Facultaire
Studentenraad

RECHTSGELEERDHEID

1st meeting of the
Faculty Student Council of Law

Date	5th of September 2024 15:15 – 17:00	Location	Nieuwe Achtergracht 166, REC A, Room A1.07
Present	Livni Beck, Youssra Aarab, Fabian Que, Zofia Rytel, Johannes Hüttner, Robin Blom, Friso Tjittes, Youssra Aarab, Fabian Que en Len Holstein.	Absent	
Guests	-	Secretary	Mirthe den Held

Notes by the chair are written in cursive and are part of the agenda and the minutes, after publication.

1. **Opening of the meeting**
   15:17
   • Round of introductions.

2. **Setting of the agenda**
   • PR-ideas in other business.

3. **Announcements**
   Replacement member

   Zofia: Isa is resigning from being a member of the student council. The elections office will contact a the next person on the list.
   Mirthe: I contacted the election office and they will take it from here.
   Len: Did she have any positions in the council?
   Zofia: She was the Dutch LLM delegate. So, we should discuss that once we have a new member.

4. **FSR Council kick-off.**
   Let's go through the agenda, plan the introductions (20 min) and discuss what we'd like from the meeting (Files in folder 240909 Kick off) + select a contact person for the works council (best if it's the same person for the whole year).

   Zofia: We have to plan the round of introductions for the GOV. We need to come up with an icebreaker, it will take 20 minutes. The workers council will do the conclusion and the dean will facilitate the meeting. Additionally, we need to set a contact person for the workers council, preferably a Dutch speaking person because most of their meetings are in Dutch.
   Robin: That person should be a daily board member so they know what is going on.
   Fabian: It would be hard for me to do that because I'm not in the Netherlands.
   • For now, Zofia will be the contact person.

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Introduction

Robin: We can do a round of fun-facts about people.

Zofia: Some introductions might be in Dutch but the rest of the meeting will be in English.

Len: We can ask people for their pronouns.

Zofia: Okay so we will do the pronouns and the fun-fact.

Files

Zofia: Any comments or wishes about the files.

Friso: I didn't read them.

Zofia: So maybe you can prepare before the kick-off meeting. What I thought was interesting is the code of conduct. And I want to restore UvA's image after the demonstrations. It should be less of students v.s UvA. The image of the UvA should be more human.

Robin: Is there a central marketing team for the law faculty?

Livni: There is a marketing team.

Zofia: My friend is working in the Business PR department, we can take an example from them. Maybe our PR team can work together with the workers council and faculty PR department.

5. **We need to choose a Dean selection delegate (Email 1 file) DUTCH**

   Zofia: Maybe we can reach out to the absent persons of the council.

   Youssra: I can do it. It's on the 26st right?

   • Youssra will be the selection delegate for the new dean.

6. **Student Assessor selection committee delegates (Livni and Len) (Email 2 file)**

   Len: It was on the 13th right?

   Livni: I'm not available anymore because I have class at that time.

   Zofia: Can all the Dutch people check their schedule?

   Friso: I am available.

   • Len and Friso will be the selection delegates for the student assessor.

7. **Did everyone apply for compensation?**

   Zofia: Did everybody succeed in applying for the compensation?

   Len: It's in my agenda.

8. **Priorities for the next year (to bring to meeting with Dean and Works council)**

   Robin: I think that external representation is important. I didn't know that there is a PR department in the faculty so they could do better.

   Zofia: Soon, the Gaza conflict reaches an one year anniversary. The dean is stuck on making a decision. Doing a forum would make the participants quite skewed. What are your thoughts on the role of the council in this matter?

   Johannes: It's quite difficult to match both sides.

   Livni: In our faculty they organized three events on it. I think that it was handled quite well. I don't think that we should be involved in politics too much.

   Zofia: There is a demonstration planned next Friday, I don't think that we are able to ignore the topic. There will be new students so I think that it's good to organize events about it. What do we expect from the faculty?

   Friso: That people know that they can study without too much disruption.

   Len: I think that it's important to keep the conversation going, it plays a role in many people's lives. We should have more round table conversations.

Livni: They should facilitate safe protests. We need to advocate for the safety of our students.

Johannes: Maybe a designated protest area or protest times. Wellbeing workshops can help with getting students to feel safer at the University.

Youssra: It's important that the students are safe.

Robin: The faculty doesn't make these decisions, that is the College van Bestuur.

Zofia: There should be better information channels.

Friso: There are a lot of emotions in this discussion, it doesn't help to ignore these emotions.

Zofia: Increasing support groups for students might help.

Len: Last year, we were kicked out by the security guards. There should be someone from the university to explain why they make certain choices.

Zofia: Using intercoms would also be helpful in this situation.

Livni: Johannes idea to have a place and a time to demonstrate would help.

Youssra: I think that the protesters have the goal to disrupt to make their point, so I don't think that they would agree.

Robin: I worked in the CSR. I've understood that they are fine with protests during working hours, after 20:00 they want everyone to leave.

