# Concept minutes of the informal *Plenaire* vergadering of the CSR on 3 February 2025

Present Stefana Feciuc, Georg Trischler Vinje, Willem Volker, Roza Wagenaer, Dina Nikolic, Francesco Bruseghini, Ivana

Djurica, Brody Xin, Aysenaz Cimsit, Wiktor Misiak, Maximiliano Okpala.

Absent Yashi Tripathi, Lola Fioole, Martrim Yousef.

Guest(s)

Minutes Abigail Gilchrist (Administrative secretary).

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#### 1. Opening

Stefana opens the meeting at 15:40 and welcomes the meeting participants.

#### 2. Mail

The mail is read.

# 3. Adapting concept minutes

The minutes from the 24th of January are adopted.

## 4. Checking the action list

The action list is checked. See attachment. Stefana will ask Peter-Paul for information on how the new framework ethical framework will be applied to the three ongoing case evaluations and if the evaluation of the cases will change if the new advice is adapted [action].

#### 5. Announcements

Ivana is online. Lola is feeling unwell and will be absent.

Roza will leave at 16:40, Dina will leave at 16:55 and Francesco will leave at 17:00.

Abbey asks all members to send input for the heisessie.

Yashi mandates Ivana

Martrim mandates Willem

Lola mandates Francesco

Dina mandates Wiktor

14 eligible votes. The quorum is met.

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

The updates are discussed. Stefana asks members to fill in the update form if they have not. Angelina updates the policy employee working on student well-being has started in November. She is currently on maternity leave and while she is on leave, there will not be a replacement.

## 7. Setting the agenda

The agenda is set.





#### 8. CSR Internal Budget

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Brody has sent an overview of the CSR internal budget. The budget will remain the same as last year at 90,000 euros for the 2025 fiscal year. Brody has based the 2025 budget on expenses from the previous year. Brody would like to use 2/3rds of the budget for the remaining eight months in office before the transition to the new CSR. Dina asks if the transfer budget is sufficient for the transfer weekend and weeks. Brody states the category would include groceries and travel for the transfer weekend and weeks, while the training and location is covered by the training budget.

Roza asks if a separate category for workshops is needed as it can also be included in trainings. Brody states it would be any external workshops or events that CSR members participate in.

Roza asks how flexible the categories are, for instance the allocation of funding for elections. Brody states internal and external are quite flexible but other categories are earmarked. Brody mentions the elections fund can also be used for election events planned by the CSR.

Stefana recommends the treasurer should conduct periodic evaluations on the expenses to reevaluate whether these continue to align with the 2025 internal budget plan. Brody will present a monthly overview of the budget to track the spendings of the CSR.

Stefana would like to redesign the office to make it more comfortable. Brody agrees 1000 can be allocated to office supplies from the catering budget to make more budget available.

Stefana asks if members are filling in the reimbursement forms and sending it to Brody. This will be voted in in the next PV.

**<u>Voting Proposal:</u>** The CSR 24-25 votes in favour of approving the 2025 budget plan with the amendment of 1000 for office supplies and monthly financial updates from Brody.

In favour: 14 (Francesco, Yashi, Lola, Maxi, Brody, Stefana, Wiktor, Dina, Georg, Willem, Roza, Martrim, Aysenaz, Ivana)

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#### 9. Elections

Aysenaz would like to create an election promotion timeline. O&M has been in contact with the communications bureau to discuss ideas to increase the election turnout. Aysenaz would like a promotional strategy to ensure new ideas will help increase voter turnout. If the CSR and FSR's agree, the elections bureau will continue with the proposed election period. To maximise outreach and engagement, a brainstorm session will take place tomorrow. There is a plan to finalise the strategy with O&M and the head of communications as well. Aysenaz is working to communicate with Facility Services on campaigning opportunities. Aysenaz would like to discuss the limited access for campaigning spaces and the lack of alignment between the CSR and FSR's on campaign strategies. Aysenaz would like further input on social media promotions. The O&M will reach out to the UvA for a separate communications email on the upcoming elections.

Roza asks if there was a discussion with the head of communications on the possibility of sending a physical letter to students. It may not be feasible with the budget to send letters personally to each student. Wiktor recommends bringing the matter of a physical letter to the brainstorm meeting tomorrow to see whether there is money available.



#### Francesco and Roza leave 16:33

- Stefana asks if the CSR will still work on central promotion the week before the campaigning period. Wiktor states this is included in the promotion timeline and within the proposal for the Democracy Day. Aysenaz mentions the proposal will work to market in different phases to increase awareness and voter turnout. Maximiliano states having a framework to work from is best as not one solution fits the context each year. Stefana mentions the CSR two years ago organised the Toilet Paper in the bathrooms of the UvA. Stefana recommends O&M to take on the file for the Toilet Paper again. Stefana also recommends having weekly updates and information about joining PVs and OVs on social media to increase engagement. For campaigning, Georg recommends having a borrel to offer a free drink with proof of a vote for entrance. Brody would be concerned about spending an excess of money on drinks within the budget. Wiktor understands the concern but if there are positive effects, it may not be an issue.
- Stefana recommends planning events in advance as events to promote the elections in April and May will need to be planned already.

#### Dina leaves 16:53

The CSR will discuss advocating for more physical campaigning spaces on campus in the next PV. Delegates will ask their FSR's for input on the feasibility for parties if there would be more physical campaigning spaces at the UvA. Brody volunteers to help with event planning. Georg will help with elections through the FSR FMG. Maximiliano mentions in the phases for awareness, he recommends planning more unconventional events. Maximiliano would be happy to brainstorm further events. Aysenaz will plan a separate brainstorm for election promotion ideas and planning [action].

#### 10. IO, GV and Heisessie preparation

The GV will discuss house rules, third party collaborations and the financial cycle. The COR and CSR have separate rights on house rules and third-party collaborations but will discuss common concerns. Maximiliano will get more information for when quality agreements should enter the GV.

For the IO, Maximiliano asks what the updates are for the AUC delegate. The DB has asked for updates on the AUC delegate from the CvB. The DB will keep the CSR informed.

Stefana will send a reading list including the Versterking medezeggenschap report and the year plan of the CvB to all CSR members in preparation for the heisessie [action].

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

Aysenaz asks for updates in the committees and files that they would like to include in the UvA student newsletter.

#### Ivana leaves 17:14

Stefana updates the GV has not been cancelled. There is extra food from evaluation weekend in the office for members to take.

