



2nd meeting of the Faculty Student Council of Law

Agenda

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Date September 2nd 2026 18:00 – 19:00
Present Anton Siemonsma, Danial Haider,
Hanna van den Brink Fabian Que,
Roza Ali, Parham Jam, Tess
Maliepaard, Nuno Ploeger, Safir Pavel
Guest
Online

Location Nieuwe Achtergracht 166, REC A,
Absent Angie-lee Kruise, Felicia Taruna, Livni I
Secretary Dina Mrabet

1. Opening of the meeting

18:10

2. Setting the agenda

3. Housekeeping: Access to FdR FSR office and elevators

Nuno: I haven't received any response yet, but I sent out the request for our access. I do need everyone's full government name otherwise the card won't work.

Fabian: Keep in mind we don't have unlimited coffee and printing: 10 Euros per month, per person.

Dina has access to unlimited printing, so if you really need to print something and you're over your budget, you can ask her.

4. Discuss agenda for Kick off 7 September

Tess: who will be attending the Kickoff?

- Everyone attending this meeting (Anton, Danial, Fabian, Roza, Parham, Tess, Nuno, Safir) will be also attending the kickoff on Monday, except Dina.

Tess reported that last week she attended the meeting with the Dean of Law and the Faculty Board regarding the Kickoff. She explained that the format will consist of three tables, each representing a different theme (e.g., research, education). The setup will follow a round-table concept: small groups of four participants will stand around each table and discuss the key highlights and priorities within that theme. Every 20 minutes, the groups will rotate to the next table. After the rotations, the participants will identify common ground across the discussions. Based on this, a priority list will be created outlining what everyone considers important and what is realistically achievable by the end of the year.

Fabian: is there going to be a document with a list of board members and their respective functions?

Tess: I have brought it up, but I haven't seen any concrete action yet. I will note that I will go after it again.

5. Delegates to reach out to respective staff from (bachelor/masters) departments



Establishment of the delegates:

- PPLE: Tess
- Bachelor of Laws (Dutch): Roza
- Dutch Law Masters: Nuno
- Masters of Law (English): Fabian
- Tax masters: Parham

As a next step, we will find out what these roles mean.

Tess: who are the respective people to reach out to as a delegate?

- Anton can find out the names and share this document with the council. Fabian also notes that most program committees have a general email address which you can find on the website of the UvA. You should be able to find the secretary, otherwise just speak to someone on the committee that you are delegated to. We can put this on the to-do list for upcoming PV. Nuno reached out already to his respective contact person.

6. Danial provides an update on the opening of academic year 2026/27

- Danial notes that one thing that stood out was that the rector magnificus was wearing the Swastika as a peace symbol. It was also interesting to see in general, but a waste of money. And there was lots of security. Probably out of fear of students saying something.
- Fabian: anything more specific than the general Folia statements being said? Danial states that there wasn't really, just someone with a critical view could note that this speech was general in the sense that it could have been read to every university in the same way.

- Danial also got some questions about the absence of the rest of the FSR members. Danial didn't get the official invite through the FSR so he was there as interim board of his former study association.

Anton: CSR also didn't get an invite until after the deadline to sign up had passed.

Safir: Where was the invitation sent?

Tess: Signal.

Safir: It could be difficult to keep up with Signal. So, if there is an emergency, please contact me via e-mail or call me. The council agrees that they should attend such events.

7. Discuss and set timeline for year plans for each committee

Tess has already met with O&O. Parham noted that there is already a deadline for the next PV meeting.

Main topics/files to include in the year plans:

- Exam Committee: More transparency on planned policy changes, such as potentially lowering the *cum laude* requirements.



- PPLE: Explore possibilities regarding the fact that students cannot retake courses.
- Regrading: Consider anonymous or uniform regrading procedures for Bachelor courses.
- Screenless courses: Discuss whether this should become an FSR file.
- Missed deadlines: Formalize communication when UvA teachers fail to meet deadlines.
- PPLE exams: Address situations where teachers change grades after exams.
- ALF course: Monitor the new coordinator and evaluate how the course develops.
- BSA: Investigate whether the BSA norm should be lowered.

Safir: SPR is considering engaging more with the opinions of students. The BSA is an interesting topic in this regard. Parham agrees with Safir, especially given recent research questioning the effectiveness of the BSA compared to the claims made by the university.

Anton: The BSA is also part of his file with the CSR; he can work on this through the CBD.

Main files:

- Internationalisation
- BSA
- Selection procedures

Secondary file:

- Flexibility (currently a broad/vague file)

Three representative positions:

- Digital learning environment
- commission monitoring the quality of UvA delegations
- ISO (national student representative body)

Third position:

- Event elections and activities in the cafeteria

Danial asked how students interested in free Dutch courses can access them. Anton: This is not his file, as it primarily concerns financial matters and therefore falls under O&F. Implementation is still ongoing. The initiative was approved last year, but there is currently no way for students to access the courses. It may not be implemented this academic year, but the FSR will do its best to facilitate this and keep students updated.

