Concept minutes of the informal *Plenaire vergadering* of the CSR on 05 October 2023

Present	Noah Pellikaan, Titus van der Valk, Mic Cimmino, Ihab Laachir, Sofia Frumkina, Saar Schnieders, Noah Benjamins, Stefana Feciuc, Roza Wagenaer, Jessey van Oostende, Joaquim Becker, Sanaa Kashif.
Absent	Ruben Brouwer
Guest(s)	
Minutes	Abigail Gilchrist (*Administrative secretary)*.

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1. Opening
Noah P. opens the meeting at 14:07 and welcomes the meeting participants.

2. Mail
The mail is read.

3. Adapting concept minutes
The minutes of the 21st and 28th of September are postponed.

4. Checking the action list
The action list is checked and the pro memoria is read. See attachment.

5. Announcements
5   Sanaa announces next Thursday from 12:00-14:00 social media representatives will come by the office to film an introductory video of the CSR for Instagram.
Joaquim announces Cirfood has agreed to open the canteen at REC on weekends before exams from 10:00-14:00. If the CSR wants it open for longer the CSR will need to find funding for security on campus.
Ihab spoke to Bert Zwiep, the head of facilities, and updates that guiding lines of the floor are in the making,
10   the revision of elevators to speak will happen and other UvA entrances will incorporate accessible entry points.
Jessey updates the FdG Cobo is the 24th of October from 17:00 onwards at the AMC.
Noah P. states the meeting with the delegates from the central PhD council will take place Tuesday October 10th in the CSR office from 17:00-18:00
15   The AV for ISO is tomorrow from 13:30-16:30 online or in Utrecht.

Mandates
Ruben mandates Roza
13 eligible votes. The quorum is met.

6. Updates: *DB, delegates, central student assessor*
20   *Updates are discussed.*

7. Setting the agenda
The agenda is set.

8. Accessibility Collaboration

Ihab has spoken to the SRVU (student union of the VU) and has agreed to work on a declaration of intent for accessibility. The declaration will entail a proposal for a two-tiered system. Firstly, study and student associations can sign to work towards making their events more accessible. Secondly, student unions and councils can agree to be a intermediary between student associations. As a council or student union, the council or union can intervene on behalf of study and student associations to discuss if these associations need any resources from third parties to achieve accessibility goals for their events. Third parties can include mediation between study and student associations with the University or the municipality.

Ihab states the CSR 23/24 will be put on the facilitation side if the CSR is in agreement. Ihab updates after a brainstorming session and more discussion there will be a meeting piece.

9. CSR Budget/Medezeggenschap Funding

The CSR receives funding for 80,000 a year which has not increased over the years comapared to inflation and student numbers. Joaquim has calculated an updated amount for funding based on the number of students and inflation. He proposes setting the funding to the rate of tuition fees.

Titus suggests to name the right to facilitation as an argument to increase the funding to ensure the CvB fulfils the legal obligation to facilitate the workings of the CSR.

Jessey clarifies if the proposal is to decrease FdG and increase the FMG budget. Jessey states he is against this proposal as the FdG funds their own events and differs from other FSRs. Noah P. updates the CvB has previously committed that none of the FSR budgets will be lowered.

Roza enters 14:29

Saar asks why the CSR would need more money as there have been no financial issues in the past, which the CvB may use as an argument against the CSR. Noah P. responds the CSR is unable to fund projects and other student events with the current budget.

Titus asks why the budget would be tied to student numbers. Noah P. explains the CvB has already expressed they agree with coupling it with student numbers as a point of agreement. Roza questions what the 80,000 was based on and there is not much information regarding the reasoning for the funding.

Noah B. recommends creating a financial proposal to show the costs and what they would be used for to show the need to increase the budget. Saar is concerned with not having a concrete plan or outline of what the CSR will ask for. She states she believes the CSR can make a good point to get more funding for the FSR's currently but would need more information. Ihab mentions a higher budget would help to increase outreach and promotion as well given higher student numbers.

Roza asks what happens to the money that is not used, Noah P. states it is dissolved into the general UvA budget, such as real estate investments.

The CSR agrees to create two voting proposals regarding taking a stance on increasing the CSR budget and the FSR budgets.