Stefana updates the meeting pieces will be sent to FSR's starting from next week.

De Nieuwe Mensen has opened in the REC canteen today.

The DB will create a summary of outcomes and feedback from the evaluation weekend.



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

No further input.

## 13. Evaluating the PV

The PV is evaluated.

#### 14. Questions

There are no further questions.

## 15. Closing the meeting

Stefana closes the meeting at 17:16.

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250117-05 All members will send their input for the draft advice on third-party collaboration to Dina by next Friday.

**250117-06** Maximiliano will organise a separate discussion on the profiling fund.

250117-07 All CSR members will share input to Wiktor on the election timeline by Friday.

250110-03 Stefana will bring the proposal to ask follow-up questions on the house rules legal advice to the next PV.

**250110-04** The house rules taskforce group will look into the identification rule that is proposed to be implemented in January.

241211-01 Yashi and Brody will reply to the VSAE letter within two weeks.

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# Important transfer tips

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FEB	Faculty Economics and Business	Faculteit Economie en Bedrijfskunde
FGw	Faculty of Humanities	Faculteit der Geesterwetenschappen
FMG	Faculty of Social and Behavioural	Faculteit Maatschappij & Gedrag
	Sciences	
FdG	Faculty of Medicine	Faculteit der Geneeskunde
FdR	Faculty of Law	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid





ACTA	Academic Center for Dentistry	Academisch Centrum Tandheelkunde Amsterdam
	Amsterdam	
FNWI	Faculty of Science	Faculteit Natuurwetenschappen, Wiskunde en
		Informatica
PPLE	Politics, Psychology, Law, and	Politiek, psychologie, rechten en economie
	Economics	
SA	Student Assessor	Student assessor
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UvA	University of Amsterdam	Universiteit van Amsterdam
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Guest(s)

Minutes Abigail Gilchrist (Administrative secretary).

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#### 1. Opening

Stefana opens the meeting at 15:36 and welcomes the meeting participants.

#### 2. Mail

The mail is read.

## 3. Adapting concept minutes

The minutes from the  $3^{rd}$  of January are adopted.

## 4. Checking the action list

The action list is checked. See attachment.

Brody enters 15:37

#### 5. Announcements

Ivana is online. Stefana and Roza will leave at 16:50.

Yashi mandates Ivana

Martrim mandates Willem

Lola mandates Georg

Wiktor mandates Dina

Maximiliano mandates Brody

Stefana mandates Francesco

Roza mandates Maximiliano

14 eligible votes. The quorum is met.

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

The updates are discussed. Francesco asks how long the coffee stands to promote elections will be at the AMC. Ivana states the coffee cart will start between 09:00-09:30 and will be there for the whole day.

## 7. Setting the agenda

The agenda is set. Willem would like to vote on opening a file on academic freedom. Roza would like to move academic freedom and ethical collaborations before accessibility as she will need to leave the meeting earlier. Academic freedom is added as agenda point 10., followed by 11. Ethical Collaborations and 12. Accessibility.





#### 8. IAO

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The DB would like input on the topics to prepare for the IAO on Tuesday the 10th. Francesco would like to ask if there is a new version of the house rules and whether the consent would require a new request on a new draft.

Georg would like to have an update on the AIEC questions. Georg asks if the DB can ask what the role of AIEC is to the CvB. Stefana will ask for an update on the process of looking into AIEC and ACEC.

Francesco states it is unclear whether the employee for student well-being will have someone take over her maternity leave and would like the DB to ask the CvB. Francesco would also like an update on the three cases evaluated under the ethical framework at the moment.

The CSR agrees to the following topics to propose for the OV on March 11<sup>th</sup>: house rules, third-party collaborations, academic freedom (update on roundtable discussions and the Stolker report), food governance program. The CvB may propose to discuss AI in education as well. Francesco would like updates on whether the UvA has signed the plant based treaty and further information on the food governance process within the topic of food governance. Francesco would like to ask more information on the possibilities for expanding De Nieuwe Mensa pilot under this point as well.

Aysenaz enters 15:50

## 9. Evaluation Weekend Summary

Stefana has prepared a summary and outcomes of the evaluation weekend. Stefana will use the evaluation weekend summary to continue to steer the CSR. The CSR has no further feedback.

#### 10. Academic Freedom

Willem and Roza would like to open a file on academic freedom to leave an archive of the research and work they are doing. Georg asks for more information on what Willem and Roza will continue to work on in the file. Willem and Roza would like to continue to research and allow for CSR members to see what they are working on. Willem and Roza will schedule another meeting with Peter-Paul to collect further information and prepare a discussion in the OV. Francesco informs the CSR he will be abstaining but only as procedure for the meeting pieces was not followed. Stefana states she will vote blanco because of procedure but is in favour of opening the file.

Voting Proposal: The CSR 24-25 votes in favour of opening a file with the title academic freedom.

In favour: 8 (Aysenaz, Willem, Brody, Maximiliano, Ivana, Roza, Martrim Yashi)

Against:

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Blanco: 1 (Stefana)

Abstain: 3 (Francesco, Georg, Wiktor, Lola)

Decision: The CSR 24-25 votes in favour of opening a file with the title academic freedom.

## 11. Ethical Collaborations Framework

Dina has drafted the advice for the ethical collaborations framework. Dina has asked members for feedback by Wednesday at 12:00 to prepare the final advice for the next PV.

Roza finds it may be problematic to advise for the ACEC to have veto on collaboration decisions. If the committee will have student members who are not experts, she would not agree to giving the committee a veto.



The draft advice includes a recommendation to have two CSR members within ACEC and FSR members. Roza asks why the proposal is for two CSR members and for further indication of how many FSR members would be advised to join the committee. Dina states the two members would be equivalent to the representation given to the CSR within AIEC, as AIEC contains two student positions for the CSR. The FSR was an idea proposed by Dina as the ACEC works on a case-by-case scenario so it could include multiple FSR's in the process, per cause evaluated in different faculties. Dina mentions for the binding veto, they understand the concern but are in favour of proposing a binding mechanism for the advices that ACEC produces. Dina mentions there are concerns given how the University of Tilburg has responded to the ethical committee that the university may overturn advices from the ACEC.

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Georg asks the proposal for an FSR member would be an FSR member from the faculty where the research project evaluated would take place. Dina clarifies it would be a CSR member for central representation and an FSR member in the relevant faculty. The intention was to have more decentral faculty advice.

