

20th meeting of the Faculty Student Council of Law

Date	22th 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, Hollando Bangun.	Absent	Vincent Loos, Roos de Rooij, Amal Zouin, and 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

Alla opens the meeting at 17:09.
Amal is absent and mandates Janne.
Django is absent and mandates Tuncay.
Roos is absent without a mandate.
Vincent is absent without a mandate.

2. Setting of the agenda

The agenda is set.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting (15th of January 2022)

The minutes are approved by general consensus.

4. Review of the action-list

Mark has reached out to the COR. They will reply by Friday.
Daniel sent the document on the original priority points.
Ruben has not has his meeting yet.
Mark states that the CSR will have a meeting with the diversity officer on the teacher of the year award.
No guidelines on handling students with disabilities have occurred, the FSR hopes the scheduled meeting with Dijk leads somewhere.
O&F is working on the social safety, but that meeting is not for another month.

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 COR, CVB, CSR and the committee above the CVB have started the procedure for a new rector magnificus. No details can be shared on this topic due to the confidentiality of the proceedings.

Mark also states that the cultural human rights centre was discussed again as well. The UvA stated they are not funding it, however, they are providing buildings and tutorial rooms. The CSR is going to ask the UvA to stop offering these courses.

6. Short evaluation of the GOV of February 21st, 2022

An evaluation of the GOV will be held here. We'll determine our further action points and discuss the outcomes of the meeting shortly.

Alla states that in general the GOV went well.

Janne states that there was one comment by Van Eechoud (head of Master courses) that surprised here. Van Eechoud stated something along the lines of "the resit opportunity of an exam is a generosity at itself, it is therefore not a right". Janne states she does not agree with it. Chiara states that many study advisers tell their students that the resit is there when students are stressed out. Therefore, Van Eechoud's statement does not seem to correlate with faculty 8.4.5. of the OER students in fact do have the right to a resit. Janne adds that Van Eechoud probably did not mean this statement to cancel the resits, but to block a potential sustainable third-opportunity related to covid. Therefore this comment is relevant to council policy.

Mark asks if the hybrid option was discussed. Daniel states that he remembers it was mentioned, but not seen as a serious option.

Alla states maybe a third opportunity could be provided to covid-positive students. Sam states that this could lead to moral hazard in the sense of students trying to get covid if they think they might fail. Ruben states that when the long-term covid plan is being edited this should be discussed. Alla states that the next OV is in two weeks, but a concrete consensus on a point seems to lack, therefore it will not be added to the agenda.

Alla states that Salomons (head of bachelors) stated that the lecture policy has been updated for the remainder of the year, the lectures will be posted online for the 24 hours after the lecture as well as one week before the exam. This is great news.

Daniel states that he received an email from Pieterbas (OR secretary) who informed if the FSR would be interested to have meetings with the OR before the GOVs to discuss the agenda to ensure a better functioning of the medezeggenschap apparatus. Two different kinds of meetings were proposed: one a week before with a couple of representatives from both councils and one right before with the entirety of both councils. Chiara and Ruben state that they are in favour. Chiara adds however that two meetings seems like a lot, maybe it would be more efficient to have one the Thursday or Friday before with the main speakers. Multiple councilmembers second this. Daniel states the current proposal is on the table because the Monday is "OR day", and therefore the OR prefers to do all the meetings then. The topic will be further discussed by the DB after which the OR will be contacted.

7. Discussing the TER-amendments from the Faculty Board

We've received the TER-amendments from the side of the Faculty Board for 2022-2023. We're expected to give our consent to these / give advice before the 1st of March. Today, we'll therefore analyze the drafts for the following TER's: the law bachelor TER, the Dutch law masters TER, the English law masters TER and the PPLE TER ([all attached to last weeks' PV agenda](#)). Ruben will also discuss his codification proposal here, as mentioned in last weeks' PV.

Ruben states he will first discuss all the OERs, if there are no objections, a vote will be conducted on all of them at the same time.

Ruben states that for the law bachelor OER he has the following main updates. The OER has become gender neutral. Furthermore, most updates concern putting the already standard procedure in to writing. Also, the bachelor's new curriculum starting in 2023 has been added. Besides this, there have been a couple of technical changes.

Ruben states that for the Masters, he has the following updates. ECTS have been changed to EC. Also, the OER has become gender neutral. Furthermore, the NEP system (about not attending exams) has been codified, he will examine what this means for covid. He also states that as of the current situation the covid addenda will be dropped.

Ruben states that for PPLE, he has the following updates. ECTS is changing to EC as well. The NEP system has been codified as well. Under article A.4.6 chronic diseases have now been separated from disabilities as a reason for student accommodation. Finally, the EMO course will be changed after very negative reviews. Mark states that these changes will make it harder for people to get into masters since it becomes more of a social science course instead of real economics. Ruben states that the council has no say on this matter, only the programme committee does.

