



## 11th meeting of the Faculty Student Council of Law

Date	November 23rd, 2021 13.00-15.00	Location	Roeterseilandcampus A
Present	Ruben Peetam, Alla Molibog, Sam Atherton, Tuncay Yazar, Mark Sivolap, Janne Vrenken, Chiara Zuber, Django Wagenaer, Hollando Bangun	Absent	Roos de Rooij, Amal Zouin, Vincent Loos
Guests	-	Secretary	Daniel Kraamwinkel

### Agenda

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

#### 1. Opening of the meeting

Ruben opens the meeting at 13:07  
Roos is not absent, she mandates Janne  
Vincent is absent without mandate  
Amal is absent, she mandates Janne  
Janne is not present at the start of the meeting.

#### 2. Setting of the agenda

Agenda is set.

#### 3. Minutes of the previous meeting (November 16th)

*No requests for changes by members of the Student Council have been received.*  
The minutes are approved.

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

PR made a post about the exam rules in English.  
Ruben has waited with contacting the faculty about a second option for exams because of the covid updates. He will ask the faculty to come up with several plans to be ready for anything that comes up.  
Mark has talked to someone from the medicine faculty, in their faculty if you tell before the day before you can do the exam online. He asked the O&F chair of CSR to bring this up. He will. Alla states it really depends on the faculty, in psychology you can also have an extra resit opportunity. Ruben states in law that is not possible. Alla states that to her knowledge this is up to individual lectures. Chiara states that within PPLE there was an exam this week that had only one option (this week). If a student missed that to eg covid, they would simply receive a 0 for 20% of their grade. Ruben will factor that into the email tomorrow.  
Ruben states that at the GOV we will discuss a long term plan.  
Janne has entered via zoom

#### 5. General updates or statements

##### a. Central Student Council

*The delegate to the Central Student Council can use this agenda point to report on relevant activities at the central level.*



Mark states the CSR they are working on making female hygiene products at UvA for free. The CSR might allocate a part of their budget to do so.

Mark also states they are working with CEB on mental health and digitalization.

Mark also states they are conditionally adopting the provisional budget of UvA. They are trying to pass amendments to for example allocate more money to housing.

b. COVID-19

Ruben states that yesterday the OMT said there would be no extra restrictions on higher education. Furthermore, the coronapass at university proposal has been rejected, therefore it seems that the covid-situation is stable at the FdR for now. Ruben also states that the government keeps reminding everyone to adhere to the basic measures. Ruben thinks it is a good idea for the FSR to also market this. There is general consensus on this.

Sam states that some elementary schools might have a longer Christmas break to try to stop the rise in cases, this could be brought at the next GOV by namely the OR.

Ruben states that the general 884 system of UvA semesters could be up for debate. The Netherlands has a relatively long academic year; courses could simply be made more intense. He states that this might be a point to bring to the GOV later on in the year.

c. Programme Committee selection procedure

Ruben states the current system was reapproved through whatsapp.

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## 6. Preparations for the Joint Meeting of December 13<sup>th</sup>

*The premeeting will be held on November 29<sup>th</sup>. The Joint Meeting will be presided over by the chair of the Student Council.*

a. Organization & Finance

*The Committee for Organization & Finance is considering a number of proposals regarding accessibility, some of which could possibly be discussed during the Joint Meeting. The Committee will make a determination on that matter on November 25<sup>th</sup>. Members will be informed via e-mail and further steps will be discussed during the meeting of November 30<sup>th</sup>.*

Sam states O&F has seven proposals for the accessibility of the building and education (focused on disabled students). They are still looking at which they want to discuss/campaign/write an advice on. They will make a decision this Thursday and the topics will be added to the GOV agenda at Monday's premeeting based on the expectation that they will be approved by the council next PV (Tuesday).

b. Education & Research

*The Committee for Education & Research has considered two proposals during its meeting on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and recommends that the proposal on blind grading is approved, and subsequently filed with the faculty board and the Works Council for discussion during the Joint Meeting. A second proposal regarding course evaluations has been considered; the Committee recommends that this text is filed with the Programme Committees for their consideration. The representatives of the Student Council in the Programme Committees can then subsequently discuss the text.*

***It is proposed*** that the Student Council approves the proposed text regarding blind grading, in order for it to be filed with the faculty board and the Works Council for consideration and discussion during the Joint Meeting.

