



**Conceptsamenvatting van de 211^e Overlegvergadering
tussen de Centrale Studentenraad en het College van Bestuur
gehouden op 10 oktober 2023**

Van de zijde van de CSR 2022-2023: Noah Pellikaan, Titus van der Valk, Mic Cimmino, Ihab Laachir, Sanaa Kashif, Noah Benjamins, Joaquim Becker, Diana Burduja, Sofia Frumkina, Stefana Feciuc, Roza Wagenaer.

Afwezig: Ruben Brouwer, Jessey van Oostende Swanepoel, Saar Schnieders

Van de zijde van het College van Bestuur: Geert ten Dam (president CvB), Peter-Paul Verbeek (Rector Magnificus CvB), Mariska Herweijer (board secretary);

Afwezig:

Gast:

Technisch voorzitter: Tosca Manrique Hehl;

Verslag: Abigail Gilchrist (administrative secretary CSR);

Publieke tribune: Bora Fidan (medezeggenschap coördinator).

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1. Opening and setting the agenda

15 *The technical chair opens the meeting at 14:02 and welcomes all participants.*

Exam Commission Regulations is taken off the agenda.

2. Setting the concept minutes 05-07-2023

The minutes of the 11th of September have been set.

3. Checking the action list

20 *The action list was checked. See the attachment.*

~~230911-01 — Verbeek will provide an update on the working plan of AIEC for the upcoming year by the next OV~~



25 Verbeek updates there was a meeting with AIEC on October 5th. Agreements have been made regarding the setup of AIEC, such as including members from all faculties.

~~230606-01 — The CvB will provide an update on the difficulties in scheduling a meeting with AIEC throughout the CSR 22/23 term by the next OV.~~
The earlier update has covered this action point.

4. Announcements

30 Announcements from the CSR:

- a. Pellikaan announces Burduja has joined the CSR as the new FSR-FMG delegate.
- b. The GV has elected Noah Pellikaan and Erella Grassiani as chair and vice-chair, respectively, of the GV.

Announcements from the CvB:

- 35 a. The CvB has discussed the attendance of CvB members at meetings with the CSR and it has been decided Ten Dam and Lintsen will alternate OVs. Pellikaan states for every meeting Ten Dam is not present she will be missed.
- 40 b. Verbeek updates internationalisation is still high on the CvB agenda. The CvB is preparing for what is to come by creating a working group on the potential impact of various scenarios that may be implemented in the newly proposed law by the Dutch government on internalisation. The working group will begin working soon in preparation for the proposed law, which may come in the spring.
- 45 c. Verbeek announces there is a new research lab on AI, specifically video AI.
- d. The CvB has spoken about accessibility and decided they will conduct a feasibility check a.s.a.p. on all the accessibility report proposals with the process manager of educational logistics. For each of the elements of the recommendations report, there will also be a plan for the short-term and longer-term implementation.

50 5. Third-Party Collaboration Unsolicited Advice

Verbeek appreciates the CSR's engagement and acknowledging of the outcomes of the dialogues on third party collaborations. He states that the CvB is working on a written reply to the unsolicited advice by the CSR, but that he still appreciates to have a discussion now as well.

55 Feciuc updates the CvB the advice has been signed by multiple parties since the initial advice was sent. The new signatories on the advice include the Green Office, FSR-FGw, FSR-FMG, FSR-FEB and FSR-FdR. Feciuc proposes to discuss each main topic of the advice separately.

Advisory committee

60 Regarding the suggestions for the advisory committee in the unsolicited advice, Verbeek indicates that the suggestion to put all new projects through a committee is not feasible since there are hundreds of new projects every year. He considers introducing a procedure in which project proposals would need to go through a short checklist. If any of the questions is answered with a yes, the project would need to go through the committee. Verbeek clarifies the checklist is only an idea and is not currently implemented.

