



Proposed agenda for the 1st meeting of the Faculty Student Council of Law

Date: 18.00 – 20.00 September 6th, 2021 Location: Roeterseilandcampus A3.15
Present: Ruben Peetam, Alla Molibog, Absent: Amal Zouin
Vincent Loos, Sam Atherton,
Tuncay Yazar, Mark Sivolap,
Janne Vrenken, Chiara Zuber,
Roos de Rooij, Django
Wagenaer, Hollando Bangun
Guests: - Secretary: Daniel Kraamwinkel

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

Ruben opens the meeting at 18:05

2. Setting of the agenda

The agenda is set.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

There are no minutes to approve at this meeting since it is the first PV of the year.

4. Review of the action-list

There is no action list since it is the first PV of the year

5. General updates or statements

a. Council room cards

Ruben states the security services have revoked all clearances. Therefore, no one can enter the council room (A3.12) for now except Daniel (staff card). At this moment, it is impossible to activate your card. As soon as this is possible Ruben will notify the council and each member can go the service desk and activate their student card for the council room.

b. Letter of appointment

Ruben states that everyone has received a letter of appointment on the 1st of September. This document is very important when applying for the compensation. Ruben recommends everyone to fix their compensation as soon as possible (deadline in November). Vincent will send the form for all council members to fill out.

c. Council instalments

Ruben states that the new Daily Board (DB), CSR Delegate, Treasurer, and Secretary have to be (re)installed. Therefore he presents the following statement:

“This is the first meeting of the Faculty Student Council of Law (hereafter: the Council) for the academic year

2021/2022. The Members of the Council have been appointed by the Board of Elections in accordance with the results of the last election. The appointment has taken effect on the 1st of September 2021.

The Council, in its new and current composition, has met twice before: on the 12th of July, 2021 and on the 28th of August, 2021.

On the 12th of July, 2021, the Council, in its new and current composition, convened for the election of a delegate to the Central Student Council, in order to comply with electoral regulations. On this date, Mark Sivolap was elected delegate to the Central Student Council.

On the 28th of August, 2021, the Council, in its new and current composition, convened for a second time. On this date, Ruben Peetam was elected chair, Alla Molibog was elected vice-chair, Vincent Loos was elected chair of the Committee for Education and Research, Sam Atherton was elected chair of the Committee for Organization and Finance and Tuncay Yazar was elected chair of the Committee for Public Relations. As per the Rules of Procedure, the Daily Board of the Council consists of the aforementioned Members.

On the same date, Janne Vrenken was elected treasurer of the Council.

Under the previous Council, Daniel Kraamwinkel was appointed secretary of the Council. The Council, in its new and current composition, re-confirms this appointment.

By approving this statement, in order for it to be entered into the minutes of this meeting, the elections and appointments of all aforementioned persons are confirmed by the Council."

The council consents to all of the above and all positions are filled.

d. CSR updates

CSR Delegate Mark states that there is one main update from the CSR. They have prolonged their signing of the green commitment by the Green Office. However, on Mark's initiative they are trying to amend a couple of provisions to make it more applicable.

The FSR has not received an invitation to renew the green commitment thus far.

Tuncay asks if Mark has to vote what the FSR tells him, or that he can make up his own mind. It is explained that Mark can vote on the basis of his own conscious. However, he can always consult the FSR and the FSR can ask him to raise certain topics to the CSR.

Finally, this Thursday the Minister of Health (Hugo de Jonge) will be at UvA and Mark will be able to talk to him. If any council members has specific questions, contact Mark.

6. Rules of Procedure and inner workings of the Council

Note: Full proposal (as approved) in the Drive

Ruben has send a final proposal based on the received feedback and the council has enjoyed an appropriate timeframe to review this.

Vincent has two questions. First of all, he asks if a meeting is expected to be rather short, would it be possible to host those on zoom to save the councilmembers some time. The council reaches a consensus in favour of this. Secondly, Vincent raises the point of open name or secret voting, namely he raises the question if the names should be adopted into the minutes when a vote takes place. Alla states that as of last year, these votes are reported, but not advertised. In this way, if a reader finds the vote she/he will find the discussion (and thereby relevant context) as well. Vincent states that minutes can never cover an entire discussion, which is why he is not in favour of open voting especially for controversial topics. Janne states that she understands Vincent's concern, but since the council members are elected representatives and therefore the students should be able to know what their representatives are doing, especially when it comes to controversial topics. Ruben seconds this. He also adds that the council can always decide on a secret ballot by majority. Django raises the idea of having council members explain their votes in a short document if they want to. A general consensus is reached against this idea because this is the task of the minutes.