Voting proposal: The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of increasing CSR budget for the next fiscal year.

In favour: 8 (Noah P., Titus, Noah B., Stefana, Mic, Sanaa)

Against: 1

Blanco: 0

Abstain: 4

Decision: *The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of increasing CSR budget for the next fiscal year.*

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Against: 0

Blanco: 0

Abstain: 0

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10. Strategy REC Housing [confidential]

The CSR discusses a confidential point on REC housing.

11. Council Communication [confidential]

The CSR discusses a confidential point on internal communication.

12. CvB Profile Advice

Based on feedback from CSR members of the CvB profile, Noah P. goes page by page to discuss any points members would like to change.

75 Stefana proposes to add:

"In line with UvA Code of Conduct: The Chair should actively guard against abuse of power inequalities and should foster a safe working climate. Further, the Chair should treat actions by its employees with respect, even when the pressure is on."

Stefana states given previous situations in the past in which employees have felt socially unsafe in meetings

80 with the chair, she would like to emphasise the importance that a Chair should cultivate a socially safe environment. Stefana also recommends the chair should have experience in working with civil society as an important addition.

Roza believes there should be knowledge of democratic and decentral processes but not necessarily experience. Titus recommends adding knowledge and experience in democratic and decentral processes,

85 preferably having Medezeggenschap experience.

Roza asks if the CSR can change the female requirement to non-male even though it is written so in the law. The CSR is unable to change the formulation.

Saar states she is not sure if she would like to see "under scribes the values of democratisation, decarbonisation and decolonisation" in the profile as she believes it is too political. Ihab agrees that adding

90 this in the profile would not mean that the chair upholds the values. Titus believes the leadership should have strong values and governance is not without politics. He states he believes that leadership should have values that align with the CSR.

Noah P. asks if there should be an addition of "preferably with Medezeggenschap experience". Ihab disagrees with adding it in as he believes it creates a culture of meritocracy where being involved gets you further.

95 Stefana states she would like it as a preference since it is not a requirement and believes it is important a candidate could understand the other side.

No further amendments are discussed and the CSR agrees to vote on advising positively.

100 | **Voting proposal**: The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of advising positively on the CvB profile on the condition all suggestions made by CSR members are accepted.

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

Against: 0

Blanco: 0

Abstain: 0

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13. Woonprotest

Noah B. clarifies ASVA has not been involved. If the CSR votes in favour, Noah B. will reach out directly to the organisation to see how the CSR can support.

Mic leaves 15:50, Mic mandates Noah P.

Voting proposal: The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of supporting woonprotest and its goals.
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Abstain: 0
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14. Decolonial Dialogues

There are no further comments from CSR members regarding Stefana's participation at the Decolonial Dialogues.

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15. Exam Committees

The topic is postponed as CSR members would like further discussion on the topic and more information.

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

Sanaa asks for CSR members to send their preferred photos for Instagram.

Joaquim mentions there will be a tour on the 20th of November at 15:00 for the new university library. All members should let Noah B. and Joaquim know if they will attend the university library tour before the next PV [**action**].

17. Input requests for the FSRs / to the media

There are no input requests.

18. Evaluating the PV

The PV is evaluated.

19. Questions

135 Roza would like to give an update to the CSR on flex studying in the next PV.

20. Closing the meeting

Noah P. closes the meeting at 16:02.

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Action list

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150 ~~230928-02~~	~~All delegates announce the opening of the CSR budget to their FSRs.~~
~~230928-03~~	~~Noah P. shall get in touch with the FdG and FMG about the proposed funds allocation.~~
~~230928-04~~	~~Noah will make a google doc for the CvB profile his so people can add comments/suggestions, all council members will add their suggestions before the discussion next week.~~
~~230921-01~~	~~All delegates let the treasurer know the budget of their FSRs. The faculty that has more budget~~
155	~~will get less funding.~~
230921-02	Sophia talks to Ren regarding last year's budget and FSR funding.
~~230921-03~~	~~Noah will inquire if the kitchen can used for the Cobo.~~
~~230921-04~~	~~The DB looks into the SPLITSER-app.~~
~~230921-05~~	~~All delegates will send Sofia names of file holders for AI and mental health.~~
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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
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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	Saar Schnieders
Guest(s)	
Minutes	Abigail Gilchrist (*Administrative secretary)*.

