



3rd meeting of the Faculty Student Council of Law

Agenda

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Date September 9th 2026 18:00 – 19:00
Present Fabian Que, Felicia Taruna, Hanna
van den Brink, Livni Beck, Nuno
Ploeger, Parham Jam, Roza Ali, Safir
Pavel, Tess Maliepaard.
Guest
Online

Location Online
Absent Angie-lee Kruize, Anton Siemonsma, Da
Secretary Dina Mrabet

1. Opening of the meeting

11:38

2. Setting the agenda

Tess: Next week I will send the agenda out, at least the day beforehand. And also, you should all now be able to see the attachments with the O&O plan, year plan.

3. Committee chairs to update us on year plans and main priorities for 2026-27

PR Year plan

- **Safir:** to finish the PR year plan, we need the PSR meeting this Friday. That's why this year plan isn't finished yet, but it will be by Friday.
→ Tess: if you could have it finished by the end of Friday, I can then send it out.

O&O Year plan

Tess: for O&O the year plan is finished, and we divided the goals with the team lead.

- For PPLE:
 1. Attendance policy: we don't want the request for absence to go to examination board anymore, but instead to the administrative body, such as study advisor.
 2. Students will be able to repeat a subject even though they already have a passing grade for it.
 3. Stronger adherence to OER exam regulations (previously: grades weren't released on time or marking rubric was suddenly changed).

Nuno:



- Examination online: if anyone wants to appeal for re-examination normally, it would be without a written form. We want to make it online so that we can also point to which point you made, because in class it's very busy and it's hard to argue what point you made. However, teachers argue that the workload will be too high if we change it to an online examination.

Parham: with the online form, there are check points per answer; make it easier for students to know for the reassessment which points they're defending.

Livni: last year we raised the point about the point system, and they didn't want to make it the standard since it wasn't possible to do so for every subject.

Parham: I think it's a point we should address. Marco Loos has said that if you can fix it in a technical way, there is a possibility of changing it to be online. Motivating why you are giving as many points as you are, takes too much time. But just ticking the boxes, the problem will be overcome. With some bachelor's courses, it's already the norm.

Livni: there was an OV about it, and there should be minutes from it, and you might be able to see the argument on why they wouldn't want it.

→ Tess: we'll discuss that in the next O&O and come up with good arguments.

Roza:

- Compliance with the OER rules: I'm working on improving compliance by making it easier for teachers to follow existing rules, particularly deadlines for publishing grades and informing students about delays. A template for communicating delays could help.

Fabian:

- About the examination support: although the FSR has no formal consent/advisory rights regarding changes to the Examination Regulations, these changes directly affect students. Increase communication and transparency with examination support so the FSR is informed of changes and has more opportunity to provide unsolicited advice.
- Updated Parham's year plan: FSR members can review it.

Parham:

- BSA: explore the possibility of reducing BSA standards, based on recent research indicating that BSA does not achieve some of the university's intended objectives. Consider requesting further motivation or discussing this with the relevant parties.
- Monitoring ALF: hold an evaluation meeting after semester 1 and gather student feedback on problems experienced with ALF.
- Uniform teaching methods: improve the implementation of screen-free teaching. A current issue is that teachers do not always provide printed materials, making implementation less smooth.
- Teachers' trajectory: Livni asked whether she could pursue this topic. Parham suggested discussing it at the end of the meeting.

Safir:



- Menstrual leave: at the OV kickoff meeting, Safir identified a contact responsible for developing attendance policies, including at PPLE. Safir will forward the information to Tess and would like to explore including menstrual leave in the attendance policy.

Tess:

- The O&O plan includes a proposal for the Examination Board to address sick leave. Menstrual-related absence could fall under the existing sick leave policy, although it could also be considered as a separate category.
- The university generally recognizes serious menstrual problems as grounds for sick leave.

Safir:

- Clarified that the categorization of menstrual-related absence can be a point of discussion with the university. Safir has received useful information from the relevant contact and suggested discussing this further at a later time.

O&F

- Budget: Felicia's plan includes a budget breakdown, but costs are not yet specified. Event costs depend on factors such as collaborations and expected attendance. Livni suggested using last year's budget as a reference; Tess suggested estimating expected costs and participant numbers in advance.
→ Felicia will add estimates where possible.
- Student Initiative Prize: O&F will further develop the concept next week before discussing it with the faculty. A lead has not yet been assigned.
- Year plan: Tess suggested making the plan more specific by including challenges, objectives, approach and responsibilities. Parham agreed. Livni noted that some challenges may be difficult to identify in advance.
→ Felicia will revise the plan accordingly.
- Planning:
 - September: continue supporting existing sustainability initiatives in cooperation with the Green Office and other relevant parties.
 - October: possible educational visit to the Court of Appeal, potentially including lunch and a Q&A.
 - November: panel and networking event for students facing additional barriers, focusing on support, inspiration and less traditional career paths.
 - January: further development of the Student Initiative Prize, subject to approval. O&F is also considering a guest lecture as a fundraiser (topic to be determined).

