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8th meeting of the Faculty Student Council of Law

Agenda

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Date	October 12th 2026 11:00 – 12:00	Location	Online
Present	Anton Siemonsma, Fabian Que, Felicia Taruna, Hanna van den Brink, Livni Beck, Nuno Ploeger, Parham Jam Tess Maliepaard, Safir Pavel,	Absent	Angie-lee Kruize, Danial Haider, 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. **Curriculum change law bachelor: 12 EC for ALF & scrapping sustainability**
   The Council continued its discussion of the proposed changes to the Bachelor's programme in Law. The proposal concerns the allocation of 12 ECTS to ALF and requires 12 ECTS to be freed elsewhere in the curriculum. The university has presented several possible ways of repositioning Digitalisation and Sustainability within the curriculum.

   The Council members expressed the following views on the position of Sustainability in the curriculum:

   Position 1: mandatory 3 ECTS course
   Hanna expressed a preference for the **original Scenario A,** in which Sustainability would remain a mandatory 3 ECTS course. She argued that students should encounter sustainability during their degree, even if the topic is currently receiving less attention. She considered it undesirable for students to be able to complete the full Law degree without having to consider sustainability in the context of the climate crisis.

   Position 2: minor *and* learning line
   If keeping Sustainability as a mandatory course is not possible, Hanna would prefer it to be developed as a minor **(scenario A variant 1 or 2)**.
   She also suggested that sustainability could be more clearly embedded throughout the curriculum, for example through a learning line or by giving the topic more attention in philosophical courses. She stressed that, if Sustainability is not retained as a separate course or minor, it should at least be formally embedded elsewhere in the curriculum **(Scenario C).**

   Position 3: sustainability in ALF

Parham suggested an additional option of incorporating Sustainability into ALF. He argued that ALF takes place over two years and therefore provides sufficient space to address the topic. This was a suggestion raised by Parham and was not one of the options presented in the university's proposal. Hanna considered this a possible option but did not want to commit to it at this stage.

Position 4: scrapping sustainability

Linvi argued that the popularity of a subject can be relevant when deciding whether a course should remain in the curriculum. He also noted that prioritising a subject may be relevant to students' future career and job opportunities.

Anton disagreed that popularity should be the main consideration. He argued that the programme should prepare students for wider societal developments, including the climate crisis, even if a subject is less popular or only receives 3 ECTS. At the same time, he considered it important to make the subject more relevant to students and their future careers.

Nuno noted that we must take into account the consequences for civiel effect with regards to the changes that the proposals have for the courts Staats-en bestuursrecht.

Position of the Council

The Council did not reach a shared position on the preferred way of incorporating Sustainability into the curriculum. It was suggested that the advice should therefore reflect the different views within the Council rather than present a single shared position.

The possibility of incorporating Sustainability into ALF will for now be included in the discussion, although this was an additional suggestion rather than an option in the university's proposal.

Drafting the advice

It was agreed that any amendments should mainly concern formalities or points that have already been discussed during the PV, as members have already had sufficient opportunities to provide substantive input.

→ Parham will draft the advice, as he is responsible for the relevant file. He will use the discussion and the minutes as a basis for the advice.

→ Voting: The Council agreed to vote online before Thursday on the different positions discussed.

Next PV

As next week is an exam week, the Council discussed not holding a PV. The remaining decisions on the curriculum advice will instead be made through the online vote and will be formally affirmed in the first following PV.

4. Update budget meeting

Felicia shared an update from the budget meeting.

- Staffing and vacancies: The meeting indicated that the faculty is in a better position than in previous years. Staff are not being cut; instead, staffing levels are being increased where necessary. The possibility of reducing the size of the job desk concerns current vacancies rather than existing staff members.
- Internal sale of REC: REC is being sold within the university rather than to an external party. The building reportedly had relatively few people working on the tenth floor, while its costs amounted to approximately €150,000. Although staff will have less space, the move is expected to generate significant savings.
- AI literacy programme: There is still uncertainty about what the AI literacy programme will entail and who will be responsible for delivering it. As this concerns the educational side of the programme, the issue would need to be raised in the relevant governing body.
- Teaching assistants (TAs): Payments for TAs are expected to increase in the coming years. However, the second half of the expected increase has not yet been included in the budget.

5. One broad year plan for the FSR fdr

The Council agreed to prepare one overarching year plan for the FSR Rechtsgeleerdheid.

→ Safir will help consolidate the general year plan this week. The Council aims to vote on the plan at the next PV.

6. Draft working agreement

Tess has drafted the section on attendance, which Fabian has already shared in the FSR Signal group.
Fabian has drafted a substantial part of the Working Agreement.

→ The Council aims to discuss and vote on the draft at the next PV.

7. Other points

- Internationalisation of the Faculty of Law
  Anton raised concerns about the faculty's internationalisation policies, particularly the emphasis on English-language Law Master's programmes. He expressed concern that this could reduce the representation of the UvA within the broader university context, as the Faculty of Law is expected to experience the largest relative and absolute decline in student numbers.
  Tess asked Anton to share the document supporting his points. Anton agreed, although he was unsure whether it was public.
- Tax Law Master's thesis supervision
  The programme coordinator, who also supervised theses, had reportedly been largely absent over the past year and subsequently experienced burnout. This raised concerns about the continuity of thesis supervision. Libni explained that he had taken steps to bring the issue of thesis supervision to the university's attention.

8. Closing the meeting

12:02

Action-list

Who?	What?	When?
DB	Discuss the attendance concerns with the relevant members.	At the next meeting
Everyone	Give feedback and input on the working agreement	As soon as possible

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