65 Verbeek further mentions that research projects are in the mandate of the deans. . The new
framework is central and when the CvB and the deans have reached an agreement on it, they
will act in accordance to it. Ten Dam adds the deans are responsible for education and research
programs by law but the academic freedom of scientists is also protected by law. The deans
themselves may also not be able to limit certain collaborations based on legal frameworks and
rights. Feciuc believes an advice of the advisory committee on project proposals should be
70 legally binding, ensuring that a dean needs to give an explanation if they would go against the
advice

Feciuc asks how the CvB would look into making financial resources available if needed for the
advisory committee. Verbeek responds he does not see a financial obstacle at the moment but if
financial resources are needed, the CvB will investigate ways to make them available. Feciuc
75 mentions if the committee needs to be strengthened to manage the workload, financial
resources could be made available to add more members. Verbeek responds the CvB will take
the suggestion into account as it is important there is enough capacity to do the work of the
committee. Verbeek mentions the CvB is in the process of updating the framework, including
the workings of the committee. Feciuc mentions she has not seen an overview on how the
80 committee will operate. Verbeek updates the new framework will ensure the committee is
working properly.

Feciuc asks for a further explanation of the CvB's stance on Medezeggenschap participation in
the advisory committee. Verbeek believes it is not a good idea to include Medezeggenschap as
the committee discusses individual research projects. Verbeek states the Medezeggenschap is
85 involved on the policy level, rather than in the implementation. Feciuc believes policy design
happens at the committee level as well. Verbeek responds the policy is established in the
framework for the advisory committee and deans to adhere to. Becker asks if the
Medezeggenschap has consenting rights on the appointment of members of the advisory
committee. Verbeek responds the Medezeggenschap would not have a role in this process and
90 the CvB follows the law that determines where Medezeggenschap is involved.

Feciuc asks how the members of the committee are chosen. Verbeek will include this in the
response to the CSR advice. Feciuc sees that there is a problem without a selection procedure
for the committee. The CvB will look into the procedure for the advisory committee composition
on third-party collaborations and include the logic of the composition by the next OV **[action]**.

95 Feciuc asks if the CvB has considered a separate list for companies that are red flagged. Verbeek
responds the UvA does not want to blacklist companies. Feciuc clarifies it would be a list of
certain companies that would automatically be sent to the advisory committee if there were
project proposals from these companies. Verbeek clarifies all projects from the fossil sector will
already be brought to the committee automatically. Verbeek believes it is not about companies
100 but about the sector of the projects. Ten Dam further clarifies the companies provide no form of
sponsorship to the UvA and are strictly collaborators on projects.

Transparency

The CvB created a register of the UvA's current collaborations with fossil fuel industry. Full
details from the contracts cannot be provided but the CvB will explain certain projects on the
registry. Verbeek updates that the model contracts are available for the CSR to view. The CvB
105 will send the CSR the model contracts that the previous CSR received **[action]**.

Feciuc mentions the CSR acknowledges contracts cannot be shared due to privacy reasons but asks that information that does not fall under GDPR is made available. Verbeek states publishing contracts would be a precedent that he believes is not good for future collaborations. The CvB aims to publish the information needed to assess why a particular collaboration with the fossil sector in a project is called for despite the stringent rules.. Feciuc believes there is a problem with publishing only information relevant to make a certain decision as it is not as accountable or transparent. Verbeek asks where the CSR sees a lack of accountability. He mentions the advisory committee will make an periodic report. Feciuc explains making contracts public can ensure information that is concluded based on public resources is transparent. Feciuc mentions the CSR does not necessarily need a periodic report but rather an overview of the project outcomes. Verbeek clarifies the projects should be assessed, decided upon and made public by the committee, providing an overview through the periodic report.

Reporting

Feciuc asks if there is a way the UvA can be notified about the process of certain projects once they arrive to the committee as she believes updates could signal whether the committee is working properly. Verbeek mentions he does not believe the CvB and CSR should interfere by publishing the advices of the advisory committee. He regrets the low level of trust the CSR seems to have in the committee's diligence.