#### Maximiliano enters 16:14

Ivana would like to change the tone of the letter as she currently finds it may be too intense. From previous CSR work, if the CSR is constructive in their letters, Ivana observes it works better. Ivana will speak directly to Dina about certain examples. Roza mentions on page 5 she saw the word "excuses" has been used. Roza states this is a good example of where to change the tone. She suggests changing it to "reasons", as an example.

#### Student Representation

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On student presentation in the ACEC, Ivana mentions it is good to keep in mind that a lot of students are not experts and these are guidelines for ethical collaborations in general. Ivana recommends focusing on making the rules for the guidelines. She understands the importance of student involvement but fears the ACEC may not be representative of all students if it is one student selected.

Dina understands students are not experts but the current framework doesn't offer enough transparency in the decision-making to ensure students are involved. The representation could be more on the CSR level that is democratically elected, such as with the AIEC positions. Georg mentions there would be other members of ACEC that are experts who would make decisions as well. Francesco mentions student representation in AIEC is also not included so it would be important to have a student representative in the topic of ethics at the university. Ivana asks how a student representative would look in practice. For instance, whether the student would be a permanent member and how to ensure there is proper student representation as students will have differing perspectives.

Roza shares Ivana's concern about student representation in ACEC. Roza finds that ethics is a professional field that needs experts. Roza asks if the CSR knows how many experts are a member of ACEC. Dina states there are six members currently in the ACEC. The experts range from different domains which are not available publicly. Brody mentions he would also be concerned about student representation as the CSR consists mainly of bachelors students, which would not represent the PhD students working on the research projects. Stefana finds it is important to have student involvement as there has been a discussion for the past two years at the UvA, led by students wanting more of a say in research ethics. Stefana believes the expert input is important, but finds it is also important that the UvA community can shape how topics are brought to the community.

Ivana states it may be important to go back to the source of the issue; that the students do not feel included in the decisions made by the ethical committee. Ivana proposes a solution may be to have reports of the decision rather than having a student representation in the committee. Ivana would like to clarify that members of the council represent parts of the student body. Ivana mentions she would prefer the CSR to be a supervisory role rather than be directly involved.





Francesco mentions if the point is to have connection with the committee, the best method would be through a student representative in the committee. Francesco mentions there is already a role for students in ethics in the university and he would not like to give up that role. Francesco would like to use that role to represent diverse opinions. For the discussion on student representation, Roza would be in favour of having a right of initiative in the committee. If there is a specific case to bring to the committee, the students should have the option to propose an evaluation. Roza also finds important to know what the internal procedures are and to know who is a part of the meeting for transparency to students.

#### Martrim enters 16:39

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Dina mentions they are unsure why there are objections to student involvement and would like CSR members not to undervalue the representation of the CSR. Francesco mentions student initiatives for the ethical collaborations framework also began with student involvement as well, back in the protests regarding projects with Shell. Georg mentions the CvB has also acknowledged it is important to include the student representatives in the ACEC and in ethics at the university. Willem states no one in the CSR is against student involvement. Willem would like to discuss more on the veto for students in the ACEC as it is more about the discussions of how to frame student involvement.

Stefana recommends separating a binding veto power for ACEC and student representation in the advice. For the draft of the advice, Dina will incorporate the separation in the advice for next PV. Ivana mentions she does want students involved but not specifically in the ACEC. Maximiliano states he feels it is distrust already to assume the body would not listen to advice.

> Stefana, Roza and Angelina leave 16:50 Dina chairs the rest of the meeting.

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Georg finds it important to continue to advocate for student involvement in ethics as representatives. It will be important to get a response from the CvB on the proposal as well to understand why there would be concerns with student involvement. Ivana feels there is still information missing from the meeting piece and advice that could help the CSR tackle the solution together.

Abbey states that the CSR can also mention the importance for CSR involvement but would like to see a plan for the CvB to come up with a solution for student involvement. The CSR can ask for a solution to student involvement in ethics and the dissolution of AIEC for student representation.

Dina will include the feedback from CSR members on binding advices and student representation.

#### Accessibility

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Georg informs the CSR the accessibility sounding board has started as of February. The first meeting took place in Dutch. Georg was forwarded the documents following the meeting. There are three main advices from the accessibility working group that the sounding board will discuss.

Francesco asks what a quick scan for feasibility means. Georg mentions they are also unsure but the work group has advised there should be a less strict burden of proof on accessibility needs. The sounding board has advised showing proof that you are waiting an appointment could be sufficient for the UvA to provide certain accommodations.

Francesco asks why the administration responded negatively to the proposal to transition from a medical model to a social model. Georg will ask the sounding board as they are also unsure.

Ivana leaves 17:25

Maximiliano asks why there was a negative response to changing the terminology to

"ondersteuningbehoefte". Georg mentions the terminology to support needs would help to remove the stigma from having accessibility needs while using the term functionally disabled implies someone is less of a whole person. Georg will ask for further information on why the response was negative.

Georg asks members to send any questions or concerns about the policy to them.

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## 15. Evaluating the PV

The PV is evaluated.

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#### 17. Closing the meeting

Dina closes the meeting at 17:33.

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W.v.t.t.k.	Any other Business	Wat verder ter tafel komt



Concept minutes of the informal *Plenaire*vergadering of the CSR on 17 February 2025

Present Stefana Feciuc, Georg Trischler Vinje, Willem Volker, Roza Wagenaer, Dina Nikolic, Francesco Bruseghini, Ivana

Djurica, Maximiliano Okpala, Wiktor Misiak, Martrim Yousef, Yashi Tripathi, Lola Fioole.

Absent Brody Xin, Aysenaz Cimsit.

Guest(s) Teun Otte (ASVA Chair)

Minutes Abigail Gilchrist (Administrative secretary).

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

## 1. Opening

Stefana opens the meeting at 15:33 and welcomes the meeting participants.

#### 2. Mail

The mail is read.

# 3. Adapting concept minutes

The minutes from the 10th of February are adopted.

# 4. Checking the action list

The action list is checked. See attachment.

#### 5. Announcements

Ivana is online. Roza will leave early to attend her lecture. The ASVA chair will join at 16:00 to discuss agenda point 11. education budget strikes

Martrim mandates Willem Brody mandates Maximiliano

Aysenaz mandates Yashi

Roza mandates Willem

14 eligible votes. The quorum is met.

