



## 32nd meeting of the Faculty Student Council of Law

Date	14 th of June 2022 15:00 - 1700	Location	Nieuwe Achtergracht 166, REC A, Room A1.04
Present	Ruben Peetam, Alla Molibog, Sam Atherton, Tuncay Yazar, Mark Sivolap, Django Wagenaer, Hollando Bangun	Absent	Janne Vrenken, Roos de Rooij, Amal Zouin. Chiara Zuber.
Guests	Winson Ooi	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 15:02.

Vincent is absent and mandates Tuncay.

Janne is absents and mandates Alla.

#### 2. Setting of the agenda

Agenda is set.

#### 3. Minutes of the previous meeting (7th of June 2022)

Approved by general consensus.

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

No action list

#### 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 CSR has been approached for advice on having numerus fixus on: bachelor medicine, bachelor Business Administration, bachelor biomedical sciences, bachelor PsychoBiology, bachelor Psychology, Bachelor Political Science, bachelor dentistry. They are looking into it.

Mark also states they had a meeting with the finance committee, lower fees for Ukrainian students, but gap in the budget, government has to compensate for it. It is standard for this to occur, but not to this extend. Furthermore there are still some risks with the building projects of UvA.

#### 6. Evaluation of the OV on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June

*As upcoming Monday the premeeting for the second to last OV will be held, we'll determine the topics we'll be adding to the agenda.*



- a) Amalia joining our faculty as of the academic year 2022 – 2023  
Radboud was not there, thus this point has been postponed to PPLE meeting.
- b) Tax law professor  
Alla states there was a long discussion. The faculty is resistant to share information on the investigating committees because they do not see the point. Alla and Sam state they do not agree with this. Alla states that the faculty did promise to keep the FSR in the loop on the progress however. Sam proposes to request more information. There is general consensus on writing up a formal request for formal documents on the committees and updates.
- c) PPLE Trust person proposal  
Sam states the faculty thinks in general the system should work, there are many trust persons throughout the university. She states she brought up the issue for PPLE students and the miscommunications in the faculty. The issue seems to be that there is no one who takes responsibility for complaints in the end. There is general consensus to ask the faculty for a written response to the proposal.
- d) Law & Tech (*see attachment 1*)  
Alla states Van Eechoud was absent, therefore it was not discussed but the document was still shared. Alla states it is a new idea for a masters. Tuncay states he likes the idea, it is part of the future. Ruben states the FSR has the right of consent but he does not know if that is what being asked. Daniel will ask what kind of feedback is expected and this topic will be further discussed next week.
- e) WVTTK: student email on his administration problems  
Alla states she asked if there was a protocol. The faculty made it clear that this is a central issue. In general it works well, sometimes things go wrong due to illness from employees or because students make mistakes.  
Mark has to leave the meeting, he mandates Alla.

#### 7. Availability of lecture recordings within the Law bachelor

*Before the start of the PV, Ruben will send you his letter to the board containing a stance on the sudden change of the lecture recordings policy, and a response to their disapproval of our proposal regarding this matter. We'll discuss the letter today and vote on sending it out.*

Ruben introduces his proposal. So far, the requests to put the lecture recording policy in writing have been rejected. Ruben does not believe it happened on the right grounds. Furthermore, the faculty stated there is a policy, therefore to put it in writing would only create more certainty. The request is to codify this policy by next academic year.

Ruben states this process will probably be continuous over the summer, but he will be at UvA. Therefore, he asks the FSR for its consent to handle this. A general consensus on this is reached.

Alla states she has a couple of comments. She asks why the covid adaptations are mentioned, Ruben states it is about bringing up the same proposal as before. Also she asks what the policy is. Ruben states that Salomons said it was updated to be available the 24 hours after the lecture, but there are no minutes of this.

#### 8. PPLE TER Amendments: response of the Dean to our questions

*The Dean has responded to the questions we posed to him regarding his proposal for the PPLE TER amendment (*see attachment 2*). Today we'll discuss his response and determine our action points, specifically for the PPLE members of the council.*

Alla states the response was quite empty, there were no real arguments on why the proposals were rejected. Sam seconds this. Furthermore, they are skimming over the course changes. Ruben states he is also just confused by the letter. He also states the programme committee has the right of consent on new

courses, the FSR has the right to advice which hasn't happened yet. Since the programme committee agrees with the FSR on most points he proposes to try to work together with them. There is general consensus on this.

#### **9. Student engagement in tutorials and lectures**

*I would like for the council to have an open discussion about student engagement in tutorials and lectures. It has been lower than usual, which has made the faculty board tend towards offering less education (fewer tutorial groups, merging tutorials after 2 weeks, etcetera). What do we think of this? Why do we think attendances are as low?*

Alla opens the discussion. She states since covid attendance has gone down, and so have grades. Sam asks if this is a matter of causation or correlation. Ruben states that Sam is right to ask this question. He adds that especially in law the attendance is very low. He states that tutorial need to be worth students' time, this is the obligation of UvA also because students need basic competences when they graduate. Chiara asks if there is any data on this topic. Ruben states there is, attendance is indeed very low. Sam states a solution could be to do mandatory tutorials, this works very well at PPPE. Tuncay states that he is in favour of giving the responsibility to the students. Hollando adds that students need to learn to take their own responsibilities. Sam states she does not think these arguments will go with the faculty since they are interested in having students more engaged to have higher grades and attendance for the arguments Ruben made. Alla states she thinks the answer lies somewhere in the middle: both students and the university have their responsibilities.

The council concludes by stating the different views have been laid out, if the FSR is asked to form an opinion this discussion will be the starting point.

#### **10. Transitioning files: evaluation day, transition document**

*Alla will shortly explain the plan for the evaluation day, which will happen on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July. Apart from that, I want you all to look over the combined transition document ([link](#)). Please add comments to everyone's contribution, give feedback when things are unclear, and make sure to check whether you think the contributions are complete in terms of the topics that are being covered. Also be aware that some members still haven't handed in their files.*

Alla asks everyone to make their files, the evaluation will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July.

Sam states since she cannot make it to the evaluation meeting, she will send her feedback in writing.

Alla states that after the evaluation the FSR will go on a little boat trip.

Alla states she would like to do a lunch before as well, she discussed it with Janne and there is budget from the external activities budget left for it (the lunch concerns an internal activity). Tuncay states he does not see the point of this and calls a vote.

A vote is held on doing a lunch or not. Before the vote is held Tuncay states he is not sure if Janne agrees with Alla on this point, which is relevant because Janne mandated Alla. Alla states she discussed it with Janne before the meeting and stated she is in favor.

In favour: Alla, Sam, Mark, Janne

Against: Tuncay, Vincent, Django, Hollando.

Abstaining: Ruben and Chiara.

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

Tuncay asks about the transition weekend, when will the presentations be done. General consensus on doing it over the summer.



Ruben states that at the ALV of JFAS he heard the FSR will be allowed into de koepel, which is the general group of student bodies.

## 12. Closing of the meeting

Alla closes the meeting at 16:33.

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

## Action-list

Who?	What?	When?
Janne /Alla	Write up the email request info from the board	ASAP
Alla	Ask PPLE for a more constructive response to the TER proposals	ASAP
Daniel	Ask José if/when the FSR needs to provide consent or input	ASAP
Every one	Read the report on attendance Ruben will send	In due time