



## 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Faculty Student Council of Law

Date	12th of September 2022 17:00 - 1900	Location	Nieuwe Achtergracht 166, REC A, Room A1.04
Present	Janne Vrenken, Jordi Ye, David de Wit, Sam Merlos, Youssra Aarab, Ismail Korkmaz, Ahmet Ergun, Koray Karaduman, Indigo Hemingway. Tuncay Yazar and Hollando Bangun from 17:55 onwards.	Absent	Fiorella Briolo
Guests	Ruben Peetam.	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 17:02.

Tuncay and Hollando are absent for the first hour. They both mandated Ahmet.

Fiorella is absent, she did not mandate anyone.

#### 2. Setting of the agenda

The agenda is set.

#### 3. Minutes of the previous meeting (5<sup>th</sup> of September)

The minutes are approved by general consensus.

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

Janne corrected the spelling of the rules of procedure. Passed by general consensus.

David arrives at the meeting.

David will do the onderwijsvernieuwing in cooperation with Tuncay.

#### 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.*

Tuncay is absent, if he is here at the end of the meeting he will elaborate. Otherwise he will give his updates next week.

After Tuncay has arrived, he gives the updates. First of all, the CSR had discussions on some commitments and working agreements. Furthermore they settled language and a vegan diet agreements. Also, a discussion is being held on how to spend the extra money the medezeggenschap will receive next year.

Koray asks if the diet also applies to the FSR. Tuncay states the negative. Indigo asks if the extra money is also for the FSRs. Tuncay states that he believes not so, but the CSR could decide to delegate it as far as he



knows. Hollando asks if they have a lot of lunches/dinners. Tuncay states he is not entirely sure, but they have more than the FSR. Tuncay states in the defence of the CSR, they also do a lot more work than the FSR. Hollando asks if it is possible for FSR to see the CSR's budget. Tuncay states that he is working on this, as well as the open voting as discussed last week.

#### **6. Evaluation of the GOV on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September**

*We'll use this time to evaluate the GOV and determine whether any further actions are to be taken.*

Janne states the meeting took place this morning, most people were there.

Janne asks the council how they found it. Koray states he found the statements made by the faculty board very vague, he would have liked more elaborate priority points. Ahmet states he liked the atmosphere.

Janne states the faculty board listed the following priorities: FB: - Faculty year plan, - Teaching: revision of both bachelor and masters with the purpose to update the curriculum of meeting the modern requirements, - the engagement of staff and students/Integration of disciplines. – Connecting the support staff and teaching/research staff, - protecting the core values (diversity, integrity and social safety).

Sam asks if him speaking up was okay, Janne replies that generally he did great. Janne states you can always ask questions etc., and you will be stopped by the chair if you go overboard.

Daniel and Janne will schedule more premeetings with the file holders of the OR as was discussed during the GOV.

#### **7. Working agreements with the board: outcomes of the meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> of September**

*Daniel and I will inform you on the working agreements that have been made with the board during the meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> of September.*

Janne states that Daniel and herself had a meeting with Brugman and Nollkaemper last Tuesday. Daniel states the attendance was discussed, but so far the FSR is doing very well at that. Janne states that the meetings, except for the premeetings, will be offline. Janne states that an agreement was also reached on language, entailing that English will be used for all documents unless it strictly concerns the Dutch bachelor. Sam asks if this would be against the right of information. Janne replies that technically yes it could be, but we need to be a bit pragmatic about it, it is not the hill to die on. Daniel states that if the non-Dutch speakers need a translation of any document, they can always ask him.

#### **8. Invitation to sign a petition initiated by IDEAS UvA: lecture availability for disabled students**

*The board of IDEA's UvA (a platform run by students with a disability who are committed to creating an accessible and inclusive UvA) invited us to sign a petition ([see link](#)) to bring back lecture recordings for disabled students. Today, we'll discuss whether we as FSR FdR want to do so.*

Sam states he received this petition, he proposes that the FSR will sign it. Sam elaborates, they are against the failure of accommodation for disabled students, and therefore they ask to make all education available online. They want to submit it to all faculties. Janne states they are from humanities, so she asks if they really want to push this centrally. Sam states that they do, because this is a universal issue. That is because there they were actively trying to shut it down.

David asks if this is a general measures, or just for disabled students. Sam states it's just for disabled students. Ahmet states that he would find it more suitable if they would focus on onsite improvements. Sam states he understands that, but that is more a central issue and it takes a lot of money and time. Koray adds to Sam that he heard from a friend that she broke her ankle, she got a doctor's report and the education desk still did not give her an exemption so they are very strict, which is unfair. Ahmet agrees they need to

be helped, but long term they should have access to onsite education. Jane states the FSR can only vote on this, and Tuncay could bring it to the CSR.