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2. Mail
The mail is read.

3. Adapting concept minutes
The minutes of the 21st and the 28th of September and the 5th of October are adopted.

4. Checking the action list
The action list is checked. See attachment.

5. Announcements
5   UvA Social Media team is briefly filming at the start of the PV.
Mic announces a gender neutral toilet survey has been made and will be published on the Instagram tomorrow.

Mandates
10   13 eligible votes. The quorum is met.

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

7. Setting the agenda
Stefana and Sanaa request an additional emergency agenda point regarding official communication from the UvA on the Israel-Palestinian conflict. This is replaced as Agenda point 11 and CSR expenditures is taken off.

8. OV Evaluation
The CSR is invited to reflect on the OV from Tuesday.

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Jessey enters 14:12

The CSR generally agrees there is more to learn regarding tactics used by the CvB and tactics they can use themselves, such as avoiding the discussion going in circles. The CSR further states improvements can be made in their preparation for OV by utilising the whole six week cycle. Jessey shares feedback from the FSR FdG that the points brought to the OV by the CSR should be more concrete.

Noah P. and Joaquim will draft a concept budget for the CvB to propose higher funding for the CSR [**action**].

9. Informal Opportunity [confidential]

The CSR discusses a confidential point on informal opportunities.

10. Amending the UvA House Rules

Sanaa clarifies it is the House Rules on the contemplation room as stated by facility services. Objects and items are not allowed to be left in the room due to the regular cleaning of the room. Sanaa would like to amend the House Rules to ensure a locker will be allowed to stay in the contemplation room. The locker should be easy to use and unlocked to remain accessible for students.

Roza suggests to add in "there will be a freely accessible locker or storage space present in every room that will be used to store attributes" to the current proposal.

The CSR agrees to use Roza's phrasing.

The new proposal is:

The contemplation room is a neutral space. The room may not in any way be claimed or appropriated by supporters of one specific political, religious or personal persuasion through decorations, inscriptions, furnishings, layout or the behaviour of users. Neither will any discrimination be tolerated by or between users on any other grounds. There will be a freely accessible locker present in every room that can be used to store attributes.

The locker will already be installed at the JK campus and one is located in the city centre campus. Noah P. recommends talking to the GOR first before bringing it to the OV as a follow-up action.

Voting proposal: The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of amending the house rules on the contemplation rooms.

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

Against: 0

Blanco: 0

Abstain: 0

Decision: *The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of amending the house rules on the contemplation rooms.*

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11. Concerns regarding the situation in Israel and Gaza

Stefana updates the council on an email shared with the law faculty from a student. The student stated the universities' communication regarding the situation in Palestine and Israel is one-sided as no communication was distributed regarding Israel's humanitarian concerns. The student urges the University to include communication on both Palestine and Israel. A meeting has been set up for later this afternoon in which Stefana will discuss with the law diversity officer how to respond to the email and what can be communicated to the UvA.. Sanaa adds it is not just one student upset with the UvA's statement but many students are speaking against the UvA's statement.

Roza asks for clarification on what is controversial in the wording of the UvA's statement. Noah P. answers there is no mention of Palestine in the statement which does not provide a more balanced statement for Palestinian students as well. Roza states that her comment on neutrality does not mean she does not support Palestinians and the communication should be amended. She clarifies she does not understand what the CSR

wants the UvA to say to ensure neutrality. Noah B. mentions the language in the communication only includes Israel and by only mentioning Israel and the region, they exclude Palestine and Palestinian students. He clarifies the mention of Palestine/Palestinian students would be more balanced.

60 Stefana adds she has looked into whether the UvA has included any resources for Palestinian students in the past, particularly from 2014 in an attack on Palestine, and has found no mention of resources for Palestine/Palestinian students. Sofia mentions that the UvA does not recognise the Palestinian nationality in surveys or through platforms.

For the goal of the meeting piece, Stefana mentions she would like the CSR to complete the communication

65 from the UvA, contextualise and improve the statement. Joaquim mentions he is concerned about the University giving context. He agrees it is one-sided but to contextualise statements he believes the UvA would have to provide a historical background which may be going to in-depth for a statement. He believes the UvA should address Palestine but not necessarily contextualise.

