



21th meeting of the Faculty Student Council of Law

Date	1st of March, 2022 17:00 - 19:00	Location	Nieuwe Achtergracht 166, REC A, Room A3.07
Present	Alla Molibog, Sam Atherton, Janne Vrenken, Chiara Zuber, Roos de Rooij, Amal Zouin, Django Wagenaer, Hollando Bangun	Absent	Tuncay Yazar, Ruben Peetam, Vincent Loos, Mark Sivolap
Guests	-	Secretary	Sam Atherton

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

Alla opens the meeting at 17:06
Tuncay is absent without a mandate.
Ruben is absent without a mandate.
Mark 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 (22nd of January 2022)

The minutes of the meeting are approved with general consensus.

4. Review of the action-list

There is no update regarding a third exam option.
Janne and Alla will set a time to meet with the OR for upcoming GOV.
Mark and Chiara are in contact to manage PR on book accessibility.
Django has responded to the student's concerns regarding GLASS.
Lecture proposal is yet to be completed.
Janne sent out the OER agreement and lecture policy proposal yesterday. She will send the graduation ceremony recommendation today.
Daniel has put the graduation ceremony recommendation on the agenda for the OV.

5. Updates from the Delegate to the Central Student Council

1. The FSRs are requested to ask their examinations commissions to impose leniency to Ukrainian and Russian students as well as others, who's study habits have been negatively affected by the news, causing insomnia, anxiety, etc. Furthermore, Sara will be contacting (GALOP), the relevant body about looking into ways to accommodate Ukrainian student's tuition due to the war and Russian students due to the possible cut off from SWIFT.
2. The CSR was informed about FSR's stance about the tax law professor, but it decided to vote in favour of writing an advice to the CVB about reopening the position of the Tax law professor currently held by Daniel Smit. We also voted to ask CVB to form an independent committee to evaluate the benefit of having a law professor with a 'double function'. Furthermore, CSR voted in favour of stating that the hiring procedure should be evaluated with the information gathered from this appointment. Nonetheless, we voted against making a petition on social media where we ask Daniel Smit to step down. We also voted against suggesting CVB to stop appointing tax law professors who are working for big consultancy or law firms.
3. The CSR's PR has made a list of bodies from which we could repost content on instagram without a vote (ex: He For She, Unicef, Amnesty, ASVA, etc.) Our PR committee could also look into making such list if they think it is a good idea. There were no questions from the council on this topic.

6. Preparing the OV of March 7th, 2022

Daniel has yet to send the agenda for the OV. Alla will ask Daniel about this.

All points previously discussed will be mentioned in the OV.

We will receive a piece from the board on the NPO gelden which may or may not be added to the agenda.

a) War in Ukraine

The situation in Ukraine is currently affecting a number of students at the UvA. We will establish a stance on what should be done to better accommodate the current needs of students

Alla expresses feelings and personal situation regarding the situation in Ukraine.

Alla emphasizes the stress on financial assets of Ukrainian and Russian students are volatile, with Russian students who may be affected by the SWIFT restrictions and Ukrainian students whose families are dying in addition to the financial struggle. She strongly urges the council to bring up the mental and financial aspects as well as examinations and EC leniencies at the OV.

Manish sent an email informing the FSRs of accommodations being made at the CvB level, encouraging promotion of these accommodations on our social media platforms. PR will add this to the updates on social media.

Alla asks a question to clarify whether or not there are midterms in faculties other than PPLE. It is unclear which programmes might have deadlines and/or midterms in the upcoming week(s). It is necessary for the faculty to inform students of any leniencies that are to be given to those affected by the situation. Alla will send an email to Jose and Nollkaemper to encourage more information to be sent to students.

7. Tax law professor

Two articles were sent to council members (in Dutch). The council has been asked by the CSR for our stance on the matter and how to move forward.

Janne suggests that because this topic has been discussed so many times by the council, she will write a final stance on the issue which we will vote on next week. She suggests we discuss this with the board, if desired. As a basic plan of action, Janne will write our stance, inclusive of our discussions as a council, content of the articles shared, and what the CSR has said. This will be the official statement of the council. This is agreed upon by those present.

8. Blind Grading

Chiara states that she has met with the programme committee of PPLE to get the initiative started and due to the differences between the majors, with different assignments and examinations, it is unclear 'how the fudge [they] are going to do this'. The Programme Committee of PPLE would like more information regarding implementation of blind grading in other programmes; how they are planning to do it and how it's going.

Roos shares that this topic was discussed in a recent meeting with the programme committee of the Dutch Law Master's with general agreement on the idea and implementation. They have expressed willingness to support it.

Chiara clarifies that the proposal has already been approved, it is a matter of implementation. She provides two options: the council goes through each course and determines where blind grading can be implemented or we ask for each programme coordinator to discuss with the course coordinators how to implement blind grading in their courses.

Alla states that it is not our job to check each course. She recommends that in the WVNTTK portion of the upcoming OV, we ask for an update from the coordinators.

Chiara states that it was previously discussed that the council would discuss it with each programme committee but that has yet to be done.

Roos mentions that this is being done in the Dutch Law Masters programme committee, they do want to implement it.

Chiara would like clarification regarding the next course of action.

Roos suggests that we advise programme coordinators to inform course coordinators to implement blind grading where possible.

This is agreed upon by general consensus. This will be monitored by the delegates to programme committees.

9. Other points raised during the meeting / general updates to give (WVNTTK)

Chiara reminds the council of the coffee break in the PPLE common room at 13:00 tomorrow. She requests any and all available help in setting up the coffee break as she will otherwise be doing so alone.

10. Final questions

There are none

11. Closing of the meeting

Alla closes the meeting at 17:32

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

Action-list

Who?	What?	When?
Alla	Email Jose about students affected by the war in Ukraine	ASAP

Daniel	Send the OV agenda	When finalised by the board
Ruben	Analyze the 3rd exam option in relation to COVID	In due time
Janne	Draft official stance of the council on the Tax Professorship	Before the next PV
PR	Include CvB updates on accommodations given to student afflicted by the war in Ukraine in social media posts	In due time

