

Concept minutes of the informal *Plenaire vergadering* of the CSR on 19 August 2025

Present	Francesco Bruseghini, Saskia Koe-Krompecher, Noor Hajra, Pieter-Joost van der Plas, Vaisakh Karuvath, Alies Vercouteren, Florence Lynch, Kacper Farbisz, Victor Nieboer.
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6. Updates: DB, delegates, central student assessor

The DB met yesterday to prepare transferring files and forming committees. The DB has also had their first transfer meeting.

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Kacper enters 10:10

7. Setting the agenda

The agenda is set.

8. Working Agreements

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The CSR has received an overview of the working agreements from the CSR 24-25. The working agreements are voted in by the CSR to decide the expectations of members and roles within the council. The working agreements will be amended by the next CSR. Francesco will create a google document for members to leave comments for amendment proposals. All members should add suggestions for amendments to the internal working agreements by Friday [action].

9. Trust Person(s)

The CSR will elect a trust person(s) which will be responsible for discussing any confidential issues within the council. Trust person(s) are responsible for maintaining the social safety within the council. Members who are interested in applying should send their applications for trust person(s) by Friday the 29th of August.

10. Treasurer

The CSR will elect a treasurer which will be responsible for managing and keeping an overview of the internal CSR budget. Applications should be submitted by Friday the 29th of August. The treasurer will be asked for approval on individual expenses that exceed 50 euros. For the DB, the maximum amount to spend is 1000 euros. The treasurer is further in charge of managing the overview of the expenses of individual members to maintain a balance in the council.

11. Edith Hooge Resignation Announcement

Edith Hooge has announced that she is resigning as Chair of the CvB. Hooge had been on sick leave since May with the intention to return. It was announced last week she would not return. Peter-Paul Verbeek will be the acting Chair of the CvB. The RvT will continue to work on the profile to find a replacement. In the previous CSR's experience, it is difficult to work with a smaller CvB. Francesco experienced it often takes several months for the CvB members to learn and accommodate to their positions. The Vice-Chair of the CvB is also starting in September. For the first part of the year, Francesco states it may be difficult to get things through and find information for the CSR. Vaisakh asks if all the CSR members will join the selection process. The CSR will receive an advice request on the profile for the position from the RvT. The CSR will need to select a person for the BAC which is confidential. Saskia asks if the CSR can advise on contingency measures as the current situation is destabilizing for the UvA. The CSR is informed they can communicate their concerns directly through their contact person in the RvT. Saskia asks what the likelihood of the RvT placing an interim person is in the CvB. Saskia would like to raise the issue as soon as possible to the RvT. Peter-Paul is also up for reappointment in the next year.

12. CSR Topic Overview

The CSR has received an overview of the upcoming topics for the year. The CSR will work on the Chair appointment and Rector reappointment procedure. The CSR will also receive advice and consent requests throughout the year on various topics. The CSR has received a consent request for the regulations change on the confidential persons and ombudsperson. House rules has also not been consented to from the previous CSR, which will continue in the current CSR. The CSR has been in close contact with legal affairs on the draft of the house rules in the previous year. The UvA is continuing to develop the ethical framework on third-party collaborations at the UvA. The CSR has also been involved in the working group on the profiling fund regulation changes. The CSR will eventually receive a consent request for the final approval. The model OER may be revised in the coming CSR term, but has been postponed from last spring given the lack of clarity in the internationalisation bill. The CSR can also expect to work on the budget and the kaderbrief for the UvA, and will consent on the mainlines of the budget alongside the COR.

Saskia asks if there are escalation methods for if the CSR finds an advice that is not followed does not have a sufficient reasoning. A dispute committee is available but it often takes months to find a resolution.

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Noor will send a lettucomet to determine the times for the PV in block 1 with a deadline of August 28th [action].



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There are no further requests for input.

15. Evaluating the PV

The PV is evaluated.

16. Questions

Saskia asks if next week's meeting will be set today. The CSR will set it after the PV ends. Saskia asks if Folia will do a profile on the CSR chair. Francesco will keep the CSR informed.

17. Closing the meeting

Francesco closes the meeting at 11:04.

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The mail is postponed.

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The minutes from July and August are postponed until September 1st.

4. Checking the action list

The action list is checked. See attachment.

5. Announcements

5 There are no further announcements.

The quorum is met.

6. Updates: DB, delegates, central student assessor

10 Everyone who will attend the overdrachts dinner should let Abbey know if they will attend. Members have not filled in the update form for the meeting. The DB will look into how to ensure the update form is filled out in a different format.

7. Setting the agenda

The agenda is set.

8. Working Agreements

15 The CSR has left comments on the working agreements to the draft of the working agreements. In keeping track of attendance, the attendance list will be made publicly available to CSR members to ensure that members hold each other accountable. Dina recommends on top of having trust persons in the council, it would be important to have an anonymous format to submit complaints. The complaints can then be handled by the vice-chair and trust persons. The amendment will be added within the working agreements.