Sanaa adds she would like the CSR to agree the message is not enough and communicate the CSR's stance to

70 the CDO. Diana suggests the UvA could add in resources to the UvA wide newsletter. Jessey mentions that as an academic institution, he believes the UvA should stay neutral and should add in full communication. Sanaa states that the UvA has not been neutral in the past on other crises such as the war in Ukraine.

Titus mentions he would like the UvA to share a fair and complete narrative and speak out against human rights violations. Joaquim adds that the people in power would need to agree on the narrative and depending

75 on who is writing the narrative, the outcome could be worse. Diana clarifies it should be a balanced picture, which Joaquim mentions is difficult given it depends on who is writing the narrative.

Joaquim proposes taking a stance on adding the Palestinian nationality to all UvA databases as well as a more balanced statement from the UvA on the Palestine Israel conflict.

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80 **Voting proposal**: The CSR 23/24 votes in favour taking a stance on adding the Palestinian nationality to all UvA databases.

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

Against: 0

Blanco: 0

85 Abstain: 0

Decision*: The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of taking a stance on adding the Palestinian nationality to all UvA databases.*

Voting proposal: The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of a more balanced framing in the UvA's communication on

90 the Palestine Israel conflict.

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

Against: 0

Blanco: 0

Abstain: 0

95 Decision*: The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of a more balanced framing in the UvA's communication on the Palestine Israel conflict.*

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12. Update: Shared Google Calendar

Sanaa gives an update on the shared google calendar. The CSR has received the link to the google calendar and is asked to share relevant events on the calendar. The calendar will be updated every week. In two weeks the DB will evaluate how the calendar works and if anything needs to be improved.

13. Concept Kaderkwaliteitszorg

Titus shares the concept framework for quality assurance has been discussed in the DB. There will be a meeting with a few COR members this Friday. Titus invites any CSR members who are interested to join. Titus explains the framework for quality assurance does not currently include a vision and a few COR members and Titus believe there should be one. Titus would like to begin with concerns to form a vision on the framework for quality assurance. Titus explains it should be created from scratch, as discussed in the GV. As agreed in the previous GV, the GV would like to re-evaluate the perspective on education in the framework. Titus would like to do a round of input for a revision on the framework.

The CSR provides the following concerns to discuss as the vision for the framework: Lack of support systems, lack of autonomy, students falling between the cracks, affordability and flexibility of education, quality in regards to ranking, mental health of students (work-life balance), more space and money for exploring flexible alternatives to education, accessibility and inclusivity, corporatized academia and 'the diploma factory', immoral or dry didactics, casualisation of work at the UvA (overworked staff), evaluations and contact with teachers, alternative examination methods.

14. Flexibility

Roza informs the CSR regarding the outcomes of a working group within the UvA that explored the possibilities for flexibility in education. The working group formed nine dimensions of flexibility. Roza would like the CSR to understand the broad concept and the possibilities of flexibility at the University. She would like to change the name of the file from flex studying to flexibility. She requests the FSR's to send her the contact information for the file holders at each FSR to have an overview on the topic and better understand what is happening in each faculty. All delegates will send the contact information for their flexibility file holders to Roza [**action**].

> **Voting proposal**: The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of changing the file name from flex studying to flexibility.
> In favour: 13 (Noah P., Titus, Noah B., Stefana, Sanaa, Mic)
> Against: 0
> Blanco: 0
> Abstain: 0
> Decision: *The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of changing the file name from flex studying to flexibility.*

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

Ihab mentions a podcast on the lack of inclusivity for internships and asks if this can be shared on the CSR socials.

Ihab shares with the CSR that he will be stepping down as O&O chair as the workload has been too high and the administrative tasks are not accessible. The CSR thanks Ihab for his time in the DB. Elections for a new O&O chair will take place next PV.

Ruben will looks into CSR merch. He suggests looking into an Amsterdam based brand.

Titus mentions it would be a good idea to meet with other file holders on the files members are working on at FSR's or other bodies at the university.

Mic leaves 15:50

The CSR will send a representative to the feedback on the new streaming platform, Sofia will join.

Titus reminds everyone to fill in their availability for block 2 for the new PV times. All CSR members will fill out their availability for block 2 by the PV231019 [**action**].

