meeting on the quality agreements with LSVb. He is trying to organise a training for the file holders and faculty council file holder for quality agreements.  
Noah B. announces ASVA would like to write an election statement and has asked if the CSR would like to  
10 contribute to the statement. The CSR will discuss further during the PV.  
Stefana announces on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November there will be a national walkout for Palestine.

### Mandates

- Ruben mandates Titus.  
15 8 eligible votes. The quorum is met.

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

The FSR FdR will advise on the budget next week.  
FSR FNWI will not have an OV this cycle but an extra OV will be added.

## 7. Setting the agenda

The agenda is set.



## 8. OV Reflection

20 The CSR reflects on the second OV and action points. The CSR discusses the upcoming OV cycle as the next OV will take place January 16<sup>th</sup>. Titus requests the topics to be brought to committee chairs within the next two weeks for the OV.

## 9. WHW Meeting

Titus explains the purpose of the WHW meeting. The CSR is informed it is important to only discuss topics and points that have been brought up to the CvB previously. Titus updates the CSR the agenda setting meeting for the WHW took place last week.

25 Stefana asks if it is possible to add to the agenda as the general CSR was not as involved in the agenda setting of the WHW. Stefana would like to discuss the general attitude and workload expected of the CSR in the OV's. Firstly, Stefana mentions her concern in receiving an immediate no from the CvB in OV's. Secondly, Stefana would like to mention the work the CSR does that is out of the official scope of the council, such as drafting policy proposals. Titus adds it is good to raise the issue of the CSR having to prepare policies in depth to  
30 present proposals.

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*Jessey enters 14:09*

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35 Titus recommends meeting 30 minutes before the WHW meeting to prepare the discussion. The technical meeting on sustainability will take place after the WHW meeting.

All members of the CSR will attend the pre-meeting for the WHW and prepare what they would like to discuss [action].

## 10. Working Agreements

40 The CSR proposes two changes to the working agreements. The first change is that committee meetings should always be held in person and hybrid meetings should be requested 12 hours in advance. The committee chair will decide if the meeting takes place in a hybrid format or fully online. Titus explains committee meetings should be as important as PV's which is why there is a proposed change. The second change is to have names included as a standard in the minutes when voting.

Joaquim states he is not in favour of the proposal change in Article 3,5 (A)(I):

- 45 a. *"Requests for a hybrid meeting should be done 12 hours in advance pursuant to section 2(1)(4)(a).  
i. It is up to the discretion of the relevant committee chair to decide what form the meeting will proceed"*

Joaquim mentions that when members want a hybrid meeting it is normally when they are sick so it may be difficult to notify within the 12-hour proposed requirement. Saar mentions the 12-hour proposal depends on when the meeting takes place. If it is 9am and someone wakes up sick, the 12 hour notification would be  
50 difficult. Titus recommends voting on the changes in the next PV.

Regarding the names in the voting, members are in favour of the suggestions. The working agreements already state the option to include the names of members and how they vote, the CSR agrees to restate the importance.

## 11. Statement on Dutch Elections

55 Noah B. restates his interest in discussing whether the CSR would like to collaborate with ASVA on a statement regarding the outcome of the Dutch national elections. Saar recommends being careful not to state



the CSR is disappointed in the results but rather making the statement closer to topics the CSR is working on. She would not like to give out a statement to students that they do not agree with how students may vote. Stefana adds given the PVV's stances, the CSR does have stances against certain goals of the party which the CSR can make statements against, such as clarifying the CSR is not against internationalisation. Saar adds the CSR can state they stand for inclusion and that international students are a part of the UvA culture, which is not reflected in the election results, but the CSR will continue working for inclusion.

60 Joaquim recommends waiting until ASVA has made a statement to understand how to formulate a CSR statement.

Noah B. states there are a few ways the CSR can go about making a statement. ASVA wants to speak out against the PVV. Noah B. recommends writing that the CSR stands for certain values, such as inclusion and internationalisation, and remains a safe space for all students. Another option is that the CSR can call on the UvA to speak out against the values of xenophobia present in the election. Joaquim adds several parties have spoken out against international students in the Netherlands which is what the CSR should focus on given the student representation and distribution of internationals at the UvA. Titus believes that given the UvA does have certain values, it is important to speak out as it undermines the values of the university. As international students' safety is concerned and the welcoming of students, there will be consequences for the university and students. Saar mentions it is also a good idea, given the islamophobia present in the election, and to make a statement that reflects the CSR values against forms of exclusion, such as islamophobia. Stefana adds it is important to consider the words of the statement. Stefana asks how the CSR in practice can show support to international students. Saar mentions what the CSR can practically do depends on how the coalition is formed. The CSR generally agrees on writing a statement which will be further discussed in the next PV.

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*Diana leaves 14:50*

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## **12. Council Assistant**

Sanaa mentions the workload for social media is too high for the O&M committee. Sanaa recommends hiring a council assistant to help with the workload. Hiring a council assistant would help but is not currently allowed in the international regulations regarding the maximum composition of the CSR. Sanaa would like to request a council assistant in the next OV.

80 Joaquim recommends allocating budget to hire someone to help with social media. Sanaa explains the CSR could not hire someone in the long-term but only with a contract for a one-time job. Saar mentions at Science Park social media is done by the communications department. Saar recommends if the CSR should work with communications to see if they can hire someone. Sanaa states she has already looked into this and had received the response from communications they are only able to support rather than dedicate an employee to make posts and manage the CSR social media. Stefana recommends looking for someone to contract as self-employed. The person can then request services to the CSR rather than be an employee of the UvA. Sanaa agrees to look further into the option to contract someone.

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

Titus announces the council bonding activity potluck will take place on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **14. Input requests for the FSRs / to the media**

There are no input requests.

## 15. Evaluating the PV

The PV is evaluated.

## 16. Questions

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## 17. Closing the meeting

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## Decisions

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