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

The updates are discussed. Stefana asks all members to fill in the update form.

#### 7. Setting the agenda

The agenda is set.

#### 8. De Nieuwe Mensa and the Canteen

The first two weeks De Nieuwe Mensa has been in the canteen have shown that the pilot is successful. Francesco would like to increase the input students have regarding the canteen options at the UvA. Francesco explains food prices are often expensive at the UvA given the monopoly of food sales Cirfood has. Entrepreneurs on campus pay a certain percentage to Cirfood to have their stalls within the canteen, creating





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an increase in food prices to counter the percentage. Francesco informs the CSR Cirfood also does not follow any Whitepaper guidelines in sustainability.

Francesco has include the current timeline for the food governance program and canteen discussions in the meeting piece. Facility Services is discussing and defining a vision on food at the UvA through the food governance program initiated in the following academic year. Facility services has already asked for student input as the contract with Cirfood will expire at the end of 2026. Francesco has also received the invitation to join the focus group on the vision for food and drinks with the HvA and UvA facility services. Francesco believes it is important to ensure that sutdents are vocal about the food needs and wants, such as more sustainable and affordable food. Facility Services sees the future of food at the UvA as directly employing entrepreneurs, but there is currently only a vision. The final decision will be for the CvB. Francesco would like to discuss catering and food governance in the upcoming OV in March. Francesco would also like to ask for updates on whether the UvA has considered signing the Plant-Based Treaty.

Wiktor asks why the UvA does not subcontract entrepreneurs directly. Francesco mentions it firstly is financial and secondly for convenience. For finances, the differentiation between food and education may limit the budget that comes from the ministry to subsidize the budget. There are other universities in which some budget is invested in the canteen. Around 2018, the UvA contracted Cirfood to manage the contracts with entrepreneurs to break even on the canteen within the UvA budget.

Stefana asks if De Nieuwe Mensa can support themselves in their current stage. Francesco confirms there was initially funding from facility services. The first week was hectic but the second week the calculations are being finalised, and it seems that the stand is breaking even, and even making a small profit. De Nieuwe Mensa can support themselves but since there is a chance to improve the canteen, Francesco would like to formalise a stand like De Nieuwe Mensa in the canteen and change the food model.

Maximiliano is interested in the specific contract with Cirfood. He asks if it is possible within the current structure of Cirfood that students can have independent stands. Francesco confirms it is separate from Cirfood. The way the canteen functions currently is internally decided by Cirfood and cannot be changed within the current system. Maximiliano asks if it is already decided the contract with Cirfood will not be renewed. Francesco confirms there is an ongoing tendering process.

Wiktor finds it insufficient to have an additional level of subcontracting and does not see a reason to continue the current model. Maximiliano states he understands the reasoning for subcontracting as it is more efficient for the UvA to hire employees to manage the canteen. Francesco states the rent could be increased to compensate for the costs of removing the current model of subcontracting. Francesco would like to convince the UvA to invest further into the canteen, for instance giving cheaper prices for costs in the kitchen and the usage of square meters.

Wiktor would like to have more clarity on the extent the UvA can legally subsidze food. Lola mentions Cirfood at Science Park has a bar/cafe in the canteen that serves alcohol. Cirfood refuses to sign the agreement signed among student and study associations on not serving alcohol before 17:00. Lola states this is a problem she has with Cirfood that she would like Francesco to keep in mind. Stefana mentions it may be good to have a cost-benefit analysis on the current model and proposing a new model for the canteen to discuss in the upcoming OV. Georg mentions it is also important to see the canteen as related to diversity, particularly diversity in the needs of students based on their economic abilities.

#### 9. Contemplation Rooms

The CDO has submitted a memo on the block 4 exam period which coincides with Ramadan. There are three main advices in the memo to accommodate for those observing Ramadan. The three advices from the CDO are to have pop-up contemplation rooms, considering Muslim students in scheduling exams during certain time periods, and providing accommodations during exams such as offering breaks for prayer or breaking fast.

Stefana asks if the pop up contemplation rooms for the current academic year are feasible. Georg is unsure about feasability as there has not been a response on the memo as of yet. The memo was sent to UCO, the faculty deans, exam chairs, academic affairs and the CvB. Georg will look further into whether the CDO has received a response on the feasibility of pop-up contemplation rooms [action].

Lola finds it important to consider exam scheduling but knows there are often difficulties in scheduling exams. Lola asks how it would be feasible and how the CSR can ensure this would happen. Georg states the memo does acknowledge the advices are difficult to implement for block 4 in the current academic term. The advices are also relevant for upcoming years to improve for the future. Stefana mentions the advice that evenings should be free for IFTAR is important to keep in mind. For students who are fasting, it is more difficult to demonstrate your knowledge if you have not eaten in several hours. The recommendation would be to ensure there is an equal starting point for students taking exams. Stefana mentions other accommodations could also be made, such as ensuring those breaking fasts can access exam rooms faster.

Willem mentions in UCO there have already been discussions on planning exams as often external locations are needed for exams. UCO is in preparation to prepare and further think about how to implement the advices for the next academic year.

Teun Otte enters 16:09

## 10. House Rules

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The DB informs the CSR it would be more practical to only discuss the ethical collaborations advice in the upcoming OV, and push house rules for the OV in April. This would give the file holders more time to attend the technical meetings and receive further advices on the house rules. The CSR would not meet the previously communicated timeline for the house rules consent request response. In the proposed timeline, Stefana states the dates are for an outline for the maximum deadline but she would prefer to submit the advice before the proposed dates. Wiktor asks what the preferred dates would be. Stefana would like to draft the advice in the second week of March. The CSR would begin discussing the advice in the last week of February and discuss the advice for two weeks. Francesco asks when a third technical meeting on the house rules will be scheduled. Stefana will communicate with JZ regarding a third technical meeting on house rules [action].

Stefana will communicate the extended timeline on the house rules consent request response to the CvB [action].

**Voting Proposal:** The CSR 24-25 votes in favour of sending the house rules advice by the 4<sup>th</sup> of April.

In favour: 14 (Yashi, Aysenaz, Stefana, Dina, Lola, Wiktor, Martrim, Willem, Maximiliano, Brody, Roza, Georg,

Francesco, Ivana)

Against: Blanco: Abstain:

Decision: The CSR 24-25 votes in favour of sending the house rules advice by the 4th of April.