Feciuc mentions the CSR would like the advisory committee report to be made publicly available as soon as possible due to information issues in the past. Feciuc clarifies the CSR would like to see reports made available for academics, policy-makers, and other stakeholders at the UvA to have more information for discussion. Verbeek states this is the logic behind the register. Feciuc mentions the register does not always work given the mistake made with the Battery NL project. Verbeek acknowledges the information gathering for the registry can be improved and that the Battery NL project was unfortunately not in view at the faculty level.

Greenwashing

Verbeek acknowledges the greenwashing aspect is difficult. The CvB has come to the conclusion, given the climate state of emergency, that conducting research projects that contribute to the Paris Agreement is crucial even if some greenwashing cannot be avoided.

Feciuc asks how the UvA can guarantee greenwashing cases will only be made exceptional and the proper steps have been taken. Verbeek mentions the UvA aims to combat any greenwashing by stipulations in contracts and by openly communicating about collaborations with third-parties.

The discussion concludes with the statement that the CSR will be consulted again in November on the framework.

6. Medezeggenschap Funding

The CSR would like to discuss the current budget for operations of the CSR, allocated by the CvB. The CSR asks the CvB to consider an increase to the operational budget of the CSR as the student numbers have increased, including the amount of work for the CSR to reach the increasing number of students.



Verbeek has checked the CSR budget over the past few years and asks why the CSR would like to raise the budget as the allocated money has not been spent before. Becker responds the CSR has been able to internally budget the money appropriately. The increase would be to facilitate
150 outreach to students as student engagement numbers are low. The funding can be used to alleviate the workload of CSR members as well. Pellikaan mentions the growth of student numbers, further increasing the CSR's work to reach students. More CSR funding has been spent towards election and election promotions, which has helped increase voter turnout in the past few years. Verbeek agrees that the capacity for outreach to students has grown and agrees the
155 CSR has helped to increase voter turnout through election promotion.

Ten Dam adds there is additional budget that is used for legal costs on top of the 80,000. If specific legal advice is needed, the CSR is able to use the budget. Becker asks if this includes the WHW translation service. Ten Dam clarifies it does not. The CvB will ask other universities in the Netherlands if there is a translated version of the WHW the CSR can use **[action]**.

160 Ten Dam states the CSR can make a budget proposal and the CvB can look at the budget to see what can be done. Pellikaan mentions the CSR would like to tie the budget to inflation and student numbers. Verbeek questions if the CSR would have more work with the increase of student numbers overall. Pellikaan mentions that more of the work for the CSR becomes outreach as it takes time away from advisory work.

165 The CvB is willing to look into the budget further. Verbeek mentions the CvB would like to see a rational basis and argumentation to base the budget increase on. Verbeek sees the budget as connected to students in regards to outreach. Pellikaan mentions the fund increase would help with trainings for the FSRs and CSR. The CvB will consider the budget increase based on a proposal from the CSR.

170 **7. Menstrual Products Update**

Cimmino asks for an update on the implementation of free menstrual products. The update will be included in the minutes of the next OV as the timeline is still being worked on. In the OV of 230911 the CvB stated "*if necessary a meeting can always be organised*" in reference to setting up a meeting with Facility Services. Cimmino asks if setting a meeting is still possible. Ten Dam
175 responds the CSR can always request a meeting.

Feciuc asks if there could be a breakdown of costs regarding the menstrual product pilot implementation. The CvB explains the numbers given to the previous CSR was based on a calculation for dispensers to be installed in every bathroom. It was then decided not to install dispensers in every bathroom so the calculations were dismissed. Feciuc responds the CSR
180 would like to see what goes into the costs for a better understanding.

Cimmino would like to schedule a technical meeting to discuss the implementation and the breakdown of the costs. The CvB will check with facility services to see if a breakdown of the estimated costs for menstrual products could be given to the CSR **[action]**. Cimmino further mentions the dispensers in the hallway are a step forward but believes it is still unsafe for
185 students given people who menstruate are not always women. The dispensers placed only in the hallways may increase anxiety or create unsafe situations for those students. Verbeek states that menstrual products can also be obtained at the vending machines which are usually located

at a less public location. He is sorry to hear the CSR does not consider the current implementation a success.