16. Input requests for the FSRs / to the media

140   Jessey asks other delegates to work together to create a canvas page to contact FSR's and directly. Delegates will discuss FSR canvas pages for people to directly contact the FSR's [**action**].

17. Evaluating the PV

The PV is evaluated.

Roza asks members to remain considerate of other people when discussing sensitive issues. The CSR is in agreement.

18. Questions

145   There are no further questions.

19. Closing the meeting

Noah P. closes the meeting at 16:02.

Decisions

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Action list

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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

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Concept minutes of the informal *Plenaire vergadering* of the CSR on 19 October 2023

Present	Noah Pellikaan, Titus van der Valk, Ihab Laachir, Sofia Frumkina, Mic Cimmino, Noah Benjamins, Stefana Feciuc, Joaquim Becker, Sanaa Kashif, Ruben Brouwer, Roza Wagenaer, Diana Burduja, Jessey van Oostende.
Absent	Saar Schnieders.
Guest(s)	Eleri Connick [*doctoral candidate Amsterdam School for Heritage, Memory and Material Culture*]
Minutes	Abigail Gilchrist (*Administrative secretary)*.

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

1. Opening
Noah P. opens the meeting at 14:07 and welcomes the meeting participants.

2. Mail
The mail is read.

3. Adapting concept minutes
The minutes of the 12th of October are adopted.

4. Checking the action list
The action list is checked. See attachment.

5. Announcements
5   Noah P. requests members to fill in the survey Bora Fidan has sent out. Noah P. asks Joaquim to have the FEB Chair fill out the survey for the FEB council.
Noah P. asks members to meet at REC A after 16:00
Stefana will need to leave half an hour before. She mandates Noah P.

10   Mandates
Mic mandates Noah B.
Saar mandates Sofia
Stefana mandates Noah P.
14 eligible votes. The quorum is met.

6. Updates: *DB, delegates, central student assessor*
15   *Updates are discussed.*

7. Setting the agenda
The agenda is set.

8. Support for Palestine
Noah P. updates since the last PV there have been more students at the UvA taking stances and speaking up regarding the genocide in Palestine. Noah P. invites Eleri as a guest to speak. Eleri is a PhD candidate at the

Amsterdam School ADD. She states the response from the university is unacceptable and draws attention to the bias of the UvA. A fellow doctoral student and Eleri wrote a letter to the CvB which was made public. More than 1,000 people have signed the letter including students, staff and alumi. The CvB's response is unsatisfactory to Eleri and other students as the CvB misused terminology such as "Palestinian territories" rather than "occupied Palestinian land". Further, Eleri states the UvA focuses on decolonial practices but does not acknowledge the colonial power of Israel. Later today at 16:00 to 17:30, a teaching moment will take place at REC with multiple professors teaching decolonial practices and projects. The CvB will be invited to attend the teaching moment this afternoon. Participants have been ensured that education is key and they expect no problems given it is not an occupation. It is a first step in escalation. Tomorrow, Friday October 20th, there will be a UvA wide strike. Eleri invites all signatories to join them at 12:00 in the open space at BG2 for a vigil. Titus mentions that security may bring up public order to participants. He mentions students may feel unsafe as a concern. Eleri mentions the movement is focused on free speech and education which should not pose a problem for the university.

Noah P. clarifies the goal of the meeting today is to sign the petitions and the general strike tomorrow. Sanaa clarifies if this means all CSR members will strike. Titus states it makes sense for the CSR to show up but not strike the whole day. Eleri invites CSR members to further vote on the topic because the university is an education for civil society that should uphold civic rights and human rights. Sanaa asks what the goal of the movement is, such as if they want the university to change their stance or communicate differently. Eleri clarifies they have asked the UvA to rephrase their statement, for instance calling it a genocide versus a situation. Eleri would further like the UvA to create an interdisciplinary course on what is happening in Palestine and bring in experts. She has also asked the UvA to confirm students and staff are safe to speak on these topics without being alienated and censored. Eleri mentions there are members of the community who are not going into campus as they don't feel safe. Finally, to support events to educate and wider Amsterdam on what is happening in Palestine.

