



Chair Maas Hermes

Present Maas Hermes, Kasper Mooijaart, Chris de Hart, Melanie Kool, Eloise Herveet, Saar Schnieder, Joanna Ñañez, Robin van Straaten (from point 6)

Absent -

Minutes taker

Kasper Mooijaart

Guest(s) Dave van Wijk (until point 9), Nina Chen (until point 9)

1. Opening

Chair Maas opens the meeting at 18:08.

2. Minutes & Action list

The minutes are accepted.

3. Mail

In

- ASVA CoBo invitation, 19 october. We will receive an official invitation later.

Out



- Request for card access to the rooms and coffee and printing. Might take a while, because the person who does that is out of office for this week.

Kasper:

Chris: Meanwhile, Melanie, Kasper and I do still have access, so contact us if you need access.

4. Announcements

Maas: This is the first PV! I'm really excited. I'm really excited to work with all of you. Things are a bit much at first, but that will sort itself out, so don't let yourself get discouraged. Cause this year will be very fun.

Chris: I will not be finishing this year in the council, I will be quitting after about half a year, but I will do my work for at least the first half year.

Maas: As a guest today we have Nina, who is interested in joining the council. She is here to be here and see how the PV is.

Saar: What do you study?

Nina: Chemistry Master, Sustainability track.

Eloise: She shared her CV and motivation, but I wanted her to first meet everyone and then next PV we'll get her on track.

Introduction round

5. Updates committees, task groups, DB, Student assessor, CSR Delegate

Dave:

Hi all,

I'm looking forward to working together this coming year!



Usually I send an update with some noteworthy things I've done as studentassessor the past week so ya'll know what's up. I'll try to mail these in time for the PV, however due to the reallocation of the meeting I might not have enough time. In that case I'll just mention them in the PV :)

DT-Meeting

These are some of the subjects we talked about in the past DT-meeting:

Recruitment Procedure Vice-Dean

As some of you know, Lex Kaper will leave the faculty as vice-dean this April. This is why the procedure for recruitment needs to be checked and adopted. Everything looked in order. There will be a selection committee, of which the FSR can choose one student take part of. You'll hear about this soon (or have already).

OEREN

Because of the delay, the last versions of the OEREN have just been adopted.

Updating arrangement for student associations

The student associations have an arrangement with the faculty about their purpose, as well as the money they receive from the UvA.

However, the current one is already 10 years old, and needs updating to represent the current situation. The plan to update the document has been adopted, and now a new arrangement will be made with collaboration of the involved parties.

I hope to have informed you properly, and see ya'll tonight!

Joanna:

Hello,



Hereby some updates from the FPC:

- Chris will be having a social safety meeting at 12 tomorrow (the 5th)
- After the PV tomorrow (the 5th) Chris and I will do the committee transfer
- Our first committee meeting will take place on Thursday the 7th

See you all tomorrow!

Lola:

Tomorrow, we'll have our first meeting. We're just getting started yet, so there's not really an update yet.

Kasper:

We're doing a lot. We brought our first couple pieces, next week will be the next pieces. We're working to get everything started behind the scenes, so we can make a good start to the year.

Saar:

I have exciting news. I will be joining the work group for the new evaluation system, the replacement for UvA-Q.

Dave: Is that the one you fill in after an exam?

Saar: Yes.

Chris: Are there other files are you are working on?

Saar: All ICT related files, like AI and digitalization. I'll also be joining the DLO board.

6. Setting the agenda

1. Opening
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Saar: I don't like how the minutes read.

Chris: Like the font?

Saar: No, like the name and then what they say afterwards. I like more a summary.

Kasper: I think we can discuss that with the administrative secretary when we have one.

Chris: That stems from the fact that BO's and IO's are transcribed literally, I think.

Maas: Yes we'll figure that out when we have an AS.

De agenda is set.

7. Revision House Rules & Work Agreements

Kasper: Attached are the house rules and work agreements from last year, which we'll be revizing. Most proposed changes are to make the documents reflect the actual situation. There is also a proposed change about alcohol and drugs at the PVs which the daily board proposes, but there's also things you can add. This is a thought- and opinion forming piece, so we won't be voting, but we will be sharing opinions.

Eloise: I noticed a tiny mistake, but the documents are only in Dutch for now, but it says they are only in English, in the introduction.

Kasper: I think if we translate it to English we need to vote that in itself as well right? Because it is a different version, and the way they are translated can mess with the interpretation.

Maas: We can vote on the changes we'll make and vote the English document as a whole in too.

Eloise: Once we have voted on these changes I'll translate the documents with the changes and send it next week, so see if we need changes in the English document also.

Discussion points

1. Is the piece unclear?

Chris: In the Work Agreements we still mention Trello and Spond, are we still using these programs?

Maas: Yes, we will discuss those programs at agenda point 10, which we will still be using.

2. Is the information correct?

3. Is there any information missing?

4. Discussion points:

- a. What are your thoughts about the change to clauses 3.13 and 3.14 of the Work Agreements, regarding drugs and alcohol at the PVs?**

Robin joins the meeting at 18:26.