190 **8. Any other business**

There is no other business.

9. Questions

Frumkina asks if the CvB has hired a mental health policy advisor. The CvB will check whether a mental health policy advisor has been hired **[action]**.

195 Pellikaan asks if there is an update on the mental health academic resource centre. Verbeek is not sure if there is any recent update.

Benjamins asks if there is an update on the administrative evaluation of the allocation model. The CvB will provide the CSR with an update on the administrative evaluation of the allocation model **[action]**

200 Wagenaer asks the CvB if there is any update on flex studying. Verbeek states the CvB is looking into the priorities on flex studying. He is not sure if it is feasible with the understaffing of academic affairs.

Van der Valk asks if there is a coordinator of exam committees. There is a national exam committee for medicine but not an UvA wide one. The CvB advises Van der Valk to meet with
205 Roos Eggers to give an explanation of the exam committees

10. Closing the meeting

The technical chair ends the meeting at 15:47.

The next OV will be on the 21st of November.

Actielijst OV

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| 210 | 231010-01 | The CvB will send the CSR the model contracts that were sent to the previous CSR. |
| | 231010-02 | The CvB will ask other universities in the Netherlands if there is a translated version of the WHW the CSR can use. |
| | 231010-03 | The CvB will check with facility services to see if a breakdown of the estimated costs for menstrual products could be given to the CSR. |
| 215 | 231010-04 | The CvB will check whether a mental health policy advisor has been hired. |
| | 231010-05 | The CvB will provide the CSR with an update on the administrative evaluation of the education model. |
| | 230911-01 | Verbeek will provide an update on the working plan of AIEC for the upcoming year by the next OV |
| 220 | 230606-01 | The CvB will provide an update on the difficulties in scheduling a meeting with AIEC throughout the CSR 22/23 term by the next OV. |

Pro memoria

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| | 190619-01 | The CvB pays close attention to the involvement of PhD's when getting input from the academic community. |
| 225 | 180904-01 | The CvB emphasizes the importance of incorporating the input of the medezeggenschap while preparing for the annual talks with the deans. |
| | 140604-01 | Het College geeft indien van toepassing de CSR een update ten aanzien van de samenwerkingsplannen met andere instellingen of instituten. |
| 230 | 100907-02 | Het CvB zal de capaciteit van fietsenplekken, studieplekken en ruimtes voor studieverenigingen tijdens het realiseren van de nieuwbouw en verhuizingen scherp in de gaten houden en ingrijpen wanneer een tekort ontstaat. |



Voor het komende artikel24-overleg:

- 130610-01 Het College voorziet de CSR van een halfjaarlijkse tijdsplanning voor adviesmomenten.
- 235 130123-07 Er zal duidelijk worden stilgestaan bij (mondelinge) toezeggingen van het College, zodat er geen onnodige schriftelijke reacties hoeven te worden gegeven, maar de toezeggingen wel helder worden genotuleerd.
- 130123-08 Indien de CSR vraagt om een motivatie voor vertrouwelijkheid van een stuk, zal het College het stuk daarvan voorzien.
- 240 130123-09 De contactpersoon van de medezeggenschap kan ook worden benaderd voor vragen en het verstrekken van informatie aan de FSR'en.

