



## 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Faculty Student Council of Law

Date	September 20th, 2021 18.00 – 19.00	Location	Roeterseilandcampus A
Present	Alla Molibog, Vincent Loos, Sam Atherton, Tuncay Yazar, Mark Sivolap, Janne Vrenken, Chiara Zuber, Amal Zouin, Django Wagenaer, Hollando Bangun	Absent	Ruben Peetam, Roos de Rooij
Guests	-	Secretary	Daniel Kraamwinkel

### Agenda

#### 1. Opening of the meeting

Alla opens the meeting at 18:02.

She also states that Ruben and Roos are not here, they have both given Janne their mandate.

Alla mentions that since there is very limited space in the council rooms, the council room is for council members only.

#### 2. Setting of the agenda

#### 3. Minutes of the previous meeting (September 13<sup>th</sup>)

The minutes are approved

#### 4. Review of the action-list

Tuncay states that PR is constantly working on the Canvas page.

Mark has a question about the compensation and how to fill in the form. Vincent states that any information on the banks can be found online. Janne states that she already received confirmation of her application. She also states that Jeroen is on getting the compensation sorted for the rest of the council. Janne will ask Jeroen for an update on the topic when she meets him next week.

#### 5. General updates or statements

##### a. Central Student Council

Mark states that he has been working on the ASC, sustainability and USC topics as discussed in previous PVs, he will keep the council posted on those topics.

He also states the CSR is looking into other exam options concerning proctorio etc.

He also states the CSR is looking into abolishing mandatory tutorial attendance.

He also states that the Faculty of Social and Behavioural sciences gives their FSR members 6 ETCS for the year, the CSR is looking into extending that policy to all faculties.

Tuncay states that a lot of first years have been asking him what will happen to online lectures after covid? He states that there seems to be mandate to ask UvA to keep the lectures in a hybrid form and upload them afterwards. Alla states that clarity would indeed be nice, but that this is more of a FSR point. This point could be brought up to the GOV.



b. Contemplation Room Visit

Sam states that during the O&F meeting, they went to the contemplation room and it is indeed not a great place, it is very run down. Their findings will be used for the upcoming proposal. Furthermore, every councilmember is encouraged to visit the place to improve the discussion.

Tuncay states that he is meeting up with the Muslim student organization tomorrow. One of the points of discussion will be the contemplation room. Janne asks Tuncay to ask them for a more precise proposal for what standards they feel like the room should adhere to. Tuncay states he will do this. He also mentions that he might try to relaunch the survey on this topic, which was done by the organization a couple of years ago, but very few responded. If more students would respond, perhaps the council could build on that.

c. PPLE Meeting with Winkels

Alla states there is a general update on last week's meeting between the dean of PPLE, Winkels, and the PPLE representatives of the FSR-FdR. There are two main points of progress that PPLE is working on. First of all the organization of the electives. Secondly, the transparency on information of the minors and internships. Furthermore, Radboud seems positive on the idea of an alumni coordinator, but he still wants to coordinate it with the "bridge programme" as stated last OV. AIM is pushing for the coordinator as well so hopefully it will happen soon. The School of Life was also discussed, the representatives asked for more transparency, if PPLE does not improve soon, the council will draft a formal advice on the matter. Sam adds that Winkels has stated he will keep promoting all COVID measures.

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## 6. General discussion on the internal budget of the Council

*Note: This point is to exchange opinions. There is no decision to be taken during this meeting, for further research is still being conducted.*

Janne states that she made an educated guess for this year's budget. This budget is equal to the previous budget. She states that most expenditures are done by PR (marketing, sweaters etc.). Furthermore she states that the council weekends are very expensive.

She also adds that there are a lot of social events, however previous years did not have their own separate council weekends, just the transition weekend. She also states that the council has stayed under budget over the past couple of years. Also, Janne will make a document explaining refunds so that it will be more accessible for all council members.

Janne also states that for today, the main point of discussion is if the FSR wants to ask for an increase of the budget.

Alla states that last year almost all money was spent, however, not all events went through due to the pandemic. Therefore, she proposes to increase the budget. She also states that the budget is there to improve the functioning of the council, which includes social events and sweaters etc.. This can be seen by taking a look at the faculty budget, they do similar things. She proposes to ask the UvA to raise the budget. It is added that the Economics and Business FSR has a significantly higher budget than the FSR-FdR. She also states the importance of a separate council weekend and states she thinks it really added a moment of evaluation last year.

Django proposes to have the council members (partially) pay for their hoodies themselves. Tuncay states that he is not against spending some money on the matter, but that the amount of last year (approximately 60 euros per hoodie) was too high. Alla restates that this is what the budget is meant for (see previous paragraph, specifically the statement on improving the functioning of the council). Tuncay states that he does not believe this is what student's and taxpayer money should be spend on. Alla states that the faculty allocates a sizable amount of money towards social activities. She also state that by being elected, the

councilmembers have been granted a privilege to use the FSR budget for similar social activities. She restates that this is to facilitate the collaborative working environment of the council.

Janne states that herself, Roos, and Ruben believe that increasing the budget is not a bad idea, but only if it is justified. Tuncay states that he agrees, but that currently he does not see any proof that it would be necessary to increase the budget. He also states that there is argument that having a budget does not mean that you have to spend it, but he believes this lowers the bar for spending money. Hollando does not agree with Tuncay's argument.

Chiara asks if it is easy to reallocate money during the year. Alla states it is.

Sam asks if underspending would endanger future budgets. Alla states that it might, but if the next council can justify what they are asking for it should not become a real problem.

Alla asks the council if they think social events are important for the functioning of the council. Tuncay and Django are of the opinion that relevance should be evaluated per activity. There is general consensus that more research should be conducted regarding expenditures (specifically on internal social activities) and their justifications.

Janne adds that currently, there is no budget for a council weekend apart from the transition weekend.

Alla will send Tuncay the invoices available from the past transition weekend so that he can look into that and make up an opinion on those expenditures as well.

Janne concludes that it is important for everybody to think about how the budget is allocated, regardless of the budget itself.

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#### **7. Other points raised during the meeting (WVTTK)**

Daniel proposes to make a plan to work on the justifications for the budget as was listed above as vital to the budget discussion. The PR committee will look at all social events and hoodies etc. O&F and O&O will also look into their events and potential expenditures (Pubquiz, Open Days, etc.). The discussion of this will be based on the findings and will likely take place next PV.

#### **8. Final questions**

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#### **9. Closing of the meeting**

Alla closes the meeting at 19.01.

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### Action-list

Who?	What?	When?
Janne	Ask Jeroen for how the compensation is coming along.	Meeting during the final week of September
Tuncay	Talk to the Muslim student org about the contemplation room as discussed above.	21/09/2021
PR/O&F/O&O	Look into expenditures per committee for the budget.	Before next PV