Robin: Sorry for being late.

Kasper: Maybe then reframe the question. Is everyone is okay with the explanation we provided?

Melanie: Just a clarification: being sober means you can't drink or take anything before the PV too.

Dave: What does 'wilsbekwaam' mean here? That you're sober or that you're able to operate?

Melanie: I think sober means having abused no substances, and 'wilsbekwaam' means that you can make decision.

b. Are there any other necessary changes that should be made to these documents to make them accurate/correct?

Melanie: I think some things can be left out. For example that the AS prints the agenda and pieces for the plenary meeting for people who want them. I think we don't need paper anymore. It is also said that all important information will be sent through email, for example datumprinters, but I think we can also do that through Telegram.

Kasper: As a general comment: if you want to change anything, send it to me with an explanation so I can add it to next week's piece.

Chris: I have a list of things: 2.3.3. Work Agreements: Mentions storage bins, but we don't have those. Same with 2.3.10., we don't use that. So I would want them removed. Also something not really to change but to think about. There's also a couple lines about being present at certain events, but I have noticed last year people don't put as much energy as other people into being present at events or the FSR room, so that's something to think about, whether we want those kind of rules in this document.

Maas: Is there any change for that you would like instead of that?



Chris: That's kind of tough, because forcin people to be present, that doesn't make sense to me. I haven't thought of a change yet, and just removing it also seems finicky. So we can discuss this.

Eloise: It says to try to be there as much as possible, so I don't think it's really forcing anyone.

Melanie: But there are also people that don't try. So how do you involve them?

Eloise: But the document isn't forcing anyone with this line. Or is it?

Chris: It would just be nice that everyone puts in the same effort as everyone else. It's also about things we organize ourselves. Last year some people only helped a little bit and I ended up compensating for everyone who wasn't there but that could have helped.

Maas: If you don't know anything now, so think of a change and send it to Kasper for the next piece.

Melanie: I wanted to create a picture for people what attendance could look like. The coming months we will get invited a lot to events from other organizations like study associations. This can be quite busy. In january and february will probably be another peak.

Chris: To add onto that, we also organize a lot ourselves. I thought about Spirit Day last year, where we set up everything with 3 people, while someone else was sitting in the room doing nothing. I don't think that's a fair distribution of the work load.

Dave: I looked through the document and I think it wouldn't be a bad idea to formally put in there that the student assessor can be present at the PV, because currently I'm technically just a guest every time, so maybe the role of the student assessor can be more formal. What do you guys think?

Kasper: We can put that in the work agreements, that's a good idea. We can vote on a clause for that next week, to make the student



assessor have the rights of a member of the plenary meeting instead of a guest.

Saar: For the Work Agreements: I think it's also a good idea to include a language policy clause, also for next FSRs and also something for working times, when you're expected to be available and when not.

Eloise: Do you mean when you're expected to answer a message and things like that?

Saar: Yes.

Melanie: These are a lot of rules, so pay close attention to them. They are quite important documents, because you can be held responsible.

Maas: Saar, do you want to discuss it now or do you want to formulate a proposal for next week?

Saar: I'll write a proposal for next week.

Chris: An important one in the House Rules in article 14.14: When the votes are tied, the vote of the chair is decisive, which I think is a weird rule. There's a lot of stuff that happens before this happens. When two votes tie, you rediscuss and try to vote again, and if the votes tie again you discuss again. So this'll never happen.

Maas: But we do need a solution for if this would happen, so what do you propose?

Chris: I think we can talk it out if it happens, or else leave it to chance.

Saar: I don't think leaving it to chance is a good idea. I think having a rule is good.

Robin: Why would you want to leave it up to chance?

Chris: Because everyone's vote is equal, no one has more power. So why should someone have a decisive vote? So there isn't really a fair solution in such a case.

Melanie: Maybe it's a last resort and such a choice shouldn't be left to the members, but maybe the council of advice? Those are board members of the last year, so they don't have anything to gain or to lose in such a situation.

Kasper: I think the council of advice is a group of people the daily board uses to ask questions, I don't think we can use them to make an official decision. I don't think that's right.

Eloise: Council assistants don't have voting rights, but maybe we can give them a voice in that particular situation?

Dave: We can also give the student assessor the right to vote.

Chris: I don't think we can do that, because I think I read in official UvA documents that the council assistants can't have the right to vote.

Maas: You also would give the student assessor or board of advice a weird power position, so their function would change.

Melanie: I meant for the council of advice to mediate in such a situation, but I left that out.

Lola: I don't really understand the scenario.

Kasper: It's when there's a 50/50 vote, and you rediscuss and try to vote again, but you still don't have a decision. If you decide that you do have to vote in that moment, not a week later. In that case, right now Maas' vote would be decisive, which I agree is weird. But getting something else, that's fair, to work is difficult too.

Eloise: Would it be possible to change the amount of council members? To have 13 seats instead of 12.

Kasper: I don't think we can just change the amount of seats in the council, but you can also withhold your vote or vote blank, so there are ways to reach a 50/50 with an uneven amount of members.