#### 11. Education Budget Cuts Strike

Teun Otte, the chair of ASVA, is present to discuss the education budget cuts strike. Teun informs the CSR the FNV members will try to limit the impact of the strike on students by organizing the content of exams. Stefana has discussed how the CSR can support ASVA in the strike, such as through social media posts, coordinating faculty councils, and clearly communicating to students they legally cannot skip class but they can attend the strike.





Ivana recommends getting a flagpole for the CSR if the CSR will attend the strike. Ivana recommends adding CSR UvA to the flag if it will be redesigned. Wiktor will look into getting a flagpole for the CSR [action]. Georg asks if there is anything planned for the strike. Teun states the strike will consist of employees not showing up for work and holding demonstrations that will be end at Spui or Dam. On Wednesday the 19th of February at 18:00 all students are welcome to a meeting hosted by ASVA to discuss supporting the strike together. ASVA has created a group chat for the strike as well to decide on how to organise. The goals are to get as many students as possible to support the strike, organizationally support the strike, and use students to get their teachers to participate. Willem asks if there will be any political statements that will be included at the strike that are not related to the budget cuts. Teun states they are not aware of any plans for this. The attitude within the FNV is that they do tie the budget cuts to broader political movements, such as budget cuts on health care and using the cuts for further funding defence.

**Voting Proposal:** The CSR 24-25 votes in favour of supporting the 17<sup>th</sup> of March FNV strike against the education budget cuts.

In favour: 11 (Stefana, Lola, Wiktor, Georg, Francesco, Yashi, Aysenaz, Maximiliano, Dina, Brody, Ivana)

Against:

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Blanco: 3 (Roza, Willem, Martrim)

Abstain:

Decision: The CSR 24-25 votes in favour of supporting the  $17^{th}$  of March FNV strike against the education budget cuts.

Stefana will coordinate with the FSRs. Teun mentions a petition will be launched for students to support the strike. Teun would like further help in pushing the petition for student associations, parties and individual students. Teun asks the CSR to spread information about the open meeting to their parties and FSRs. Dina asks if the meeting will be in person or online. The meeting will take place in CREA at 3.12 and will only be in person.

Teun leaves 16:28

#### 12. Internal Discussion [confidential]

The CSR discusses a confidential point.

Martrim enters 16:40

#### 13. Ethical Collaborations Framework

Dina has compiled the points from the discussion from the last PV. Dina would like to get an extension on the deadline for the advice to continue the discussion within the CSR as there are several points to discuss.

**<u>Voting Proposal:</u>** The CSR 24-25 votes in favour of notifying the CvB of the extension of the delivery of the Ethical Framework advice for the  $3^{rd}$  of March.

In favour: 14 (Yashi, Aysenaz, Stefana, Dina, Lola, Wiktor, Martrim, Willem, Maximiliano, Brody, Roza, Georg, Francesco, Ivana)

Against: Blanco:

Blanco: Abstain:

Decision: The CSR 24-25 votes in favour of notifying the CvB of the extension of the delivery of the Ethical Framework advice for the  $3^{rd}$  of March.

#### Membership in ACEC on behalf of the CSR

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The CSR previously discussed the representation of the CSR in ACEC in January, which Dina explains why they interpreted this initially as support for the idea to include in the advice. Dina would like to redirect questions on if the CSR should be included in ACEC. Willem mentions he understood the previous discussion emphasized that CSR members would be in favour of dissolving AIEC which led to confusion regarding the CSR stance on joining ACEC.

Dina and Georg update AIEC did meet last week for the first time during the current academic year. The meeting mostly discussed the confusion of the role of AIEC among members.

#### Roza leaves 17:01

Willem asks how many members were present. Georg states six people attended the meeting. Dina mentions house rules was brought forward to the AIEC meeting. AIEC did not find their role to be a part of the house rules discussion.

Wiktor mentions he does not want to give more work than necessary and finds transferring representation from the AIEC to ACEC the most efficient. Maximiliano asks how many members are in ACEC. Dina states six members are in ACEC. Willem asks if ACEC internally votes or works on advices. Dina states ACEC's internal procedures remain unknown to the CSR. Georg mentions the composition is currently not set as well. Dina states the advice can more concretely specify what representation would mean, such as whether it would be voting or speaking rights within the committee.

Francesco recommends it is important to recommend what representation looks like but to ensure the CSR does not discuss the internal workings of the ACEC.

The CSR agrees to vote in the next PV on two representatives in ACEC in the CSR.

#### Binding ACEC advice

Dina has included three proposals on a binding ACEC advice: ACEC advice is binding, it is not binding but there is a clear statement on how the advice will be followed through, not binding and no follow through. Dina mentions the unsolicited advice sent to the CvB by the previous CSR mentioned the proposal for explanations on why certain project advices would not be followed by the CvB. The CvB has stated they would take it into consideration to the unsolicited advice.

Stefana mentions the idea would be that the ACEC is sufficiently independent from the UvA. At the time of the previous unsolicited advice, ACEC had not formed but the advice refers to an ethical committee in general. At the moment, ACEC advices are non-binding and can be disregarded. If the advice is given, Stefana states it should be binding. Ivana would not like the advices to be binding if members from the university are present in the ACEC. Stefana clarifies independence refers to independence from management decision-making rather than from the university itself.

Wiktor does not see the point in having an ethical committee that does not have a binding advice. Willem would be in favour of asking for justification for why an advice would not be followed but is not in favour of a binding advice. Willem would like to give more agency to the researchers and finds it important researchers can maintain that agency without having a binding outcome. Dina mentions she understands the point of independence, but the framework encapsulates institutional programs such as with exchange programs, which would not specifically target independent researchers and their projects. Wiktor states the framework is already structured to give a lot of freedom to the researcher. The assessment is started by the researcher themselves and having a binding advice may not add a restriction to the researcher in the sense they are responsible for every other step of the process.





Francesco mentions the institutional collaboration will only refer to projects the University of Amsterdam would sign. Willem understands an institutional collaboration as a project done on work time or using funding from the university and asks for clarification on an institutional collaboration. Francesco clarifies institutional collaborations are only related to projects that the University of Amsterdam signs on for. Members are split in the temperature check on having advices binding.

The CSR is in favour of having a response if an advice is not followed. The CSR agrees to vote in the next PV per a temperature check on binding advices.

