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Location A7.65

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Present: Alaa Khalifa, Darius Jokubauskas, Luna Evers, Mirte Boot, Anna Schröder, Valentine Szita Marshall, Bram Jaarsma, Alexander van Lunteren, Annette Duinmeijer

Absent: Anna Schröder

Guests: Fatima Kamal

Secretary: Myron Warta

### **Agenda**

#### **1. Opening of the meeting**

Annette opens the meeting at 11:11.

#### **2. Introduction Fatima Kamal (assistant diversity officer): Peer-to-Peer program**

Fatima Kamal is a Board member of Amsterdam United. The student organization on the UvA who organizes events for diversity and equity. There is a mentor program running for 2 years called the ADL, this program is for first year students (with a migration background, physical and mental disability, who are gay and have come out for it) to help them in their academic background. The mentors are third-year students and have the role of buddy for the whole year. The goal of this program is to learn students more about diversity themes that could influence their lives and create an environment on the UvA to talk about these matters. Fatima works with Anne de Graaf to make this program available for other faculties. Fatima wants the FSR to know what the ADL could mean for the law students. Discussion and brainstorm for what the faculty needs from ADL.

Within the ADL there is a board and its financed by the UvA. Furthermore there are monthly meetings. The program consists now of five mentors.



Alaa asks how students that need help from the ADL program are found and approached?

Fatima states that the ADL finds them through the student advisers and the communication department through promoting the program. Alaa asks if the ADL is a regular mentor program and what the value of ADL will be for the law faculty? Fatima explains that the ADL program is for students that need extra support.

Alex states that he wants to know about the framework and if this is evaluated. Fatima states that at the end of the year the ADL is evaluated. There are facilities in which the mentors are being trained at three moments in the year.

Mirte asks how many people are being mentored. Fatima states that there are five mentors and in total fifteen people are being involved, but this is only at the Humanities faculty.

Luna asks if there are international students being involved in the program.

Alex asks how open the program is? Fatima states it is open for every student at UvA.

Furthermore Fatima believes that the study associations can play a role in spreading word about the program and how to get involved.

Bram states that the name 'mentor program' can be confusing for the faculty, because there is already a program with the same name. Bram suggests that there should be a different name for the program, to set it apart from the existing one within the faculty.

Fatima asks what the FSR suggests for promoting this program. Mirte states that the study associations could play a role and also the existing mentors at the faculty can promote it. Alaa states that she was a mentor last year, but that she found problems with students and that it was difficult to send them to the study advisors. Alex agrees with that and states that the mentors of ADL can play an important role. The communication department can put in the newsletter.

Annette states that the WC-krant can help a lot too. Alaa also states that the Antoinette Muntjewerff is the coordinator of the mentors and can help with the promotion of this program.

Alex states that there should be more information about where students can sign up and what the program exactly entails before the FSR can promote the program in the WC-krant. Fatima states that the program is also for second year students and that students can sign up all year round. Fatima will send the final version of the brochure/flyer of the peer 2 peer program and will send it to the FSR. Alaa states that the flyer also needs an English version. Fatima states that there is already one and she will send it to the FSR.

Voting: Support for the plan of Fatima and talk to the board about it?

All in favor 9.



### 3. Approval of minutes

- PV (18/05/2018)

### 4. Setting the agenda

### 5. To Dos

TD's:

TD 171117-04 Valentine will work on the working agreements translation the deadline next PV.

TD 171201-09 Luna will improve the website, the deadline is next week – talk to Kjeld.

TD180413-7 Anna presents time for meet up election candidates and gives it next week. – Anna was not present on 180420.

TD180420-1 Bram will attend the bijeenkomst voor Rookbeleid op Roeterseilandcampus 29 May 13-14 REC C6.00 A.

TD180420-2 Alaa gets more information on the nice actions (WOinactie van Geertje Hulzebos) and what they include.

TD180420-3 For all council members: keep an eye on the amount of students in the JB.

~~TD180420-6 Alaa will talk to Zieck about the selection policy for Research masters.~~

TD180420-7 Alaa will search a speaker for the Hongkong visit. – Alaa will contact PPLE tutors for the visit, regarding LGTBHQ/Human rights, Lucy Hall and Irena Rosenthal

TD180420-9 Darius will control the councilmembers update.

TD 180504-3 Anna will get (real or fake) plants in the council room.

TD 180504-4 Alaa arranges that Anna will meet the OC-woman for ENG Masters.

TD 180504-5 Digitalization, make a plan for FSR page on Canvas.

~~TD 180511 Sustainability will write an advise before the 25th of May~~

~~TD 180511 Darius will send out a doodle for the pre-OV~~

~~TD 180511 Alaa drop by Salomon's to talk about the EU exam~~

### 6. Updates

a. Studentassessors (Anna/Valentine)

b. CSR update (Darius)

Darius states that he does not have updates on the CSR.

c. Inwerkweekend (Annette)

Annette states that she and Bram had a meeting with FMG about the program and that the schedule will be sent this afternoon. The budget issues have been resolved. Luna asks if the FMG agrees with the schedule. Annette and Bram both state that FMG did for the most part. Alaa asks what the exact time will be of leaving to Texel, because she can drive from Amsterdam to the island. Annette states that the leaving time will be 13:00 from



Amsterdam. Luna asks if the budget is fully fixed. Annette states that she is on it and it is almost done.

**d.** Salomons meeting (Alaa)

Alaa states that this meeting was good. Many topics were discussed like the EU exam and honours. During the EU exam a student clicked 25 times on the exam. The student did this from a different IP address and three days before the actual exam. These circumstances made the Exam commission choose to call the exam non valid.