Janne states there will be a vote on the signing of the petition. Before that, everyone wants to read it so the FSR takes a quick break to do this. Koray states that he thinks it won't have a huge impact, but that it is good to make a statement.

A vote is held on signing the petition as the FSR.

In favour: Janne, Sam, Jordi, Ismail, Koray, Indigo, David, Youssra, Ahmet, Tuncay, Hollando.

Against: -

Abstaining: -

The vote is passed by unanimous decision.

### 9. Availability of education during strikes

Janne states the topic was briefly discussed during the GOV this morning. She states Tuncay has been working on this by sending several emails last week. She asks what the FSR thinks about how it was dealt with. Ahmet states it really differs per course. Sam states that part of the issue was that the UvA was quite vague about it, and then everyone had to adapt themselves. This created unreliability and unclarity, next time this should be much more clear and be dealt with on a faculty level in an earlier stage. David states that he found the laissez-faire approach quite weird. Jordi adds that he thought it was pushed off way too easily. Janne clarifies that lectures would be online for 24 hours, but tutorials would be in person. Ahmet states he is also a student assistant, the teachers had the freedom to change the policy, but sometimes simply chose not to. Ruben clarifies this is part is formally for the programme directors to decide upon. David states that it he felt that the policy was more of a reaction than an action, this should change next time.

Hollando and Tuncay enter the room.

Janne states its important to look at this, and also at the general lecture policies. These overlap, because a more lenient online policy would already solve the issue. She states she would like to make a statement to the board that the FSR is still unhappy, and come up with a couple of points to improve on for this email. Sam asks if this should be changed in the OERs? Janne states the FSR can try, but this is later in the year and not likely to succeed without any discussion before that. David states he would like to first hear from the board how they feel they could fix it for next time before sending a letter. There is general consensus on this. Janne states that for now the stance is that the FSR is unhappy with how the situation was handled, and more details will follow later.

### 10. FSR FdR Internal Budget: discussing the proposal from our treasurer

*Indigo has drawn up a budgetary proposal for our internal budget 2022 – 2023 ([see attachment 1](#)). Today we'll discuss and vote on it.*

Janne states the latest version is in the WhatsApp group. Indigo states that he as the treasurer does not have much to elaborate The main change is to have an evaluation weekend in the winter, which was proposed by Jordi. Furthermore, the introduction weekend went way over budget.

Jordi states on the evaluation weekend, he thinks it would be nice to do a one night thing with the FSR. He spoke with the previous vice chair. She also recommended this. It would be a moment to digress everything and bond more. It would probably take place in January or February.

Janne asks if the FSR would like to spend money on this. Indigo states the council could first have a look at the rest of the budget. David states he does not think this is worth the money. He thinks it could be done at



a much smaller scale. Tuncay states he thinks David has some good comments, but he thinks a weekend would be great. Yet, the 500 budgeted would be quite a lot indeed just for evaluation. So he asks if we could rent a room for a day at REC (which is free) and then have a small borrel afterwards and find a middle ground like that. Koray seconds this. Janne states than then money could fall under other, bowling dinner etc. Jordi states that then he really wants a day then.

General consensus on having an evaluation day as discussed. Within a limited budget. The question arises what limited means. Tuncay states 100. Jordi states 200. Indigo thinks 200 is too much. Koray states 150 would be best, Jordi seconds this. David states he would have the FSR pay the money for the borrel, the rest is on you. Sam states he understands we do not want to spend too much money, but putting a very low cap is a bit limiting, putting a higher cap with aiming to come in low would be better.

Vote on cap of 100.

In favour: Tuncay, Hollando, David, Janne, Ahmet.

Against: Koray, Sam, Indigo, Jordi, Ismail, Youssra

Janne states 100 is considered too low.

Vote on 150.

In favour: Koray, Sam, Janne, Jordi, Ismail, Youssra, Indigo, David, Hollando, Tuncay, Ahmet.

The vote is passed by unanimous decision.

Koray states he thinks the FSR should cover lunch. Janne thinks it is best to keep the discussion for the details for a later moment.

Sam asks what promotional materials means. Janne states posters are free through printer cards. Once a banner was orderd as well. That is the sort of purchases made. Janne states it was nice to have it there, you do not have to use it. Its also very transparent. The council consents to keep it as it is.

