



# 1st meeting of the Faculty Student Council of Law

Date	5th of September 2022 17:00 – 19:00	Location	Nieuwe Achtergracht 166, REC A, Room A1.04
Present	Janne Vrenken, Jordi Ye, David de Wit, Sam Merlos, Hollando Bangun, Tuncay Yazar, Youssra Aaraab, Ismail Korkmaz, Ahmet Ergun, Koray Karaduman, Indigo Hemingway, Fiorella Briolo	Absent	
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 17:09.

### 2. Setting of the agenda

The agenda is set.

Tuncay says he needs a majority on looking into opening the elevators to everyone again. There seems to be a general consensus on him pursuing the issue.

### 3. Minutes of the previous meeting

*No previous minutes have to be approved, as this is the first meeting of the Council in its new consolation.*

Indigo asks about the process of the minutes. Janne explains that Daniel first sends the provisional minutes, then the council members can make their comments, then he edits them and posts the final version. In the next meeting however, there is always another chance to revise the minutes (by (dis)approval).

### 4. Review of the action-list

*No action list can be reviewed, as this is the first meeting of the Council in its new consolation.*

### 5. Council instalments

*This agenda point will be used to officially (re)install the appointed members of several positions. We'll also finalize some positions that are yet to be filled.*

#### a) Installing the appointed members

Janne states the following. "This is the first meeting of the Faculty Student Council of Law (hereafter: the Council) for the academic year 2022/2023. The Members of the Council have been appointed by the Board of Elections in accordance with the results of the last election. The appointment has taken effect on the 1st of September 2021.<sup>[1]</sup> The Council, in its new and current composition, has met twice before: on the 16th of June, 2022 and on the 27th of August, 2022. On the 16th of June, 2022, the Council, in its new and current composition, convened for the election of a delegate to the Central Student Council, in order to comply with electoral regulations. On this date, Janne Vrenken was elected delegate to the Central Student Council. However, on the 30th of August, Janne has informed the members of both the FSR and CSR that she will resign as delegate. Therefore, new elections for this

position will be held today. On the 27th of August, 2022, the Council, in its new and current composition, convened for a second time. On this date, Janne Vrenken was elected chair, Jordi Ye was elected vice-chair, David de Wit was elected chair of the Committee for Education and Research, Sam Merlos was elected chair of the Committee for Organization and Finance and Hollando Bangun was elected chair of the Committee for Public Relations. As per the Rules of Procedure, the Daily Board of the Council consists of the aforementioned Members. On the same date, Indigo Hemmingway was elected treasurer of the Council. Under the previous Council, Daniel Kraamwinkel was appointed secretary of the Council. The Council, in its new and current composition, re-confirms this appointment. By approving this statement, in order for it to be entered into the minutes of this meeting, the elections and appointments of all aforementioned persons are confirmed by the Council.

The council reaches a general consensus on the above. Installing members for the positions that are yet to be filled.

b) Delegate to the Central Student Council

Tuncay states he would like to be a candidate. He states he was elected to the CSR last spring, but he had to step down due to personal circumstances. Still, he thinks therefore the role would suit him well. He also states he wants to be the voice of the FSR, and not himself.

Koray asks if Tuncay's party relations would compromise his loyalty to the FSR. Tuncay states he stepped down as party leader already, and he always wants to do it together, and be a representative of the FSR.

Voting is done by secret ballot.

Tuncay is elected by unanimous decision.

c) Program Committee representatives

Janne states the council still need representatives to the committees for the bachelor and the English masters. It is important to keep a close relationship with them to work on the contents of programmes. Jordi offers to swap the tax law bachelor for the normal bachelor. Hollando will pick up tax law. Sam offers to do the English masters. There is general consensus on this division of tasks.

d) Student assessor application committee members

Sam had the first meeting today. It went well but the faculty would still like another FSR representative to sit in on the second one. Ismail offers to do so. He is accepted by general consensus of the council.

e) Law bachelor renewal meetings

Janne states it would make sense for David to do it as he is the chair of O&O. David states he would like to do it. Janne suggests another O&O member to join. David will find another person from O&O to join him at the meetings.

## 6. 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.*

Tuncay states he would like to make the CSR votes open instead of closed. Like this, it is impossible to know if representatives are upholding their promises. Sam asks Tuncay what he thinks it will bring. Tuncay states transparency. Indigo states it could also lead to confusion, as sometimes breaking your promises could

have a justification. Tuncay states this usually remains unclear because the decision making process is very long in the CSR. There is general consensus for Tuncay to move forward with this.

## 7. Preparation of the GOV on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September

*We'll use this time to prepare for the upcoming GOV.*

Janne states this is the meeting with the OR and faculty board, there are four per year.

Members of the OR amongst others are Tom Blom (chair), Nils Mevius, Jan-Herman Reestman, Hege Kjos, Otto van Tubergen, Heather Kurzbauer, Desiree Blessing, Candida Leone, and Pieterbas Buijs.

Janne states everybody received the agenda. It will now be discussed.

Janne states they will start by an introduction of the dean. Then the FSR will take care of a more informal introduction part. The council decides on doing a round of favourite books.

Then the meeting will move on to discussing the working method.