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Georg finds it important to mention an exit clause and finds it responsible to include this in the advice. Willem mentions he has doubts about including this as it could scare future collaborations away.

Abbey advises to include in the advice the discussion the CSR is having including the opposing views on the framework and certain views within the CSR if there is no consensus.

CSR members will send any objections to the points on an exit clause, conflict of interest, table 1 recommendations and UNL/Tilburg Priority to Dina before Wednesday to prepare for the PV discussions next week. Dina will create a google doc where members can add objections to the proposals by Tuesday at 18:00.

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

Georg will be travelling on Friday and unavailable for CSR duties.

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

On Wednesday, Rosa will hold an event on the evolution of family. Wiktor would like to repost the event on Instagram. Wiktor will write a meeting piece in two weeks on the media policy.

## 16. Evaluating the PV

The PV is evaluated.

## 17. Questions

There are no further questions.

## 18. Closing the meeting

Stefana closes the meeting at 17:46.

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education budget cuts.

**250217-03** The CSR 24-25 votes in favour of notifying the CvB of the extension of the delivery of the Ethical Framework advice for the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March.

#### Action list

**250217-01** Georg will look further into whether the CDO has received a response on the feasibility of pop-up contemplation rooms.

250217-02 Stefana will communicate with JZ regarding a third technical meeting on house rules.

	250217-03	Stefana will communicate the extended timeline on the house rules consent request
230		response to the CvB.
	250217-04	Wiktor will look into getting a flagpole for the CSR.
	<del>250210-01</del>	All CSR members will email Dina with arguments and responses on the draft ethical
		collaborations advice to include for the next PV meeting piece.
	250203-02	Aysenaz will plan a separate brainstorm for election promotion ideas and planning.
235	250117-02	Roza will organise a meeting on campaigning with all FSR and CSR PR members.
	250110-04	The house rules taskforce group will look into the identification rule that is proposed to be
		implemented in January.

#### Pro memoria

	140908-04	The DB keeps an eye on late meeting pieces, is strict about <i>nazendingen</i> and being present in
240	141208-04	time.  The committee chairs notify the PR-committee after their meetings which files that the CSR is working on should be raised in the media.
245	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.
250	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 <i>formal</i> communication. Committee chairs have the final responsibility for this.
255	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.
260	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

**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
0&0	Education and Research	Onderwijs en Onderzoek
0&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	Faculteit Maatschappij & Gedrag
	Sciences	
FdG	Faculty of Medicine	Faculteit der Geneeskunde
FdR	Faculty of Law	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
ACTA	Academic Center for Dentistry	Academisch Centrum Tandheelkunde Amsterdam
	Amsterdam	
FNWI	Faculty of Science	Faculteit Natuurwetenschappen, Wiskunde en
		Informatica
PPLE	Politics, Psychology, Law, and	Politiek, psychologie, rechten en economie
	Economics	
SA	Student Assessor	Student assessor
UvA	University of Amsterdam	Universiteit van Amsterdam
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Absent Ivana Djurica, Wiktor Misiak.

Guest(s) Angelina Senchi (Student assessor 24-25)
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## 1. Opening

Stefana opens the meeting at 15:32 and welcomes the meeting participants.

#### 2. Mail

The mail is read.

## 3. Adapting concept minutes

The minutes from the 17th of February are adopted.

## 4. Checking the action list

The action list is checked. See attachment.

#### 5. Announcements

Francesco will leave around 17:00. Roza will leave at 16:50.

Aysenaz enters 15:38

Ivana mandates Willem Wiktor mandates Dina

Martrim mandates Maximiliano

14 eligible votes. The quorum is met.

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

The updates are discussed. Stefana asks all members to fill in the update form. Stefana asks what Brody refers to by cum laude regulations in his update. Brody updates the FSR is looking into new cum laude regulations as the requirements are currently too high.

Dina asks Stefana if Folia has requested a CSR reaction from the CSR after the publication of the house rules article. Stefana has sent in the edit but it has not been incorporated.

#### 7. Setting the agenda

The agenda is set. Ethical collaborations is 40 minutes. Aysenaz would like to discuss the PV times for Block 4. This will be discussed in DB first.





#### 8. Ethical Collaborations Framework

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Dina has proposed four different options for the exit clause advice. Dina prefers to advise that there should be exit clauses for all agreements made. Dina understands the apprehension in this advice as it could affect establishing new collaborations. Georg would also be in favour of an exit clause for collaborations. If a collaboration should be exited, it would be important to have the possibility to end the collaboration Dina updates there will be a technical meeting on third-party collaborations in which the CSR can ask for legal input on the exit clause.

Voting Proposal: The CSR 24-25 votes in favour of advising on exit clauses for all collaborations.

In favour: 9 (Yashi, Lola, Stefana, Dina, Wiktor, Georg, Francesco, Aysenaz, Martrim)

Against: 5 (Maximiliano, Willem, Roza, Ivana, Brody)

Blanco: Abstain:

Decision: The CSR 24-25 votes in favour of advising on exit clauses for all collaborations.

Dina will take the other council members concerns into account when writing the advice.

Conflict of Interest

Dina would like input on whether the CSR should advise on the possible conflict of interest researchers may have when filling out the matrix for new projects and collaborations. Francesco elaborates when the Deans want to begin a new academic collaborations, they have to fill a self-assessment form in. An assessment of the risks will then be made depending on the area of the collaboration, the academic field and the institution. If a project is high risk, it will go to ACEC for further advice. For academic collaborations, UvA will receive money for the collaboration. This may create a conflict of interest for those that are filling out the self-assessment. Maximiliano asks if advising on the conflict of interest as a CSR will also lead to bias. Maximiliano states it could depend on the collaboration in place but he asks if there is a mechanism to neutralise the bias. Francesco clarifies the CSR would advise on the bias that may be present but not specifically on conflicts of

#### Martrim leaves 15:59

Francesco finds it could be that researchers may underestimate the risk of a certain project as they will be more motivated for the project to be accepted. For ethics, Francesco believes researchers sending in self-assessment forms when they would benefit from the project may also cause issues that would need to be addressed. Dina mentions the tone could be shifted in the letter to cover the concern voiced by Maximiliano.

**Voting Proposal:** The CSR 24-25 votes in favour of advising on a potential conflict of interest arising in the framework.