Titus clarifies he sees the CvB position as neutral on stances for scientific purposes. He states the CvB would be uncomfortable with taking a stance. Ihab adds it has nothing to do with neutrality. He states academic institutions and western states are currently only calling out war crimes when it is convenient, which is hypocritical. Eleri adds that is why they are asking why the University can call themselves a place of education and academic freedom when they are a talking piece of the EU and Dutch government.

Jessey joins 14:36

Sofia adds a statement from Saar that if the CSR will take a stance, she wants to ensure the suffering of the Israeli population is not downplayed. Jessey mentions the arguments made for signing the documents as a CSR are not fully known to be factual. He mentions that it is a tragedy what is happening but as an academic institution by picking one side, the institution does not function as it should. Jessey mentions that the issue is not academic but more political. Ihab adds that academic issues are also political and difficult to separate. Stefana further adds that the university focuses on decolonisation, which is part of academia at the university, further relevant to why she believes the UvA should not remain neutral. Jessey clarifies he mentioned to stay neutral as there are students and families affected both Palestinians and Israeli. He informs the CSR the FdG was approached by a student concerned for her safety if the CSR would take a stance in support of Palestine.

Eleri leaves 14:44

Sanaa mentions she understands Jessey's point on student safety. Students who are openly Muslim are being attacked on and off campus. She mentions that right now things are not safe and nothing will change by taking a stance. Ihab clarifies that supporting Palestine is not antisemitic.

Stefana asks for a clarification from Jessey on which facts within the petition are contested as she believes the petition has been well researched. She mentions the CSR should focus on voting to support the petition. She also mentions that in the face of war crimes there is no neutrality. Stefana also agrees regarding antisemitism this should always be spoken up about and stand against it. She would like the CSR to meet with the diversity office to discuss the feelings of Jewish students and staff who may feel unsafe.

Roza adds that it is brave to speak up about the issue. She mentions from the previous discussion in which a member stated "being silent is taking the side of the oppressor" that she does not necessarily agree. She mentions that the CSR as a student representative body should not take political stances. She wonders why the CSR will take a stance versus individuals. Joaquim responds that the CSR represents students and there is a precedent of support happening from the CSR. The CSR supported Ukraine, which was also political. The CSR members agree to move to the voting procedure.

Voting proposal: The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of co-signing the 'UvA Support for Palestine, End Occupation' petition and support its' goals.

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

Against: 0

Blanco: 1

Abstain: 2

Decision: *The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of co-signing the 'UvA Support for Palestine, End Occupation' petition and support its' goals".*

Voting proposal: The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of co-signing the Dutch Scholars for Palestine statement and support its' goals.

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

Against: 0

Blanco: 1

Abstain: 2

Decision: *The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of co-signing the 'UvA Support for Palestine, End Occupation' petition and support its' goals".*

Voting proposal: The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of the general strike for Palestine.

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

Against: 0

Blanco: 1

Abstain: 3

Decision: *The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of the general strike for Palestine.*

Voting proposal: The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of sending the proposed letter on communication on the Palestine-Israel conflict to relevant parties.

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

Against: 0

Blanco: 1

Abstain: 2

Decision: *The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of sending the proposed letter on communication on the Palestine-Israel conflict to relevant parties.*

9. O&O Election [confidential]

The CSR elects a new O&O Chair.

Sofia Frumkina is elected as the new O&O Chair.

Abbey will communicate the O&O election results to the profiling fund and FSRs [**action**].

Roza and Diana leave 15:20

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10. Renteprotest

Joaquim gives an overview of the history on the loan system for Dutch students to the CSR. He mentions the new interest rates will affect low-income students who already need loans to finance their studies. Ihab adds the government promised the interest percentage would stay at 0% but nothing was on paper. Titus asks how Joaquim envisions support from the CSR. Joaquim will contact them to ask what they need. The CSR can promote the protest and attend. Noah P. recommends writing a letter to the ministry if the CSR is in favour. Noah P. recommends getting in touch with ASVA, SRVU and other student councils.

Voting proposal: The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of supporting "Het Rente Protest" and its' goals.