Chiara asks if the accessibility of examinations can be added to the proposal still. Ruben states not for this year. There is general consensus on conducting the (dis)approval of all the OERs at the same time without a vote. The OERs are approved by evident majority.

Ruben states that for the proposal on lecture recordings and its policy the deadline will be on the 1st of April. He proposes to simply ask the board to codify the policy and communicate this properly to the student. He is currently wrapping up a letter on this.

General consensus on sending this proposal to the board in due time.

8. Walking through a variety of proposals

a) Ceremonial Certificate proposal

O&F has written a proposal, in which they suggest that all programmes should provide students the opportunity to decide for themselves how they would like to be identified during their graduation ceremonies and on their ceremonial certificates. We'll discuss this proposal today; Sam will walk us through it.

Sam states that this was originally an AUC proposal. There are two parts to it. First of all, it should be easy enough to arrange this for those who receive a certificate only (PPLE) since they could fill out a google form. Then, it would also be desirable for the other courses because it would make students feel more at ease. Ruben states he is unsure whether this is a good idea because some students are not ready to completely identify themselves with. Sam states that it is still an important step to take and the students that Ruben talks about can still stick to their default option since it is optional to sign a form stating that you want it done differently. Tuncay states he is against this proposal.

A vote is held on trying to implement a moment for students to indicate how they would like to be referred to at graduation.

In favour are: Janne, Alla, Chiara, Sam and Mark.

Against is: Tuncay.

Abstaining are: Ruben and Hollando.

Janne states she is not using her mandate she received from Amal because she is unsure about her stance on the topic.

The proposal is adopted. Alla states it will be brought up at the next OV.

b) Elective Courses List (PPLE)

Mark would like to write an unsolicited advice to the PPLE Dean, urging him to make a list of elective courses (for each of the PPLE majors) that are automatically approved by the PPLE examinations Board ([attachment 1](#))

Mark states he would like to propose to instate an overview of all PPLE course electives that will be automatically accepted by the examinations board. He would like an international overview of this. Ruben states that this is not feasible, proposes to ask for such an overview but only within UvA. Alla seconds this. Chiara states any overview larger than UvA would be hard to implement because of the constant changes in courses.



The first vote is on asking for a nationwide overview.

In favour : Mark

Against: Janne, Alla, Sam, Ruben, Tuncay, Chiara, Amal and Hollando.

The second vote is on asking for an UvA-wide overview.

This is unanimously accepted.

c) Book poverty

A second proposal regarding Book Poverty ([attachment 2](#)) is suggested by Mark, which will also be discussed.

Mark states he saw a poster that said that students have to choose between buying books and food. He states that many lecturers have different approaches and that many books in the library are irrelevant for the students. He proposes to ask UvA to provide either online books or physical books that change owner each year. Alla states that there is already a book swap forum, but people prefer to sell theirs. Ruben states that for law, the books change every year so it does not make that much sense. Chiara proposes to start a survey to see if there is actual desire for such an initiative to be taken more seriously. PR will work with Mark on this.

9. Preparing the OV of March 7th, 2022

In two weeks another OV will take place. Today, we'll go over the topics we'd like to bring in to make sure everyone is up to date and knows what will be discussed. Now is also the time to determine what things we still need to prepare.

Alla states she has gathered the following points.

First, the FSR will ask for a continuation of the kwaliteitsgelden discussion.

Second, the FSR will ask for an update on the contemplation room.

Thirdly, the ceremonial certificate and the pronoun discussion will be discussed.

She adds that the OV is on the 7th of March already, meaning that the premeeting is this Monday.

Alla also adds that the FSR could ask the faculty to promote wearing masks, and having an open conversation about it even after the restrictions drop this Friday the 25th of February. There is general consensus on making this request.

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

Ruben asks about the photography competition, there is a cash prize involved and he was wondering who is paying for that? Sam states the organization itself pays for it. Furthermore, all UvA students can join and other faculties will therefore cooperate on the marketing. The FSR will be consulted to elect a winner.

Janne states that on the 2nd of March another coffee machine moment will be hosted by PR, the times will be communicated but please keep it free in your agenda.

Janne states that she had her meeting with Maniche and that they had a constructive discussion.

Janne also asks if someone responded to the student who had some concerns about GLASS. She will check this with Django.

Janne finally states that somewhere in the week of the 21st of March a physical open day will take place. PR will get a date and time and asks people to be there.

11. Closing of the meeting

Alla closes the meeting at 18:34.

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

Action-list

Who?	What?	When?
Ruben	Analyze the 3 rd exam option in relation to covid	In due time
Daniel	Respond to Pieterbas about the premeetings for the GOVs when the DB has come to a decision.	In due time
Mark	Discuss the ideas for book accessibility with Chiara/PR	In due time
Janne	Ask Django if he has responded to the concerned student in relation to GLASS	ASAP
Ruben	Wrap up and send the lecture proposal	In due time
Daniel	Put the identifying at graduation point on the agenda for the OV	Next premeeting (28/02)