In favour: 7 (Dina, Wiktor, Georg, Stefana, Lola, Francesco, Aysenaz) Against: 6 (Brody, Roza, Willem, Ivana, Maximiliano, Martrim)

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Abstain: 1 (Yashi)

Decision: The CSR 24-25 votes in favour of advising on a potential conflict of interest arising in the framework.

Willem would like to have option two as he would not like to doubt the researcher but is not opposed to mentioning a conflict of interest. The potential conflict of interest is valuable to mention to Willem and he would like the CSR to advise to let those receiving the advice decide on how this should be monitored.

#### Table 1. Recommendations

Dina recommends the CSR to advise for a change in categories based on the risk assessment matrix. Within the category matrix "uncontroversial" and "partner and their geopolitical context is controversial", Dina proposes to move the risk level to high instead of medium. As exchanges would fall within this category, Dina states the risk should be higher as she would not like students to be sent to those partners.

<u>Voting Proposal:</u> The CSR 24-25 votes in favour of changing the risk assessment from medium to high in the risk assessment matrix when the topic is uncontroversial but the partner and their geopolitical context is controversial.

In favour: 8 (Stefana, Lola, Dina, Yashi, Wiktor, Georg, Francesco, Aysenaz)

Against: 6 (Brody, Maximiliano, Ivana, Willem, Roza, Martrim)

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Decision: The CSR 24-25 votes in favour of changing the risk assessment from medium to high in the risk assessment matrix when the topic is uncontroversial but the partner and their geopolitical context is controversial.

#### **UNL/Tilburg Priority**

The advice submitted to the PV refers to the UNL statement on collaborations with Israel and the Tilburg report on the same matter. The question is whether to keep the advice as is to mention Tilburg and UNL, or to place less emphasis on the Tilburg report. Dina explains she has included Tilburg as an example given the transparent procedure with their ethical committee and assessments. Dina would like to recommend the transparency of the ethical collaborations procedure in Tilburg in the advice to advise what may be better for the UvA to incorporate. UNL has not put out as many as statements as Tilburg but there was a statement on partnerships with Israeli institutions which was signed by the Rector of the UvA.

Roza does not think it would be a bad idea to mention it but would like to put less emphasis on the report to remain more neutral. Willem is in favour of mentioning UNL as there is more credibility since all universities are involved. Maximiliano mentions he finds it strange the UvA has not looked further into the Tilburg report apart from an advice from the CSR. Maximiliano finds mentioning UNL would be a better approach as the CvB has more contact with Tilburg to discuss the ethical procedures.

Dina explains she has included Tilburg as UNL does not have the duty to create policies but often coordinates on topics. Dina also has looked into national ethical frameworks and has found that Tilburg is the most transparent, which is why she included Tilburg as an example. Stefana states she is in favour of only mentioning Tilburg as the UNL letter was not received well in the UvA community. Stefana would not like to endorse the letter as a council. Stefana mentions the UNL also does not have a lot of legitimization in the process. Stefana states there is not an ad-hoc committee involved regarding ethics and no democratic legitimacy within the UNL to advise on collaborations. Dina explains they initially included the UNL statement to platform what the universities have said publicly to give further context in the advice.

**Voting Proposal:** The CSR 24-25 votes in favour of maintaining the advice as is when mentioning UNL and Tilburg.

In favour: 11 (Stefana, Dina, Maximiliano, Yashi, Lola, Wiktor, Georg, Francesco, Aysenaz, Brody, Martrim) Against:

Blanco: 3 (Ivana, Roza, Willem)

Abstain:

Decision: The CSR 24-25 votes in favour of maintaining the advice as is when mentioning UNL and Tilburg..





Dina will finalise the final advice by the PV. In the meeting piece, Dina will include a link to the google doc where members can comment on tone and wording in the advice. The final advice will be voted in the next PV. By Wednesday, the final advice will be finished for members to read over. Members should submit comments on the tone of the letter by Friday. Dina will incorporate suggestions in line with discussions and bring any remaining suggestions to the PV.

**Voting Proposal:** The CSR 24-25 votes in favour of advising on having two representations of the CSR in

ACEC.

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In favour: 10 (Stefana, Yashi, Lola, Dina, Wiktor, Georg, Francesco, Willem, Ivana, Roza)

Against:

Blanco: 2 (Maximiliano, Martrim) Abstain: 2 (Brody, Aysenaz)

Decision: The CSR 24-25 votes in favour of advising on having two representations of the CSR in ACEC...

**Voting Proposal:** The CSR 24-25 votes in favour of advising ACEC advices to be binding.

In favour: 6 (Stefana, Dina, Lola, Wiktor, Georg, Francesco)

Against: 7 (Willem, Ivana, Roza, Brody, Maximiliano, Martrim, Aysenaz)

Blanco:

Abstain: 1 (Yashi)

Decision: The vote does not pass.

**Voting Proposal:** The CSR 24-25 votes in favour of advising the ACEC advice is not binding but there should

be substantiated reasons why an advice is not followed.

In favour: 8 (Yashi, Maximiliano, Martrim, Brody, Roza, Willem, Ivana, Aysenaz)

Against: 6 (Stefana, Lola, Dina, Wiktor, Georg, Francesco)

Blanco: Abstain:

Decision: The CSR 24-25 votes in favour of advising the ACEC advice is not binding but there should be

substantiated reasons why an advice is not followed.

#### 9. Academic Freedom

Roza and Willem have opened a file on academic freedom and are working to prepare the OV. Roza and Willem would like further input on the questions that would be sent to the CvB for the upcoming OV. Roza has also included next steps, particularly on the Stolker report.

Brody mentions the Minister of Defence came to the UvA and was interrupted. Brody asks if there is anything the UvA can do to address these incidents, such as through the proposal for a White Paper on academic freedom. Willem mentions the White Paper is more theoretical and he is unsure if the CSR can touch upon this at the moment. The CSR would need a further stance on the topic before bringing it to the OV.

Willem would like to know if there are any strong objections to the ideas prepared, such as a White Paper. Roza mentions it is important to clarify that the White Paper would be a base for academic freedom at the university and would mention certain challenges. Roza clarifies it would be a statement and not a framework for policy.

Dina highlights the woke anti-woke rhetoric and that "woke" is often a politicized word that should be taken into account when discussing the topics. Dina would also like to keep in mind who is allowed to use academic



freedom. Dina finds that the report assumes a lot of common ground understanding and knowledge that may be absent from the UvA community. It relies on the fact that everyone has the same information and the same vision of the good, specifically in the section on "good ideas prevails".

