

19th meeting of the Faculty Student Council of Law

Date	15th of February, 2022 17:00 - 19:00	Location	Nieuwe Achtergracht 166, REC A, Room A3.07
Present	Ruben Peetam, Alla Molibog, Sam Atherton, Tuncay Yazar, Mark Sivolap, Janne Vrenken, Chiara Zuber, Roos de Rooij, Amal Zouin, Hollando Bangun	Absent	Vincent Loos, Django Wagenaer.
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

Janne opens the meeting at 17:11

Vincent is absent and mandates Alla.

Django is absent without a mandate.

2. Setting of the agenda

Agenda is set.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting (8th of January 2022)

Minutes are accepted by general consensus.

4. Review of the action-list

Mark sent out the email to the OR, he will still send it to the COR.

Mark states he also sent the email to faculty services about the wifi situation. They sent an empty respond, he is waiting for the attachments.

Ruben and Vincent looked into the graduation, only PPLE has certificates.

5. Updates from the Delegate to the 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 that the CVB asked the CSR to make a policy overview for every committee. He asks the council if this should be implemented here as well. Daniel states that the FSR did this in September, this could however be re-evaluated. Janne states that this will be what will happen. She asks Daniel to send the original document

Mark also states that they have been drafting the fair-play agreement with ASVA. The main question still left is who could be the judge for upholding this.

Mark also states that there was an issue about the cross cultural human rights center between UVA, VU and a university in China. This is connected to the VU professor who denies the genocide currently taking place in China. The CSR is demanding that this center is dismissed.

Finally, Mark states that ASVA is doing something with study advisors because they have had concerning reports. Janne states that this will be discussed at the GOV. Sam is interested to discuss this with ASVA because she is focusing on the counsellors. Mark states that it is about the general incompetence of the entire apparatus. Chiara states that they should be careful with the distinction of councillors and advisers. She also states that this line should be clarified by the university to students. Ruben states that maybe the council could look into the issue and more clear cut complaints and reports. There is general consensus on this.

6. Preparing for the GOV on Monday 21th of February 2022

Next week, another GOV will take place. As of now, three main topics are on [the agenda](#) (attachment 1). Today, we'll go over them one last time to make sure everyone is up to date and knows what will be discussed.

a) (An update on the) annual report + plan from the Diversity Committee

The Diversity Committee consist of representatives of the academic staff, the support staff, and students from the bachelor's and master's programmes. It provides the Faculty Board with both solicited and unsolicited recommendations concerning diversity matters. The committee is chaired by Faculty Diversity Officer Maïke Steen. At the GOV, Maïke will be present (as a guest) to discuss the latest [annual report + plan](#) with us (attachment 2). The O&F committee has analyzed these documents and will brief the rest of the Council on their remarks, which they will bring up during the GOV.

Janne states that two documents were sent. Sam states that she has some questions of clarification only.

Tuncay has a question, he is not sure if can be there, but he would like to know what the budget is for this committee. Furthermore, he would like to know what the evaluations on p.8 are. Ruben states he can find this out. Tuncay also states that in 2.2.2. the teacher of the year award is discussed, the nominations would have too many men. Tuncay is not clear what the problem is since students do the voting here as far as he knows. Hollando states that it would be interesting to know if the nominations are proportional to the staff demographics. Ruben states that these kind of statistics probably have to be looked into by the committee themselves. Ruben also asks Mark what the CSR is doing on this topic since it is them who organize this competition. Mark says he will ask.

b) Long term Covid-strategy

In our Covid-proposal in December we (amongst other things) urged the Faculty Board to come up with a long-term Covid-strategy. Within this plan, the Board is expected to clarify (as extensively as possible) how it will adapt its policies when being faced with certain covid-measures. The board has sent us [the resulting document](#) (attachment 3). Today, we'll go over it and determine our stance.

Janne states the document was received last week. Tuncay states that underneath p.3, lectures are being posted online a week before the exam and will stay up to the resit. Tuncay states he wants it all the time (not just during covid). Alla adds that pre-covid the board was already looking into this, so saying now that post-covid it will not be there seems like a step backwards. Ruben adds that this is also probably the first time that a lecture policy in writing. He is trying to codify the need for a clear and communicated policy in the OER.

Tuncay states he would also like to call the attention of the FSR that on p.4 they state they will cancel the third exam option. He states he is personally OK with this. Alla states that she believes they want to go back to ignoring the issue by only having 2 exam options. Janne states that this is connected to the workload argument. Ruben states that sufficient compensation for teachers is vital, he suggests using the NPO-gelden. Hollando suggests adding a proctorio option to each exam. Ruben states that this is up to the board but there are many voices against proctorio. Mark states that on this topic, the CVB has left it up to the faculties. There is general consensus to ask some critical questions on this topic.