Ruben states this would be a point for the GOV. Alla asks if this goes for essays and presentations as well. She does not see the use of it for essays since tutors are heavily involved in the process and therefore know who wrote what (at least in the psychology major), therefore it would be useless. Sam states that in for example the politics major this is not the case; tutors in general do not know who wrote

what. Daniel confirms this is also the case in the law major. Chiara adds that this would align the essay grading with the exam grading which would make for a more homogenous and thereby comprehensible structure of the courses. Sam adds that it would also not harm those essays where tutors still know who wrote what. Alla proposes to add a subclause to make an exception for heavily supervised paper. Chiara and Sam restate their arguments, specifically that such a subclause would not change anything because the tutors know for these essays regardless of blind grading or not. Sam states it is easier to have one rule to keep things simple. The proposal is accepted by evident majority.

Ruben asks if this would apply to the entire faculty. Chiara states yes, but it would be a great help to receive some input from non-PPE students to improve the argumentation. Django and Ruben state they can help out with that since it could be a nice general rule.

***It is proposed that the Student Council approves the proposed text regarding course evaluations, in order for it to be filed with the Programme Committees, together with the request to respond.***

***NB After approval of the text, the chair will draft a letter (having equal meaning to the approved text), which after consultation with the responsible Committee and members involved will be filed with the appropriate bodies.***

Ruben states that O&O had a meeting yesterday, they are in favour of the course evaluation proposal. He also states they will send it to the Programme committees first and send a copy of that to the faculty board to exhaust all roads to improvement. This is passed by evident majority. Ruben states that the letter will first be sent to the council before sending it out.

c. Other matters for the Joint Meeting

Ruben states that covid will be discussed.

He asks Sam if she has been contacted by Dijk about the contemplation room. Sam states she has not heard anything. Ruben states an update on this will be put on the agenda as well.

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

a. Individual performance evaluation

Alla states that we are approaching the end of the first semester. Therefore she and the DB believe it is a good idea to have some personal evaluations. She asks the council to schedule a meeting with her to do this evaluation.

Daniel asks if it's Alla's personal opinion, or if it should be seen as the DB's opinion. Alla states that in general it is a self-evaluation. Furthermore, everything that will be brought up by her has been discussed by the DB at some point, but they have not discussed in-depth performance evaluations per person.

b. PR "thingy"

Chiara states that PR has scheduled a free coffee moment for students to talk to their representatives. It will take place on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December 15:00-17:00 at the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. She asks everyone who is available at that time to join.

c. Janne states that the FSR and JFAS will split the budget for the educational quiz next week which amounts to the FSR contributing 50 euros. She also states no alcohol can be mentioned in the promotions. Hollando states it will take place this Tuesday 18:00-21:00. Ruben will put it in the borrel spreadsheet to get an overview of who from the council will attend.

d. Janne asks Alla if she can send a doodle for January's PVs right after the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December so that we have that down ASAP.



- e. Janne states that Hinke got back to her so now she can start improving the office.

### 8. Final questions

- a. Ruben states that the day after tomorrow, GLASS opens, so to all law students do not forget about signing up.
- b. Hollando asks about a Telegraaf article, apparently the UvA progression in terms of education would be quite low. Ruben states that it is a thing to keep in mind but he thinks we are okay for now. There is general consensus on Ruben's opinion.

### 9. Closing of the meeting

Ruben closes the meeting at 13:53.

*In the case of absence and/or mandate, please send an e-mail to [ruben.fsr.fdr@gmail.com](mailto:ruben.fsr.fdr@gmail.com).*

### Action-list

Who?	What?	When?
PR	Promote basic covid measures	In due time
Django/Ruben/any law student	Give input on the argumentation on the blind-grading proposal by O&F from a non-PPLE perspective	ASAP