Maas: A lot has been mentioned. So if you have anything else you want to have changed, send it to Kasper for next week's piece.

Kasper: Everything that has already been said I will put in next week's piece, but if you have another proposal, send them to me so I can include them by Saturday the latest.

c. Are there already other changes you would like to propose?

8. Task group Finances

Kasper: I think I mentioned everything in the piece. There's a task group to be made.

Discussion points

1. Is the piece unclear?

2. Is there any information missing?

3. Discussion points:

a. Are there any questions about the duties of the task group?

b. Who would be interested in joining the task group?

Robin: As treasurer of course, I think that's my job.

Kasper: Me as a Daily Board delegate. I've also done it last year already.

Dave: You said you did it last year, how was that?

Kasper: It isn't that much work in total, but the documents can be quite daunting to read, because they are written in a very official way.

Eloise: Is it in Dutch?

Kasper: Yes it is.

Saar: From when from when will the task group be active?

Maas: The coming month and in November.

Lola: So what are you doing as task group?

Kasper: There's some reading and some writing. Last year we divided who was reading what and we discussed anything that stood out to us, and then we wrote a summary of what we read for the PV piece. I think we want to do two pieces, first to get everyone familiar with the document and to discuss some first things, then to form a final opinion and vote on the document.

Chris: The more people you have, the less you will have to read. There'll be a couple things you won't understand but that's okay. The most important things will stand out.

Lola: Can you give an example?

Kasper: The budget can look weird if you are not familiar with that kind of finances.

Dave: The framework note has an explanation of what comes in and what goes out and explaining the big differences that weren't expected. So weird numbers will probably get explained below. If you still don't understand, you can ask the faculty. A lot of times you can also get away with Googling.

Saar: We have right of advice, so if we disagree with something they either have to accept it or give a legitimate reason for why they don't. So this is a good way to push for any big goals we would like to achieve this year.

Robin: How confidential is this task group?

Chris: It's a public document, so it's not confidential.

Melanie: To get back to the question, who would like to join?

Eloise: If the university could provide an English version of the document, I would be interested in joining.

Saar: How much time do you think it takes a week, Kasper?

Kasper: An hour or 3 or 4 I think. It depends on how detailed you read the documents and whether you try to understand every single letter. There's also a couple meetings and writing the PV piece.

There will be two spikes in work, when we receive and treat the framework note and then when we get the budget later on. Between that there's nothing to do.

Lola: I think I want to help.

Eloise: If it's in English I would like to help.

Chris: I think they're required to provide an English version if we need it to work on it.

Saar: I'm not sure about that, for the CSR the central budget is in Dutch even though half the CSR is in English.

Melanie: We can try, this is new for them too.

Dave: You can also translate it yourself.

Kasper: It's difficult to translate it and get all the semantics of the finances right.

Robin: Maybe first ask whether they even can translate the documents accurately.

Dave: Using AI tools like DeepL is also sometimes not allowed, because everything you give it is added to a public Database.

4. Are there voting proposals missing?

Robin: Not really missing, but maybe we wait to know whether the documents can be in English.

5. Are the voting proposals correct?

6. Voting

Voting proposal 1: The FSR FNWI 23/24 votes in favor of Robin, Kasper and Lola as members of the task group Finances, with Eloise under the condition that the faculty can provide an English translation of the Framework note and the Budget.

Voting: 9 in favor, 0 against, 0 withhold, 0 blank.

The voting proposal is accepted.

Saar: First official vote!

Maas: We will take a break until 19:20.

Maas adjourned the meeting at 19:13.

Nina leaves the meeting at 19:13.

Maas opened the meeting at 19:24.

Maas: This next is a confidential piece, so I'm going to ask Dave to leave.

Dave leaves the meeting at 19:25.

9. Appointment administrative Secretary [CONFIDENTIAL]

Discussion points

- 1. Is the piece clear?**
- 2. Is the information correct?**
- 3. Is there information missing?**
- 4. Is the proposition correct?**
- 5. Are propositions missing?**
- 6. Are the pros and cons correct?**
- 7. Are there pros and cons missing?**
- 8. Is there anything you would like to ask the candidate?**
- 9. Moment of discussion**
- 10. Vote**

Proposition 1: The FSR FNWI 23/24 appoints the candidate as administrative secretary.

The voting proposal is accepted.

Nina joins the meeting at 19:51.

10. DB Tips and Tricks

Trello was discussed.

Spond was discussed.

11. W.v.t.t.k.

12. Evaluation pieces

13. Evaluation PV

Chris: Well done Maas.

Maas: Well done everyone.

14. Asking round

Robin: I wanted to apologize that I was late. I will read the minutes to catch up.

Saar: We had an Request for advice for a program director, but there were no attachments.

Maas: That's for the ORC meeting tomorrow.

Lola: It's a lot.

Melanie: Thank you for the first PV.

Eloise: Shall we go for a beer after this?

Nina: Thanks for having me, that was fun, good vibes.

15. Action list

16. Points next agenda

17. Closing



Chair Maas closes the meeting at 20:16.