Alla states that she would like more clarification on what the different levels of impact mean, could it be either qualified or quantified? Ruben states it could be connected to the level of the RIVM. Alla states that students' interpretation should also be taken into account (context matters). There is general consensus on proposing such a clear guideline to be more communicative to students.

c) Accessibility

After evaluating the [written response](#) of the Board on our [accessibility proposal](#) (both attached to last meetings' agenda), there are a few things we would like to ask for an update on during the GOV. Secondly, Chiara intends to request more information regarding the guidelines that student counselors supposedly work with when assessing what accommodations can be provided to disabled students. Today, Sam and Chiara will clarify one last time what they'll be asking at the GOV exactly, so final questions can be asked to them.

Chiara would like more clarity on accessibility, especially since all the data shows that there are serious issues. Tuncay states he would like to see this data. Chiara states there weren't many responses because it concerns a small group. Sam states that now, disabled students are directed to the advisers, then to the counsellors, but neither are well equipped to handle the situation because their guidelines are quite vague. Chiara concludes that all that is asked is clarity on the topic for both students and staff. The current situation is simply to unreliable. Sam adds that lecture recording policy etc. could help in this. Tuncay states he would like to ask Maaik Steen for clarification and see if there is statistical significance of the complaints. Ruben second this.

Chiara adds that the Diversity Board is quite unresponsive, there is an idea to put in an extra advisory board for disabled students. Ruben asks why this is necessary. Sam states that the disabled students are not properly represented in the current set up.

Janne concludes on that more info is needed, then this can be discussed internally.

d) Final comments / points to be made regarding the GOV

Here, final comments regarding the GOV can be made.

Janne states that if you are absent, you should let Alla know. Also she states that at the WTVVK Sam will discuss the contemplation room.

Mark states that he would like to know if it is possible to expand on study spaces since there appear to be too little, especially on weekends. Hollando states that promoting the reservation system could help in this.

7. Election of the treasurer

The election of the new treasurer is to be held today. The attached document ([attachment 4](#)) explains the procedure.

Hollando states he would like to put himself forward as a candidate.

Janne asks if there is any objection to go without a vote due to the singular candidacy.

There is evident majority for this.

In accordance with Article 10, paragraph 2 and Article 16, paragraph 1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Faculty Student Council of Law, Janne as the chair declares that Hollando Bangun has been elected as treasurer for the Faculty Student Council of Law, taking effect on February 18th, and that he at that established date will succeed Janne Vrenken.

8. Update on the TER-process

The TER-amendments from the side of the Faculty Board for 2022-2023 have been received. We're expected to give our consent to these / give advice before the 1st of March. Next PV, we'll therefore analyze the drafts for the following TER's: the law bachelor TER ([attachment 5](#)), the Dutch law masters TER ([attachment 6](#)), the

English law masters TER ([attachment 7](#)) and the PPLE TER ([attachment 8](#)). Today, final questions can be asked regarding this procedure.

Ruben states that everyone has received the documents from the faculty. The master proposals by the FSR have been included. For the bachelor it is mainly refining and the same goes for PPLE. If a councilmember has a question about the procedure, feel free to reach out to Ruben.

Tuncay asks on b.5.3. from the bachelors OER, could the restrictions on tutorial attendance be changed? Ruben states that not anymore since it must have been proposed already. Now the process has arrived at making adjustments to the proposed amendments.

9. Update on the Chair meeting of February 7th

As the Chair meeting of February 7th came with some technical difficulties, I couldn't give an update on it last week. Today, I'll further brief you on the measures that are being taken to ensure I'm becoming fully informed on what was discussed during the meeting.

Alla states that on the tax law professor issue, Maex was not ready to share info because of the secrecy of the procedures in general. However, when a professor is appointed, it is irrevocable. Ruben states that there is already a discussion going on on setting grounds for electing professors. The discussion is being had by a lot of parties. Alla adds that the uproar has been noted by the university. The FSR will come back to this topic next week after having some thinking-time to contemplate if it is worth really diving into the procedure trying to refine it.

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

Janne states that she will have a meeting with the CSR's chair soon.

Tuncay states PR booked the place for the transition weekend. It will take place from the 26th to the 28th of August.

Tuncay also states that PR fixed that at least half of a mentor class in the first year of the law bachelor will be dedicated to the FSR, informing students on their representation.

Tuncay also states that PR will make a canvas post on the elections.

Ruben asks if the canvas page could be shared with the programme committee in the spirit of medezeggenschap. Tuncay states this will be discussed within PR.

Ruben also states that the PC would like the input of the FSR on social safety matters.

Janne states that, upon the request of the communication people of UvA, she would love to have some master students contributing to the newsletter for more inclusivity, Alla will reach out to some people.

11. Closing of the meeting

Janne closes the meeting at 18:42

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

Action-list

Who?	What?	When?
Mark	Send email to COR	ASAP

Daniel	Send original focus points document	Before next PV
Ruben	Investigate the diversity committee through the PC and report back to FSR/Tuncay	In due time
Mark	Ask the CSR what their stance on the teacher of the year award situation is	In due time
Chiara	Request accessibility guidelines	In due time
FSR (O&F)	Give input on social safety to PC	In due time
Tuncay/PR	Discuss including the programme committee on the canvas page	In due time
Alla/All	Reach out to master students who can be part of the newsletter	ASAP

