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7th meeting of the Faculty Student Council of Law

Agenda

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Date	October 5th 2026 11:00 – 12:00	Location	Online
Present	Anton Siemonsma, Fabian Que, Felicia Taruna, Hanna van den Brink, Parham Jam, , Tess Maliepaard, Nuno Ploeger, Safir Pavel	Absent	Angie-lee Kruize, Danial Haider, Livni Beck , Roza Ali
Guest	Online	Secretary	Dina Mrabet

Notes by the chair are written in cursive and are part of the agenda and the minutes, after publication.

1. **Opening of the meeting**
   11:05
2. **Setting the agenda**

3. **Sustainability day**
   Hanna informed the Council about a planned sustainability event organised together with the FSRs of Law, Humanities and Science. The event is expected to include short lectures at different campuses, followed by a town hall with informal discussions. The plans are still at an early stage.

   Hanna asked whether the FSR could contribute financially, for example towards lecturers, posters, gifts, food and other event-related costs. The Council expressed support for the initiative but noted that the available budget and the amount required still need to be clarified. Hanna explained that the CSR and potentially other sustainability-related funding sources are also expected to contribute.

   → Tess will discuss the funding possibilities with Roza.

   → Hanna will provide further information and bring the matter back to the Council once the plans are more concrete.

4. **Follow-up OER proposals**
   Tess reminded the Council of the internal deadlines for the upcoming proposals/amendments:

   23 October: internal deadline

   30 October: presentation and discussion during the PV

   15 November: final external deadline

   Members were asked to keep time available between 30 October and 15 November to review the proposals.

   Proposed Bachelor's curriculum changes

The Council discussed the proposed changes to the Bachelor's programme in Law, including the proposed changes to the final project block and the allocation of 12 ECTS to skills education.
Parham and Fabian explained the proposed changes and expressed support for them.
Hanna raised concerns about the removal of the sustainability course and its possible replacement by a minor. She argued that sustainability should remain part of the mandatory curriculum rather than becoming something students can only choose if they are already interested in the topic. She also asked whether she could be involved in the discussions within the O&O committee given her role as sustainability file holder.

5. Proposed changes to the law bachelor's programme and the Tax law programme

The Council discussed the proposed changes to the Bachelor's programme in Law, including the allocation of 12 ECTS to ALF. The Council overall supported awarding ECTS for the work done within ALF, with six ECTS awarded in each academic year.

Sustainability

The discussion focused particularly on the proposed removal of the sustainability course. Hanna, as sustainability file holder, expressed concern that sustainability could become less prominent in the curriculum if the course were replaced by a minor or simply addressed informally in other courses. She suggested that the inclusion of sustainability within the curriculum should be formalised, for example by explicitly requiring it to be addressed in the Bachelor's programme.
Parham noted that sustainability could be incorporated into other courses, including ALF, and that students already encounter sustainability-related content in several courses. Hanna agreed that this could be a suitable alternative, provided that its inclusion is formally guaranteed.

Insolvency

Fabian and Nuno expressed concerns about the possible removal of insolvency law, particularly given that students currently choose between insolvency law and employment law. The relationship between the different proposed changes was not entirely clear from the documents. Hanna explained that she understood the documents as presenting several possible scenarios, with the removal of insolvency law being relevant to one of the scenarios.

→ The Council agreed to review the documents again and discuss the proposed curriculum changes further. It was also suggested that the faculty could be asked to clarify the different scenarios and the current proposal.

Hanna asked whether she could participate in the O&O committee discussions concerning the curriculum changes, given her role as sustainability file holder. Parham agreed that she could attend the relevant discussions.

6. Preparation for PV meetings

Hanna raised the importance of uploading the agenda earlier and ensuring that members are familiar with the documents discussed during the meetings. Tess acknowledged this and agreed to upload the agenda earlier and review the relevant documents in full before the next PV. It was also agreed that members with specific knowledge of a programme or subject may provide additional context when discussing proposals.

7. Proposed budget

Tess informed the Council that a translated version of the confidential FdR budget had been shared with Safir and Felicia. The Council clarified that the upcoming meeting concerns the FdR budget and that Felicia and the other relevant O&F members are expected to attend.

It was clarified that the FdR budget meeting will take place on 8 October from 12:00 to 12:45. The exact location had not yet been communicated.

→ Dina will confirm the location and ensure that the relevant council members receive the meeting details.

8. Proposed FdR budget

Student decline

The Council discussed the assumptions underlying the projected decline in student numbers. It was explained that the university expects a decline in student numbers due to demographic trends and government policy concerning international students. For the Law Faculty, this particularly concerns English-taught programmes. It was also noted that the budget assumes that the recent increase in Master's student numbers is not structural and will not continue in the coming years.

Reduction of the budget

Felicia raised concerns about the proposed reductions in expenditure and staffing. Tess noted in particular the significant projected reduction of the material budget from approximately €450,000 to €300,000.

Felicia questioned how the Faculty will maintain the quality of education and manage staff workload if staffing levels and the budget continue to decrease, particularly given that the Faculty already recognises a high workload. She further suggested that the Faculty should provide a clearer assessment of the impact of each proposed cut on students and staff, including the consequences for educational quality, workload and facilities.

AI literacy budget

The Council also discussed the budget allocated to AI literacy for staff and teachers. Members questioned what this funding would be used for and what the intended outcomes and long-term plans are. It was agreed that further clarification should be requested.

Surplus

Tess also raised a question about the projected €700,000 surplus, given the proposed staff and expenditure cuts. Felicia will raise this during the budget meeting and ask why this surplus is being accumulated and how it relates to the proposed cuts.

→ Felicia will represent the Council at the budget meeting and bring the above concerns and questions forward. It was clarified that she can attend with her notes and does not need to prepare a formal document.

→ Attendance at budget meeting: Felicia will follow up with members who have not yet confirmed their attendance and inform Fabian if there are any issues.

9. Other points

Working Agreement and Attendance

The Council discussed the lack of progress on the working agreement and concerns regarding attendance at PV meetings. Members noted that attendance and active participation should be an important part of the working agreement.

It was proposed to prepare a short document setting out expectations regarding attendance and the consequences of repeated absence. Safir offered to draft a first version, after which other members could provide feedback.

→ The DB will follow up with members who have repeatedly been absent and address the attendance concerns.

→ Fabian will also follow up with Dani, Livni and Angie regarding their attendance and participation.

Action points:

10. Closing the meeting

12:07

Action-list

Who?	What?	When?
Safir	Draft a short document on attendance expectations for the working agreement	As soon as possible
DB	Discuss the attendance concerns with the relevant members.	At the DB meeting

Everyone	Review the curriculum documents	Before the next PV
Everyone	Give feedback and input on the working agreement	As soon as possible
Everyone	Agree on a date and time for the Harvard Negotiations and Debating trainings and register by emailing the two email addresses provided in the CSR email.	

Deadlines

When	What?
23-10-2026	Advise on the curriculum changes to the Bachelor's programmes in Law and Tax Law
23-10-2026	Internal deadline O&O: OER amendment proposals
30-10-2026	Internal deadline FSR: OER amendment proposals
15-11-2026	Definite deadline: OER amendment proposals