Ismail asks what could be understood under council merch? Janne states it could be used for sweaters or mugs etc. Last year they did not want to spend it. Tuncay states that he is against merch as he deems it an unethical way of spending tax payer money. Koray states that the council should still promote itself, but he agrees it doesn't need merch. Jordi asks then what should happen to the allocated money. Janne suggests that Indigo will simply revise based on the discussion had today. General consensus on this point.

Vote for eliminating council merch as an expense.

In favour: Tuncay, Koray, David, Janne, Ahmet, Jordi.

Against: Sam, Hollando, Ismail.

Abstaining: Indigo, Youssra

Council merch is eliminated.

The intro weekend

Janne states last time the council exceeded the budget by a lot. Tuncay states he thinks spending this much money is not justified, it could be much more simple. Sam states he thinks it is still useful, because it is great for socialising. Koray agrees and states for him personally he likes some more time to get to know his peers. Tuncay states he thinks tax payer money should be spend on students. Youssra states she is wondering where the leftover money would go. Janne states the council is free to decide. Youssra states she thinks the university has enough money, this money is given to the FSR for a reason and therefore should be used. Sam adds that it is an investment in the council. This is good for the welfare of the council and it really contributes to the working environment and therefore to the student life as well.

A vote is held for keeping the introduction weekend.

In favour: Janne, Sam, Indigo, Hollando, Koray, Jordi, Youssra.

Against: Ahmet, Tuncay, Ismail.

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Abstaining: David.

The intro weekend remains. Janne states if the council wishes to lower the budget later in the year, it could make it a one night affair.

Council room supplies.

Janne states that last year she became the office manager and she purchased some chargers etc. That was great. Koray asks if the council could get a couch. Janne states that would be something for the council/office manager to decide. No objections on keeping it.

Other eg dinner/bowling (so internal events for team building).

These are the vice chair organised events. Indigo states the council might want to be more specific.

Tuncay states he thinks the current activities are too much. He would like to lower the amount from 400 to 200. Koray states lets first look at what the council wants to do, and then cap it or not.

Vote on keeping it at 400.

In favour: Janne, Sam, Indigo, Hollando, Jordi, Ismail, Youssra

Against: Tuncay, Ahmet, David.

Abstaining: Koray.

The council will keeping it at 400.

Tuncay states he is against non-transparency costs such as "other". Koray seconds this, but states there is not enough of a year plan to specify at this point in time. Jordi will provide a more detailed proposal next PV.

Cobos.

Janne states it is a network event for boards. Last year the FSR had an open tap and it cost about 650 euros.

Tuncay proposes to open it up to students so they can benefit as well. Ahmet seconds this. Hollando proposes to increase the budget.

Vote on inviting regular students:

In favour: Koray, Tuncay, Hollando, Indigo, Ahmet, Youssra, Ismail.

Against: Janne, David, Jordi

Abstaining: Sam

Students are invited now.

Vote for keeping the budget at 650.

In favour: Janne, Sam, Indigo, David, Jordi, Youssra, Ismail.

Against: Hollando

Abstaining: Tuncay Ahmet

The budget for gifts for cobos from other associations is not objected to.

Deaners, this is a dinner with the dean hosted by PR. Ahmet asks if students are invited. Janne states yes.

No objections.

PR events.

Janne states last year the FSR hosted some coffee moments, pub quizzes etc. So events for students. Tuncay proposes to delegate whatever is left to this.

Vote on keeping the budget as it is:



In favour: -

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

Abstaining: Koray, Sam, David, Jordi, Ismail.

For increasing the budget:

In favour: tuncay, Ahmet, Hollando, Janne, Youssra, Koray, David, Indigo

Against: -

Abstaining: Ismail, Jordi, Sam

Daniel recommends increasing the unforeseen to at least 10%, that is from looking at what happened with the introduction weekend and his own experience.

### 11. The REC A elevator and availability to students

Moved to next week.

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

Indigo asks if there is anyone contact now that Jaap is gone. Daniel and Janne state probably not.

Janne states that Sam attended the Maagdenhuis weekend. Elaboration next week.

Cobos elaboration is moved to next week as well.

Student assessors applications are also moved to next week.

PCs will also be discussed next week.

### 13. Closing of the meeting

Janne closes the meeting at 19:17.

*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?
Tuncay	Get back to Nanda on the strike stance.	ASAP
Daniel	Send printing instructions	ASAP
Indigo	Make final version of the budget	By next PV
Jordi	Come up with some proposals for "other".	By next PV