Tess mentioned that since Felicia is not present and O&F has not met yet (meeting scheduled for tomorrow), the council will postpone further discussion for now.

8. Discuss Faculty Strategic Plan – raised by Hanna



Hanna noted that the FDR ambitions document mentions, under priority 3a, an intention to research mandatory attendance in both bachelor's and master's programmes. And asked whether O&O is working on this and whether the council should oppose it. Parham stated that he is willing to raise the issue with the university. Fabian suggested raising the topic during the first GOV or OV meeting. He noted that it is difficult to take a strong stance without knowing how mandatory attendance would be implemented. The council can ask for clarification on the exact implementation.

Tess emphasized that by **mid-September** there should be a nearly finalized version of the year's plans on paper. Before the external PV, the council should have a clear and concrete overview of what is happening and what it aims to achieve. Tess asked whether there are points the student council wants to raise regarding the faculty's strategic plan.

- Anton noted that the plan is currently too vague. He suggested addressing the topic of AI, possibly by organizing an event to gather student perspectives; SCR is already working on this.
- Points raised by Hanna:
 - Hanna wants to add the theme of AI in relation to sustainability. The strategic plan mentions sustainability as a goal, but does not address the environmental impact of AI at all.
 - And also pointed out that the faculty's sustainability plans regarding readers/books are not addressed.
 - Additionally, Hanna wants to raise the issue of mandatory attendance.
 - And further asked for attention to potential militarization within the faculty, referring to increasing ties, research collaborations, and funding from military-related actors, and what the faculty intends to do about this.
- Points raised by Safir:
 - Safir stressed the need for a clear definition of "AI literacy."
 - Safir also highlighted the issue that AI-detection tools do not work reliably, and that the council wants to avoid situations where student work is incorrectly labeled as AI-generated.
- Fabian reminded the council that the strategic plan was written before concrete measures were fully developed. He advised not to be too harsh on the board at this stage.

Safir asked whether members may attend meetings they are not formally part of if they want to raise an issue. Parham confirmed that this is absolutely possible, and that questions can also be sent to him in advance. Tess added that she personally views this as a good initiative.

9. PR

- Safir and Hanna will meet tomorrow with the Green Office PR team to promote the Book Swap and discuss collaboration.
- PR will continue the mini-series on exam rights, on-campus rights, and "meet your teachers."



- Scripts and posting schedules will be prepared next week.
- PR aims to encourage more on-campus attendance to counter post-pandemic online habits.
- They plan to increase visibility of minutes through QR codes linking directly to them.
- PR proposes a monthly crossword puzzle with a free coffee for correct submissions.
- Safir and Hanna attended the PPLE introduction, which had strong student engagement.
- Anton noted that CSR can finance PR-initiated events or trainings.
- CoBo: PR will propose a theme at the next meeting; members may share suggestions at the next PV. Safir will provide more information next week.
- A photographer is available for the group picture but requests compensation.
- Group picture will be taken Thursday 12:30–13:00; Safir will arrange an alternative moment for absent members (Livni and Roza).

10. Discuss our fixed PV timeslot for Block 1

Best dates are to have PVs *the whole block* (online included)

- Monday 11:00-12:00 (8/13) but the vice president (Fabian) can only attend online (including Fabian online it would be (9/13))
- Wednesday 11:30 – 12:30 (6/13) but the secretary (Dina) can't attend
- Friday 15:15-17:00 (7/13) but the chair (Tess) can't attend

At next week's PV, we need to decide between:

- Wednesday after 11:30
- or Friday after 15:15
- (Monday 7 September is not possible since it conflicts with the Kickoff)

We will fill out the when2meet form again and consider meeting online to have active participation.

- Those voted to consider online PVs as alternative to low attendance: Nuno, Fabian, Parham, Anton, Roza, Hanna, Safir
- Those in principle still against online PVs: Danial and Tess

Online PVs will also be considered as an alternative to low attendance. The definite date will be decided this week.

11. Appointing a council member to join the interview committee concerning for the new student assessor + AOB (any other business)

Roza and Safir were appointed to the interview committee for the new Student Assessor.

12. Other points/questions

13. Closing the meeting

19:15



Action-list

Who?	What?	When?
Everyone	Fill in the when2meet for the next PVs (online is also a possibility now)	ASAP
Everyone	Feel free to share your suggestions on the theme of the next CoBo to Safir and Hanna	By the next PV
All Delegates (Tess, Anton, Fabian, Parham, Roza)	Reach out to your respective program committees and contact person.	Before the next PV
Everyone	Group picture	Thursday 3 rd September 12:30
Everyone	Have a clear overview of the year plans and what is happening	By the next PV
Everyone	Have (nearly) finalized year plans on paper	Mid-September
Tess	Follow up on the document listing the board members and their respective functions	In the upcoming block

