

## 23th meeting of the Faculty Student Council of Law

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

### 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 17:05.

#### 2. Setting of the agenda

The agenda is set

#### 3. Minutes of the previous meeting (8st of March 2022)

No remarks; thus, approved.

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

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#### 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 met with the head of UvA Job Board. 2 people are working on the project with joint responsibilities at other Career Centre projects. Surprisingly, not all faculties are on board with the project and although it has already been running for about 7 years, CSR got for instance the faculty of psychology just now. The Job Board only works in regard to academically-related vacancies and not small jobs for students to pay for their studies. Alla asks about how Mark would like to approach it or what would be done with this information. Mark says that he would gather information about career structure of UvA and then propose for further funding and hiring of employees in student-related departments.

In terms of the upcoming elections: the fair play agreement has been finalised and sent to parties. The PR committee and Room for Discussion will collaborate for a debate during the election week between all Lijsttrekkers for the CSR. It will take place on May 16th at 13:00 in the E Building. CSR has noticed that UvA has one of the lowest student turnout in the country. CSR would solve this by making cool posters like "You can never understand NFTs, but you know how to vote". CSR would also make videos with CSR members that would be posted on our social media.

Currently, the UvA's main bank is Deutsche Bank. Deutsche Bank is one of the most unsustainable banks, particularly given its financial influence and contribution towards fossil fuels. According to the Banking on Climate Chaos report from 2021, Deutsche Bank is the 20 largest banker of a fossil fuel activity in the world. In 2021, Deutsche Bank provided \$9.126 billion to fossil fuel companies, and from 2016 until 2021, it provided \$74.624 billion to fossil fuel companies. CSR urges UvA to switch to a more sustainable bank. The other traditional Dutch banks, such as ING or ABN AMRO are also mentioned in the top 60 largest fossil fuel

funders behind Deutsche Bank, so if CSR are to propose a new bank it would not be one of them. For now the most viable option is Triodos.

In terms of aid to Ukraine, CSR has stopped accepting physical donations. CSR have shipped part of them to the Red Cross in The Hague on Tuesday, but CSR still have much of them left. Now, CSR will only accept monetary donations that would be forwarded to UN Crisis Relief and/or Giro555. To raise money CSR would do two events: one a panel discussion where CSR would pay for the event, but sell tickets to students and then money from tickets would be donated. Two: we would make a vegan bake sale with a similar structure of donations

#### **6. Update on the Book Poverty proposal**

*Mark has made amendments to the Book Poverty proposal ([see attachment 1](#)) that he would like to discuss.*

Main point is to get the license for one block from the publisher. Contact lecturers about it. It might be more complicated than it appears. Main problems: environmentalism, book poverty, economic efficiency of purchasing books. Try applying it to one course and then apply to other courses. Free books is not free, because the university would have to pay for it and it would be hard to look into the copyrights, so students don't download the PDF and distribute it amongst other students. We have to decide on the essence of the proposal to focus on changing the whole book system or just the book poverty. More research is needed on this topic. Mark will do this.

#### **7. Update on the integration of Blind grading**

*Chiara would like to give the Council an update on the integration of our Blind Grading proposal*

Chiara talked to PPLE programme committee – they are supportive of blind grading, but they are struggling with how to approach this. If we look into this course per course, it might take too much time, and making it optional might not make it implementable. We want to create a policy and approach it top-down. In the syllabus for each course there should be an explanation of which parts of the assessment are done with blind grading and which ones are not. Mark supports Chiara's idea. Chiara will try to organize the necessary meetings, otherwise it will be brought up next OV.

#### **8. Tax law professor memo (postponed to next week)**

*Today we'll discuss the memo about the tax law professor appointment ([document will be sent out ASAP](#)). Two things must be determined: our final stance, and all further actions (if any) we would like to take. We'll also discuss the request of Folia to comment on the issue.*

N/A

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

GLASS system, Hollando asks Django how the feedback from students is being applied. Django states that an algorithm will facilitate the registration for courses. The amount of time slots have been decreased, so students have less access to the times they have available in the week. All student complaints should be forwarded to Django. Chiara suggests that PR could advertise that we would like input from students, Django will inform if GLASS needs the extra feedback at this point.

Alla asks about the timeslot.

CSR DB has started buying snacks for the CSR room. Mark asks whether we would like to have this policy in our office too. Tuncay does not want snacks in FSR. We would consult our treasurer (Hollando).

Tuncay asks about the fair play agreement. Alla and Janne would go to the chairs meeting and before that we should make a stance as a council on the fair play agreement to bring it up. The vote will take place this week over email.

#### **10. Final questions**

No questions

#### **11. Closing of the meeting**

Janne closes the meeting at 17:53.

## Action-list

Who?	What?	When?
Janne	Fix tax law professor situation overview	By next PV
Ruben	Send the report by the faculty commission on the tax law prof	ASAP
Daniel	Email Folia about tax prof	ASAP
Ruben	Make knowledge clip about the third chance appeal process for the FSR canvas page	In due time
Ruben	Send recommendation on putting the third chance in the covid plan to the board	In due time
PR	Organize Deaner	In due time
Mark	Further investigate the book report issue	In due time
Chiara	Set the meetings for the blind grading issue	In due time