**e.** Internal budget (Valentine)

Valentine states that the internal budget is still sufficient. The promotion material, which consisted of stickers, mugs and posters cost the FSR 400 euros. Valentine asks if there are any costs for the debate, but the FSR says that there are no costs. For the Hongkong lunch there will be a budget up to 50 euros. Regarding the inwerkweekend, the budget is sufficient enough and Valentine will talk to Annette about it. 2000 euros should be enough for this weekend. Mirte asks if there will be a dinner at the end of the year. The FSR states that there is money for that and it can take place. Valentine states that the possibilities for a dinner can be looked at after the inwerkweekend.

**f.** Diversity officer (Alaa)

Alaa states that José asked the FSR if a member could sit in the group who will choose the diversity officer. Valentine, Alex and Alaa state that they are willing to do this.

**g.** Hong Kong lecture (Darius)

Darius states that he has contacted every tutor, but that there was no one who would want to give the lecture. Darius states this is due to vacations or the lack of willingness to give an extra lecture. Valentine states that Rutger Kapoet could be a possibility. Mirte states that the tutor that does the lecture can be paid. Darius states that money is not the issue. Darius states that the FSR could do a lecture about the university. Mirte asks when the deadline will be for this. The deadline will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June and gives the option of a more student-based lecture. The FSR does not agree with that. Bram states that the FSR should state that the lecture plan fell through and that he can do a tour around campus and talk about the UvA. Darius asks about the situation of bad weather.

**7. Announcements**

**8. PPLE sub council** (see Jose's new email)

José had a new proposal send through email, this is in the line of what PPLE wanted. Mirte states she is happy with the proposal, but that she has concerns about the intentions of it.

Valentine has concerns about the stand of law students in the council, because there was a lot



of discussion between council members about the outcome of the student elections. Alex states that the council as a whole does not have an environment of mutual respect between law and PPLE. Alex states that the point that Valentine made is valid. All council members have voted truthfully and rightfully on this matter. Valentine states that it is a legitimate concern he has to put a cap on the position of PPLE in the council. Bram states that PPLE and law students have not shown any interests in each other's matters. Mirte states that she agrees both with Bram and Valentine.

Annette states that the discussion over the inwerkweekend showed that there is a division between law and PPLE students in the council. The inwerkweekend should be a moment to bring both types of students together to unite them. Darius agrees that unity between the two would be great and that putting a cap on PPLE is not the solution. The fact that law students and PPLE are together in one council is not ideal, but this is an intern problem. The problem is that law students do not vote and are not involved enough in the elections. This is a failure of the FSR and happens every year. Valentine states that the cooperation between PPLE and law students has worked previous years and that it only caused conflicts this year. Bram states that the name cap is not fair. It is fundamentally different from what the definition of cap is.

Thereby Bram states that the low turn up in the law faculty cannot be blamed on OpRecht.

Valentine states that this issue can affect future councils and does not want that to happen. The discussion is frustrating for both sides. Alex states that the cap is not as hostile as it seems and that it comes close to what PPLE had in mind for their position in the council. Annette states that the discussion about this matter has been done greatly. Mirte states that there needs to be more attentions to the atmosphere in the council. What the law students in the council said makes Mirte sad and changes her view about this proposal.

Leo states that he sees the proposal as an improvement to the current structure. Darius states that the only reason for this discussion is that the sentiment against PPLE students from law students. Alex states that during the inwerkweekend there will be emphasis will be placed on unity in the council. Mirte states that the current FSR can establish a voting curriculum, which can be  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

Bram states that he sees the proposal as a stepping-stone in the autonomy of PPLE in the council and the faculty. Acclamation of the sub council will have effects on the working agreements.

Student council is in favor of the proposal of José to change the working agreements.

All in favor 8, against 1, abstaining 1.



It has passed and the proposal will be put into work.

#### **9. Advice sustainability**

Mirte states there are six recommendations made for the sustainability, but that there need to be more concrete plans. The law and innovation hub have to meet to the sustainability plans. Credits for social projects for the Hub. Environmental courses in the bachelor. Bram states that the FSR sees that there will be space for an international and environmental law course for PPLE and law students. Forty students will definitely attend these courses.

Voting on approving the advice and sending it to the board:

All in favor 9, blanco 1.

The advice has been approved and will be send to the board.

#### **10. OV 4<sup>th</sup> of June**

Agenda points & pre OV

Alaa asks if the time of the PV should be the same time as it has been during May. The time will be from 11-13 and if the council members are available in the first week of July for an extra OV-meeting. For now the PV meetings will be on Friday from 11-13.

Darius asks if people can fill in the doodle for the pre-OV.

Points for the OV:

- New council with 5 PPLE members who do not speak Dutch will affect the OV-meetings that have to be done in English.
- Update on lecture recordings PPLE.
- Communication towards students
- EU-law exam/BSA lowering
- Hub
- Sustainability/Moving
- Diversity officers/vertrouwenspersoon (update)
- JB
- Sterke medezeggenschap

Pre-OV: Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 11-13 at Crea. Darius will invite the student assessors.

#### **11. WVTTK.**

#### **12. Closing of the meeting**

Annette closes the meeting at 13:16.

#### ***Pro Memorie:***

1. **Answer** the incoming posts on your own if it regards your dossier
2. If you say you will go to a meeting/CoBo, you are expected to be there or find a replacement on your own



3. Finish your **To Do's** before the next PV
4. Alaa sends the PV agenda to the assessors (weekly).
5. If there is anything the next council should know or pay attention to, council members should save memo's in the drive.

TD180525 make a dossier outline a-z for coming council for the 6<sup>th</sup> of June.

TD180525 Annette will arrange the studentenplein for Hongkong visit.

TD180525 PR asks law students on FB if they want to attend the lunch.