PR:

- Engagement tables: create a public calendar with the dates and locations of engagement tables, allowing non-PR FSR members to participate and speak with students.
- Meet Your Teacher: Safir has contacted several tutors about their interest in participating in *Meet Your Teacher* videos. For now, focus will remain on events organised with O&F.
- Physical promotion: this year's PR plan will focus more on physical promotion, including flyers, posters, monthly updates and the game rubric around the PPLE and Law Faculty buildings.
- Aim is to maintain a consistent physical presence on campus and reduce reliance on online/Instagram communication.
- Sustainability: Safir has contacted the Green Office about creating a video for the book swap by the end of this week or beginning of next week, as well as an update about the borrow initiative.
- Hannah is responsible for the sustainability portfolio.
- CoBo: Proposed date: 6 November.



- Safir has contacted the study associations from the existing mailing list and asked FSR members to share additional suggestions. Tess asked Safir to include the proposed date in an email.
4. **PR: discuss advertising the vacant positions in the OP (program committees) for each program to raise awareness amongst students**

Objective

Advertise the vacant student-member positions in the programme committees (OC) for each programme to increase student awareness. An Instagram post will be sufficient and should be published in English and Dutch.

Responsibilities

Safir will create the Instagram post in Canva; Hannah will handle the Dutch translation and check translations/spelling. The task will be a joint effort. Dina will forward the email with the details and requirements for the post.

Deadline

The application deadline is 20 September, so the post should be prepared as soon as possible.
PR agreed to have the post ready by the next PV on Monday.

5. **The UvA ecosystem and using teams as our environment for shared documents**

Use of UvA email and Teams :

The faculty prefers the FSR to use the UvA Microsoft ecosystem rather than Gmail, as it is the protected UvA environment. It was agreed that Tess will continue sending agendas by email to the FSR email addresses, while relevant documents should also be uploaded to Teams.

Fabian noted that internal FSR documents, such as minutes, are generally not privileged and should be publicly accessible where appropriate. UvA email should therefore mainly be used for communication with the board/faculty. Parham questioned why the FSR is expected to use student email addresses without being provided with dedicated FSR email addresses. Livni suggested creating dedicated FSR email addresses (e.g. an FSR-specific Gmail or UvA address) while retaining student email accounts.

→ Tess will advocate for dedicated FSR email addresses as a condition for discontinuing the current Gmail accounts.

Dina noted that Teams has made document access easier than Gmail in practice. Until the email arrangements are clarified, minutes and documents that cannot be shared via Gmail will be kept in Teams. Members may use separate spaces for other documents as long as the overall document structure remains clear.

Minutes and Teams access:

Dina proposed keeping the minutes and board documents in Teams to facilitate access and feedback.



Livni noted that previous secretaries shared completed minutes by email or Signal and asked whether the board documents were stored in the FSR Teams environment. Dina clarified that the board documents are currently stored in a separate Teams environment, to which she does not have access.

→ Livni noted that the secretary normally has access and suggested arranging access for Dina.

Communication with Pim / FSR rights:

The FSR discussed how to address questions regarding FSR rights and access, including room, printing and coffee facilities. It was suggested to consolidate the issues and relevant documentation before approaching Pim.

→ Tess will coordinate the next steps and address the matter formally once the relevant documentation has been reviewed.

6. Training Courses: Who is interested in taking them? Which would we be interested in taking?

- Dutch courses: Safir asked whether FSR members are eligible for compensated/free Dutch courses. This will be raised with the OR and OC secretary, Marjolein.
- Training options: Several university courses were discussed, including Harvard Negotiation, Giving and Receiving Feedback, Effective Meetings, and a basic course on participation, rights and duties as a university student.
- Interest: 7 members expressed interest in taking a training course: Tess, Parham, Bianca, Felicia, Anton, Livni and Nuno.
- Budget: Training costs can potentially be covered by the FSR budget or CSR.
→ Tess will share a poll in the group chat with course options to determine members' preferences.

7. Other points/questions

- Pre-meetings: Tess will discuss with Fabian whether she will continue the faculty pre-meetings while away, as Fabian may take over the chairing role. For now, matters can be sent to Tess, who can forward them to Fabian if needed.
- Kick-off meeting: The meeting was considered positive, with a sense that the faculty is open to working with the FSR. It was noted that this may change when specific proposals are discussed.
- Previous minutes: Members are encouraged to consult previous years' minutes when raising recurring topics, to avoid revisiting issues without building on previous discussions.
- PV timing: A five-minute buffer will be included at the start of each PV for informal catch-up; the meeting will formally start five minutes after the scheduled time.

8. Closing the meeting

12:34



Action-list

Who?	What?	When?
Safir and Hanna	More information on the CoBo Promote the student-member vacancies for the programme committees through Instagram, in Dutch and English	At the next PV
Safir	Finalize year plans on paper	Friday
Everyone	Finalise the year plans	Before the next PV
Felicia	Check last year's budget and add estimated costs and expected number of participants for the activities. Make the O&F year plan more concrete, including objectives, challenges, approach and responsibilities	As soon as possible