Stefana finds that the Stolker report may not be the best place to start the discussion in the OV. Stefana finds that the Stolker report cannot be divorced from the circumstances it appeared in. If the CSR will discuss academic freedom, other documents should be included. Stefana recommends bringing in multiple reports on academic freedom to better understand and align on how the UvA will form certain opinions. Stefana would like to see a vision on how to go about academic freedom and more concrete steps about how to approach the topic.

Stefana is also very concerned about "death by committee" in which the UvA creates reports but nothing more is done when these are finalised. Stefana finds it important to ask in the OV how to avoid this.

Maximiliano states academic freedom is not something that is set in stone but something that fluctuates.

Maximiliano adds it is not completely fair to say that reports are left behind given there were many developments following Gloria Wekker's Diversity report which brought about several changes at the UvA.

Willem mentions speakers at the university are in a bit of a grey zone in academic freedom versus freedom of speech. Willem agrees the Stolker report is a bit one-sided but encompasses more than the initial complaint.

Willem has also read into more reports on academic freedom and has noted the concern.

Stefana is open to the proposals on the roundtable discussions, a contact point for concerns and a white paper. Stefana finds it would be important to outline the details as often bureaucracy slows the progress. Roza would like to continue to work on the topic with all different perspectives. Roza states that makes it harder to have concrete points as they are still in the input stage. For the time-being, Roza would like to see the response of the CvB and have further ideas outlined to ensure there will be progress on the topic.

Roza leaves 17:06

## 10. Crisis Policy

The CSR had a technical meeting with the internal crisis team in which members received an overview on the functioning and procedures. The meeting piece was sent before the Berenschot report was released. Georg will add the developments and information in the report to the next meeting piece.

Georg states there is no formal input from students in the processes. An approach the CSR can have is to advocate for a formal role as student representatives in crisis policy.

Maximiliano mentions there was an emphasis on some demonstrations earlier in the meeting piece. Maximiliano asks for clarification on this point in the meeting piece. Georg clarifies it was examples regarding the protests over the last two years as specific cases.

Stefana mentions the CSR should link crisis policy to the Berenschot report. The report has stated that crisis management at the UvA is not going well. Stefana would like to discuss the report within the council given the CvB has sent their reaction to the CSR. In the aftercare phase of a crisis, Stefana recommends it may be useful to advocate for more evaluation moments where students are involved to ensure reports such as Berenschot are not needed in the future.

For accessibility purposes, Georg would like further information on how this would be organized in case of evacuations or other crises on campus. Stefana would also like Georg to bring up communication for the next meeting piece.

## 11. UvA AI working group

Ivana has submitted an update on the AI working group and their advices. Maximiliano is concerned that there is no long-term vision on how to fund AI in education. Maximiliano finds the funding for the short-term



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seems more reactionary and would be concerned about the long-term. Maximiliano mentions certain AI programmes are also bad for the environment, which should be considered. Willem updates in UCO the file holders for AI at the UvA came to present a plan. The file holders received critical questions from the Deans based on long-term planning and investments. Other members of the UvA are also concerned about the funding of AI ambitions at the UvA.

Stefana asks if the UvA AI chatbot account has already been introduced within the UvA. Georg updates some staff members are using it but it is not public for the UvA community. Maximiliano has read that in September it will be introduced into the UvA community. The CSR would like further information on the UvA AI chat and how it will affect students. Georg mentions the UvA AI is not open sourced.

Stefana asks what the pilots on AI within the faculties entail. Ivana will address the questions further in the next PV meeting piece. Stefana would also like to see the outcome of the discussion on the UvA AI event and the special interest group.

On the transition of an AI working group to an advisory board on AI, Stefana asks if 0&0 will take this on as an unsolicited advice. 0&0 will discuss further with Ivana. Stefana would like to also check what legal rights the CSR has on AI, given there will be an impact on education. Maximiliano adds it would be useful to discuss it further as the CSR as there may be leeway to further give advices.

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

The DB will discuss a new time for the PV.

The trust person meetings will be set up this week. Maximiliano asks all members to fill in their availability as soon as possible.

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

There are no further requests.

## 14. Evaluating the PV

The PV is evaluated.

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## 15. Questions

There are no further questions.

#### 16. Closing the meeting

Stefana closes the meeting at 17:30.

	<b>Decisions</b>	
	250224-01	The CSR 24-25 votes in favour of advising on exit clauses for all collaborations.
225	250224-02	The CSR 24-25 votes in favour of advising on a potential conflict of interest arising in the framework.
	250224-03	The CSR 24-25 votes in favour of changing the risk assessment from medium to high in the risk assessment matrix when the topic is uncontroversial but the partner and their geopolitical context is controversial.
230	250224-04	The CSR 24-25 votes in favour of maintaining the advice as is when mentioning UNL and Tilburg.
	250224-05	The CSR 24-25 votes in favour of advising on having two representations of the CSR in ACEC.
235	250224-06	The CSR 24-25 votes in favour of advising the ACEC advice is not binding but there should be substantiated reasons why an advice is not followed.

	<b>Action list</b>	
	250217-01	Georg will look further into whether the CDO has received a response on the feasibility of pop-up contemplation rooms.
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240	<del>250217-02</del>	Stefana will communicate with JZ regarding a third technical meeting on house rules.
	<del>250217-03</del>	Stefana will communicate the extended timeline on the house rules consent request
		response to the CvB.
	250217-04	The DB will look into getting a flagpole for the CSR.
	250203-02	Aysenaz will plan a separate brainstorm for election promotion ideas and planning.
245	250117-02	Roza will organise a meeting on campaigning with all FSR and CSR PR members.
	<del>250110-04</del>	The house rules taskforce group will look into the identification rule that is proposed to be
		implemented in January.

## Pro memoria

250	140908-04	The DB keeps an eye on late meeting pieces, is strict about <i>nazendingen</i> and being present in time.
230	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.
255	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.
260	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 <i>formal</i> communication. Committee chairs have the final responsibility for this.
265	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.
270	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

**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



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GV	General Assembly	Gezamenlijke vergadering
GV meeting	General Assembly meeting	Vergadering van de gezamenlijke vergadering
CvB	Board of Executives	College van Bestuur
0&0	Education and Research	Onderwijs en Onderzoek
0&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