The working agreements currently allow the DB to strip inactive members of their voting rights. Pieter-Joost finds that members are chosen democratically and to give the mandate to a few members of the council goes against the democratic mandate. Pieter-Joost is in favour of having rules to enforce attendance, and would be in favour of stripping the committee stipend within the profiling fund. Pieter-Joost states there should be a clear objective or measure for when someone loses their voting rights versus through a DB vote. Dina finds it is important that members are physically present to fulfill their positions and roles and would like to ensure members are encouraged and held accountable to do so. Pieter-Joost states there was an observed inconsistency in the previous DB that he would like to create further objective measures for when members are active versus inactive. Francesco states the current responsibility lies with the DB to hold members accountable. The inactive members clause in the working agreements state that the council has the right to overturn the DB's decision by a two-thirds majority. Pieter-Joost recommends setting an automatic status for members that miss certain events or meetings that mark them as inactive versus making decisions among individuals. Pieter-Joost also would like to change the clause on the chair and vice-chair having the ability to grant an inactive member voting rights during a PV.

Saskia finds it is clear in the working agreements that the general council can overturn the DB's decision. Saskia agrees further clarity should be provided for what qualifies as inactive. Saskia would like to leave the decision to the DB as otherwise the PV should remain open for policy discussions. Dina states that the DB also is given the mandate for decision making on voting status as some absences may be sensitive or personal, in which the DB is better able to protect individual council members. Victor states he finds that for democratic value, members should be involved in the process. Victor finds it is the responsibility of the delegate to be present at the meetings to represent their faculty. Noor informs members that in the working agreements, the DB cannot just take a vote but has to justify the vote to the general council. Noor finds the current clause provides checks and balances on the DB's decision-making power. Saskia finds that with a democratic mandate, the council should be able to democratically decide how to enforce participation. Saskia would like to see a further elaboration for how the council can keep a direct line of communication with the faculty on attendance. Francesco recommends further outlining what is considered an absence to provide clarity on when the DB should take action.

Vincent would like to consider that there is a relationship between the CSR and the FSR to represent the faculties. Vincent finds if the delegates are absent, faculty delegates are unable to represent their voices. If the delegates are further sanctioned, it only increases the lack of information. The ones who are delegated are already carrying a responsibility to the faculties. Vincent finds further punishing delegates decreases democratic representation from the faculties.

Abbey recommends further looking into a procedure for communication with the faculties regarding attendance and participation. Abbey also recommends discussing further how to ensure the ACTA delegate is facilitated to participate. The DB will enforce the working agreements from the beginning of the council term **[pro memoria]**.

Francesco proposes any official meeting besides the PV will be counted towards the absence policy, including OV's, GV's, and other official meetings. Dina has recommended four consecutive official meetings with notice and two without notice as the limit. The CSR agrees to further elaborate on what qualifies as an absence. For the proposal on including names in the minutes, the clause will be adapted to include removal of names for confidentiality or safety concerns.

Francesco has included a proposal for abstentions. In the past, abstention and blanco have been confused. Abstentions are done when you want to affect the quorum. For abstentions, members that do not raise their hands will be counted as an abstain.

Saskia recommends changing the working agreements to include a mandate should be communicated 72 hours in advance. Pieter-Joost finds that mandates far in advance would not take into account illness before a PV. Pieter-Joost recommends that members cannot mandate two PVs in a row, as a restriction. Members are

also able to attend online when they are sick. Alies recommends mandates should be available only in emergencies. Vaisakh finds the punishments as sufficient for those that do not regularly attend. Dina recommends the same rules should apply for absences to mandates. The CSR postpones further discussion for next week.

9. Diversity Commitment

The CSR has received the document for the diversity commitment. The previous CSR's have signed the Diversity Commitment in which the CSR commits to representing the diversity of voices and ensure a more equitable university. The agreement is non-binding but is an internal agreement.

10. Green Commitment

The CSR has received the document for the green commitment. The document cannot be amended as it is written by the Green Office of the UvA. The previous CSR's have signed the Green Commitment which is also non-binding.

11. Updates on the Year Plan

The CSR met yesterday to further elaborate and workshop the details of the year plan. A document has been created which includes a draft of the points from members. The CSR is legally obligated to provide their year plan. The CvB will create a presentation for the overview of files for the coming semester, and a shorter overview of the year. The CSR will receive further information on how the files will be internally divided in the CvB given the absence of a Chair for the CvB. The CSR will provide their own presentation of their year plan. Members can leave comments in the year plan on the google document and the presentation will be created during the OV prep.

12. IAO/OV Update

The DB updates the CSR on the IAO and the topics set for the OV on September 9th. The old and new DB were present at the IAO. The OV agenda will be updates on gender neutral bathroom regulations and internationalization. The topics for discussion include ethical frameworks collaboration, house rules and article 24.

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There is no further wvttk.

14. Input requests for the FSRs / to the media

Francesco has received a media request from Finse TV. They are looking to interview a bachelors student who has been admitted into their study programme through a lottery system.

The CSR has received a request from ASVA for students to report unsafe roads to AT5 as well. Members will contact Saskia.

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Florence asks if comments will be voted on separately or if the working agreements will be voted on together.

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