Len: A one-pager of what is allowed and how they will respond will help. If they have a procedure it would be clear for everyone.

Robin: At the CSR, they didn't want to share their procedures. It's because of security reasons. I don't think that they want people to anticipate on the rules.

Youssra: Last year in the FSR, there was also discussion on the house rules.

Zofia: There should be clear information about what is and isn't allowed.

- The house rules will be a priority this year.

Accessibility

Zofia: For me, accessibility is important.

Friso: Can you be more specific?

Zofia: Like braille inscription, hearing disabilities.

AI

Youssra: The UvA and VU work together on AI. Last year I made a survey, we can send it out.

Robin: I will post it on the Instagram.

Quality of education

Len: I would like to work on anonymous grading.

Robin: How does it work with PPLE?

Len: In PPLE we put our name on assignments, in Testvision it is anonymous. So, I would also like to broaden this policy.

Zofia: Some tutors do grade assignments anonymously, but it's not a policy.

Friso: Did you think about the potential effects of making it anonymous?

Len: So, for me it's about the unconscious bias, the teacher might prefer the one student over the other and potentially give them better grades. On the other side, students might be worried about a bias, this will take the worries away.

Livni: In high school, it was demonstrated that anonymous grading makes everyone's grades better.

Len: The university of Utrecht and Groningen already implemented it. It's also possible in Canvas. So, it should be feasible to make a policy change.

Budget cuts

Zofia: There will be cuts in the budget. The dean was thinking that the cuts will be in the research department. However, they are still negotiating it. There should be transparency about this process. It's for 2026.

Dean

Zofia: We could do PR about the new dean.
Robin: Yes, we should make a meet your dean Tiktok.

9. **Files members want to work on (Johannes' document about O&F files)**

No laptop policy.

Livni: I would like to continue my project from last year. There is inconsistency within the course philosophy of law when it comes to having your work on your laptop or on paper.
Robin: It's the same in Goederenrecht right now.
Livni: I would like to work on this topic.

Hybrid teaching

Zofia: In PPLE they do record but they don't share it.
Johannes: My friend who had a medical emergency was not able to access it.

Teaching evaluations

Zofia: Might be a topic but they are quite good in PPLE. Lectures also respond to the course evaluations by email.
Len: In some courses they responded with a dot.
Zofia: So, we might have to make this a policy.
Len: I don't know if the workers council would want that.

Trash cans P-building.

Johannes: This is kind of accessibility and housing.

Website:

Robin: The faculties have the responsibility to update the website.
--> Robin will update the website.

AI

Fabian: I would like to work on AI. Rechtsorde.nl has added an AI. I want to delve into how students can use this.

External representation

Zofia: The final documents from the councils are published on a certain cite, students can respond to it as well. It might be useful to make the council more interactive. We should push this site.
Len: Maybe we can link this to PR, to include this in the monthly newsletter.

Livni: For PR, there should be a newsletter in the toilets. I want to put events from the university and study associations in it so that people can get more involved.

Johannes: I would love to organize a coffee session with students. We should ask to get a table in the hallway to use to say hi to people.

Friso: We want to get more involved on Instagram. So that they are constantly reminded of the FSR.

Zofia: We could set up a suggestion box. And put them around campus.

Friso: We could also do a digital one or both.

Robin: We could make an open survey for students to suggest things.

Friso: Or keep reposting the survey every month.

Len: A monthly event or table would be good.

Johannes: Meeting with the study association from law and exchanging ideas would be good because they might be closer to the students.

Zofia: I could go to PPLE lectures to pitch the FSR.

Mirthe: You can go to the first year course, Inleiding tot Recht.

CSR

Robin: Roza asked about mediation. She is in the CSR meeting right now.

Zofia: Let's discuss next week so that we can prepare our stances.

Student assessor

Robin: Maybe Len and Friso can ask the student assessor what relationship he wants to have with us and what the expectations would be.

10. **Other points raised during the meeting / general updates to give (WVNTTK)**

    Zofia: They will be searching for a new trust person.

    Mirthe: New members can go to the red desk in REC A to activate their access to the council room.

    --> Mirthe will check with Myrthe about the Dutch course.

    Livi: We need to talk about the FSR-budget. And I want to work on the evaluation weekend.

11. **Final questions**

12. **Closing of the meeting**

    16:42

In the case of absence and/or mandate, please send an e-mail to livni.fsr.fdr@gmail.com & zofia.fsr.fdr@gmail.com.

Action-list

Who?	What?	When?
Robin	Will update the website of the student council	In due time
Len & Friso	Will ask the new student assessor what his plan is concerning the relationship with the student council.	In due time
Robin & Youssra	Will make sure that the survey on AI is posted.	In due time

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Priorities this year

- House rules: Protests.
- Housing
- Trash cans P-building
- Accessibility
- AI
- Quality of education
- Results of the course evaluations.
- Anonymous grading
- No laptop policy
- Hybrid teaching
- Budget cuts
- External representation
- Meet your new dean
- Toilet newsletter
- Coffee sessions