Chiara raises the idea to be even more open about the discussion, and instead of just communicating results, actually communicate the discussion. A general consensus is reached that the council should act as a unity to the outside and therefore this proposal has been rejected.

In conclusion, the council decides to have open voting, but not to promote these votes.

Tuncay raises the point of mandating other council members in case of an absence. He proposes to keep it as it was before, which entails that a council member can mandate someone else, and said council member can choose if she/he wants to do a full or partial mandate. Ruben proposes to change this to one possible mandate, in which a council member can only mandate another council member to vote on that what has been put on the agenda.

A vote takes place on the amendment as proposed by Ruben. Ruben is votes in favour. Alla, Vincent, Sam, Tuncay, Mark, Janne, Chiara, Roos, and Django vote against. Hollando abstains. Amal is absent. Therefore, Tuncay's proposal is adopted.

The council approves the rules of procedure as a whole.

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7. Upcoming Joint Meeting with the Board and Workers Council on September 13th (Kick-off GOV)

a. FSR Priorities

Ruben states the FSR has been requested by the OR and Faculty Board to present their priorities for this academic year. This is non-binding. The council consents on coming up with these priorities in a DB meeting this week after the committees have had their first meetings. The bigger goals will probably come from the O&O and O&F committee.

b. Other points on the agenda

The Faculty Board has asked Ruben and Alla to prepare a small informal introduction round. For this, everyone will be put into breakout rooms. This is meant as an informal meet and greet with the Faculty Board and OR.

8. Upcoming Meeting with the Board on September 13th (OV)

a. (Re-)Establishing the position of the FSR on COVID-measures, such as the promotion of testing and vaccination

Last year, the FSR was in favour of promoting testing and vaccinations as well as complying with the wishes of your teachers and other students. The council comes to the consensus to keep this opinion.

Django states that at some point UvA might have to make a stance on vaccination obligations etc. Alla states that this is not really up to the FSR, this is a CSR topic. When it comes up, the FSR can talk to Mark about this. Chiara asks if it would be possible to try to encourage the students to make more demands to increase the likeliness of the UvA picking up the FSR's proposal. Ruben states that this is a final resort, and very hard to organize. The council members have been elected to represent the students, not to mobilize them. Alla seconds this. A general consensus is reached that Chiara's idea could be put into action if possible, but that this would only happen in exceptional cases.

Janne adds the idea of putting working groups into place at the central level. This idea is accepted by the council but seen only deemed necessary when the UvA actually is enabled to make their own policy.

b. Other points on the agenda (updates):

Education renewal
NPO (covid) gelden
Sustainability whitepapers
Contemplation room

9. WVTTK

a. Official council pictures

The council comes to a consensus to hire former council member Thomas Owens as a photographer for 30 euros to make individual photo's and a group picture.

b. GOV/OV attendance

Tuncay will not be in attendance. Alla is unsure. All other council members are expected to be present.

c. CoBo's (Constitutional Borrel)

Daniel explains CoBo's. A short summary is that this is a very formal event where the FSR can meet other FSRs and boards from student organizations. The FSR comes to the consensus that it will not participate in the binge drinking part, because that is not its role. It will however attend the CoBo's (contact Ruben if you want to attend one, they are all in the calendar). It will also host an event replacing the "classic" version of a CoBo as a networking event. Chiara is assigned to this task and will try to collaborate on this with other FSRs.

d. USC deal

The FSR received an email from a student talking about the USC deal for 1st and 2nd year students to compensate for covid. The students think it should be generalized to all students since everyone suffers. Tuncay does not agree with this. The council reaches a consensus to forward this to the CSR since this is not a matter the FSR has jurisdiction over.

e. ASC Initiation statement

At the initiation/hazing of the Amsterdam fraternity, some abuse has taken place. It is unclear what happened exactly which is why the FSR would like to wait with a statement. After the UvA has communicated their standpoint on the topic the FSR will make a more general statement on the topic of abuse and other unpleasant situations that affect students' mental and physical health showing students where they can find help.

f. All ears Amsterdam

Janne explains that this is an initiative from people from the psychology faculty to help students with their mental health, especially during covid. She asks if the FSR could promote this initiative. The FSR comes to a consensus to do this. PR will take care of this.

10. Final questions

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11. Closing of the meeting

Ruben closes the meeting at 19:56

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

Action-list

Who?	What?	When?
Everyone	Apply for compensation	ASAP
Vincent	Send compensation application form	ASAP
Daily Board	Prepare priority topics	Before OV20210913
Mark	Talk to the CSR about the USC complaint	ASAP
PR	Make a statement on the events that occurred at the ASC initiation last month, generalizing the topic and offering help to all who need it as discussed in these minutes.	After UvA has made an official statement.
PR	Promote "All Ears Amsterdam"	When possible