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 supporting "Het Rente Protest" and its' goals.*

Stefana leaves 15:33

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11. Amending the House Rules

Sanaa updates the CSR on amending the House Rules. She mentions that she was under the impression facility services had agreed to add a locker but instead they agreed to a cupboard, box or something of that nature. Sanaa has amended the proposal to the following:

"*The contemplation room is a neutral space. The room may not in any way be claimed or appropriated by supporters of one specific political, religious or personal persuasion through decorations, inscriptions, furnishings, layout or the behaviour of users. Neither will any discrimination be tolerated by or between users on any other grounds.* **There will be a freely accessible facility (included but not limited to a locker, cupboard box or shelf)** *present in every room that can be used to store attributes.*"

Voting proposal: The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of the new wording of the CSR stance on the House Rules.

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 the new wording of the CSR stance on the House Rules.*

12. ISO Selection Committee

Noah P. has asked ISO for more information on the nomination of selection committee but has not received a response. Noah P. asks if anyone is interested in applying to be in the selection committee. Titus asks if the CSR can nominate someone outside the CSR. Noah P. confirms this is possible. Titus nominates Carlos van Eck

150   for the position as Carlos speaks Dutch and was a member of ISO last year. Titus mentions a problem with ISO is that all members of the board are white and upper middle class with a privileged background. He mentions Carlos could provide a different perspective to the selection committee. The CSR will ask Carlos if he is interested. Titus clarifies even if the CSR brings forward a candidate, the person may not be a part of the selection committee.

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> **<u>Voting proposal</u>**: The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of nominating Carlos van Eck to the ISO solicitation committee.
> In favour: 12 (Noah P., Titus, Noah B., Stefana, Sanaa, Mic)
> Against: 0
160   > Blanco: 0
> Abstain: 0
> Decision: *The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of nominating Carlos van Eck to the ISO solicitation committee.*

13. Length Issues [confidential]
The CSR discusses a confidential point.

14. W.V.T.T.K. / Any other business
165   Titus asks members if they would like to go to the Efteling for a social activity.
Ihab suggests the DB picks a second for when the DB gets sick. He mentions that people are forcing themselves to work when they are sick and wants to prioritise health over work. Ihab mentions an emergency procedure should be in place for when DB members are sick or other members to help them with workload. Ihab asks if anyone knows about if there is an initiative at UvA to request the UvA to break ties with Israel.
170   Noah P. updates Students for Justice for Palestine is working on this.
Noah B. mentions ASVA and USR VU would like to organise an event with the CSR. Noah B. asks if an email vote can take place. The event would be on student housing. Noah P. mentions an email vote can be open all day tomorrow.
Joaquim updates the canteen will be open on the weekends before exams from 10:00-14:00 and the
175   University Library has agreed to be pay cleaning and security until 19:00. Sanaa will make an Instagram post about the updated University Library hours during exam week [**action**]
Jessey and the FdG chair have a few questions about funding for the evaluation weekend. Jessey asks why the CSR money is allocated based on the amount of people in the faculty rather than the student council. Noah B. mentions it is not based on the amount of students in the faculty but based on the amount of funds each
180   faculty gets per student. O&F will meet with Jessey and the FdG to discuss the FSR allocation from the CSR [**action**].
Ihab asks what meetings are considered council business. Noah P. clarifies this is up to certain members and what their work entails.

15. Input requests for the FSRs / to the media
There are no input requests.

16. Evaluating the PV
185   *The PV is evaluated.*

17. Questions

There are no further questions.

18. Closing the meeting

Noah P. closes the meeting at 16:05.

Decisions

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231019-06	The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of the new wording of the CSR stance on the House Rules.
231019-07	The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of nominating Carlos van Eck to the ISO solicitation committee.

Action list

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.
~~**231012-02**~~	~~All delegates will send the contact information for their flexibility file holders to Roza.~~
231012-03	All CSR members will fill out their availability for block 2 by the PV231019.
~~**231012-04**~~	~~Delegates will discuss FSR canvas pages for people to directly contact the FSR's.~~
~~**231005-01**~~	~~All members should let Noah B. and Joaquim know if they will attend the university library tour before the next PV.~~

Pro memoria

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.
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.
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.

230 | **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.

220307-01 Receipts will be added to the request for budget approvals that are brought to the PV of the
235 | CSR.

Important transfer tips

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

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List of Abbreviations

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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
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