Then the FSR can share their own priority points.

Janne asks which points should be taken as priority points.

Tuncay states he finds student participation in relation to the FSR very important. He is working on talking to all first years during mentor groups as a start. But it would be good to make it a broader effort.

Consensus is reached on the importance of this matter, but not necessarily as a priority.

Jordi states making mental health a priority is important. There is general consensus on this.

Janne would like to add that transparency in general should be very important. Last year there were several issues with tax law specifically. Daniel briefly summarizes what happened. Today, an article showing the lack of transparency was published in the NRC. Ahmet states the council should not necessarily focus on transparency to third parties, as information might be sensitive. Janne agrees, but states that the university cannot battle a lack of transparency with silence. There is a general consensus on bringing this point on as a priority.

Tuncay states that he would like to change the online lecture policies as well. There are different opinions on the matter, but making it a point is carried.

David adds that the availability of study spots in the university is also a problem. Ahmet seconds this.

Therefore the availability of study places should also be a priority.

Ahmet states for master students, as a law student you have to do internships but these are fulltime and this forms problems for the summer and following classes. Therefore he would like to see one 7-9 evening tutorial group per class. Janne states that this is important, but not a priority. There is consensus on this. \

Fiorella asks if the proposal for alumni board and stuff has been passed. Janne states that it has been, but it is a PPLE issue. A general consensus is reached on making this a priority.

A general discussion is had on the main priorities and the council concludes it will use the following five points.



Mental health

Verschooling (more freedom for the students, and letting them decide for themselves on the topics of lectures and attendance)

Alumni board (by PPPE)

Availability of study supplies (spots, books, etc.)

Transparency of the faculty

Janne states she will handle these points them. Fiorella will do the point on the alumni board.

Ahmet asks if one can speak their own mind, or always has to speak for the council. Daniel states that on predetermined issues there should be unity. And if new issues come up, representatives can always speak their mind but should mind that they are not representing a majority.

## **8. Preparation of the OV on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September**

*We'll use this time to prepare for the upcoming OV.*

Meeting with the Faculty, chaired by Janne. 6 per year.

Daniel states the OV had no agenda points, so not anymore. If anything super urgent. We could ask the board to have a private 10 minutes.

## **9. Council transition**

*Here we'll discuss some more practicalities concerning the transition*

a) FSR FdR 2021-2022 transition document – where to access this and other files

Janne states it is important for everyone to read this.

b) Setting up your email (and signature)

Everyone has set up their email.

Daniel states that teams should be used because of privacy. Therefore, please save your files on here and not the drive.

c) Applying for your funds

Janne states there are two things to do.

The first is to apply to board fund, use your letter of appointment and follow the instructions Janne will send.

The second is to fill in the excel doc Janne will send and send it to Jaap Bakker.

Jaap Bakker is the person to contact for financial matters like this.

d) Activating your cards to get access to the council room

Janne will check if everything is ready. Then the councilmembers can go by the helpdesk to activate their cards.

Besides this be sure to be in touch with your old council members. There will not be a specific meeting but you can always ask for it.

## **10. Rules of Procedure: revision**

*Here, the new Council will have the opportunity to revise the Rules of Procedure ([see attachment 1](#)) and, if desired, make amendments.*

Janne explains these are basically the bylaws for the FSR.

Tuncay asks if email voting should be added to the bylaws.. Janne states that last year there was sometimes no time or no quorum. So there would be an email vote for this with a deadline. However there are some issues with the deadlines and the question if this is fully democratic.

Janne explains that there are mandates as well, like this a quorum should be reached most of the time, but last year this did not always work out.

Ahmet states he is okay with cancelling the email votes. Tuncay states that with the year going on, attendance goes down so you could have problems. Also, by not showing up you can block voting deliberately. He explains it is only used for urgent matters

Daniel adds lets do it for urgent matters and keep it like that. Use it as an exception. Fiorella seconds this.

Tuncay says that leads to vagueness, he is against.

Vote on email voting

In favour: -

Against: Indigo, Koray, Fiorella, Tuncay, Ismail, Ahmet, Jordi, David, Sam, Janne, Youssra.

Abstaining: Hollando

Koray suggests to do maximum on mandates. Tuncay states that with expertise it might be nice to be able to mandate who you want because you trust them so he would be against that. Koray states that since you make your own decisions, this should not matter. Janne adds that you can fix the votes with your mandated person. Sam adds on limiting mandates, make sure that one person does not hold all the power.

A vote is held on putting a maximum of four on mandates.

In favour: Koray, Sam Ismail.

Against: Tuncay, Hollando, Ahmet, Janne, Fiorella, Indigo

Abstaining: Jordi, David, Youssra

The vote isn't passed.

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

Janne will send the committee list into the group chat.

Janne states that this weekend there is the Maagdenhuis weekend. You can do some trainings. Sign up through the link tonight.

Sam asks when the payments are made. Janne states it depends per costs and per position.

## 12. Closing of the meeting

Janne closes the meeting at 19:06

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

## Action-list

Who?	What?	When?
Janne	Check spelling of rules of procedure	ASAP



David	Fix a team for the onderwijsvernieuwing	In due time
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