List of Abbreviations

| Abbreviation | English | Nederlands |
|--------------|--|--|
| CSR | Central Student Council | Centrale studentenraad |
| COR | Central Workers Council | Centrale ondernemingsraad |
| DB | Daily Board | Dagelijks Bestuur |
| GV | General Assembly | Gezamenlijke vergadering |
| GV meeting | General Assembly meeting | Vergadering van de gezamenlijke vergadering |
| CvB | Board of Executives | College van Bestuur |
| O&O | Education and Research | Onderwijs en Onderzoek |
| O&F | Organization and Finance | Organisatie en Financiën |
| PR | Public Relations | Promotie |
| PV | Plenary meeting (of the CSR) | Plenaire vergadering (van de CSR) |
| OV | Plenary meeting (with the CvB) | Overlegvergadering (met het CvB) |
| FSR(s) | Faculty student council(s) | Facultaire studentenraad(en) |
| PC(s) | Program committee(s) | Opleidingscommissie(s) |
| FEB | Faculty Economics and Business | Faculteit Economie en Bedrijfskunde |
| FGw | Faculty of Humanities | Faculteit der Geesterwetenschappen |
| FMG | Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences | Faculteit Maatschappij & Gedrag |
| FdG | Faculty of Medicine | Faculteit der Geneeskunde |
| FdR | Faculty of Law | Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid |
| ACTA | Academic Center for Dentistry Amsterdam | Academisch Centrum Tandheelkunde Amsterdam |
| FNWI | Faculty of Science | Faculteit Natuurwetenschappen, Wiskunde en Informatica |
| PPL | Politics, Psychology, Law and Economics | Politiek, psychologie, rechten en economie |
| SA | Student Assessor | Student assessor |
| UvA | University of Amsterdam | Universiteit van Amsterdam |
| W.v.t.t.k. | Any other Business | Wat verder ter tafel komt |



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Verslag: Abigail Gilchrist (administrative secretary CSR);

Publieke tribune: Kasper Mooijaart (FSR-FNWI), Melanie Kool (FSR-FNWI), Renad Mangoud (UvA student), Francesco Liaci (FSR-FdR).

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- 10 9. **W.v.t.t.k.** // Any other business
 - **Stappenplan toegankelijkheid** // Accessibility Roadmap
 - **Mentale gezondheidsadviseur** // Mental Health Advisor
10. **Rondvraag** // Questions
11. **Sluiting** // Closing of the meeting

- 15 **1. Opening and setting the agenda**
The technical chair opens the meeting at 13:34 and welcomes all participants.

Gender neutral toilets is moved to agenda point 6.

- 20 **2. Setting the concept minutes 10-10-2023**
The minutes of the 10th of October have been set.

- 20 **3. Checking the action list**
The action list was checked. See the attachment.



~~231010-01 The CvB will send the CSR the model contracts that were sent to the previous CSR.~~

The CvB has sent the model contracts.

25 ~~231010-02 The CvB will ask other universities in the Netherlands if there is a translated version of the WHW the CSR can use.~~

The CSR has received two translated documents which have been sent to the CSR.

30 **231010-03 The CvB will ask facility services to provide the CSR with the recalculation of menstrual products at the UvA.**

Cimmino updates facility services has not responded to recent CSR emails. The CvB will ask facility services to get back to Cimmino regarding the recalculation for menstrual products. The action point is changed.

231010-04 The CvB will check whether a mental health policy advisor has been hired.

The action point will be discussed in the W.V.T.T.K.

35 **231010-05 The CvB will send an updated timeline for the evaluation of the allocation model..**

The CvB will begin earliest February of next year with the process to evaluate the allocation model. The financial department has experienced understaffing difficulties which has caused a delay. The CvB will give an update on the planning in the next OV.

40 **4. Announcements**

Announcements from the CSR:

- a. Pellikaan announces Frumkina as the new O&O chair.
- b. The CSR had a tour of the University Library and is pleased with the inclusion of study spaces, bike parking, gender neutral bathrooms and a contemplation room.
- c. Pellikaan states he is happy Verbeek could attend the CSR's CoBo.

Announcements from the CvB:

- a. Verbeek updates that the CvB and deans will send a message regarding the Israel-Gaza situation. The message emphasises the safety and inclusion of all students and staff at the UvA.
- b. The framework for third-party collaborations is still in the process of being updated. A recent discussion with the deans revealed some obstacles regarding the operability of the framework, for instance regarding knowledge security. The CvB decided to work on the part of the framework regarding the fossil industry first, to provide an actionable guideline that will be finalised at the beginning of the calendar year. After this, the update of the entire framework will be completed.
- c. The CvB has received updates on student well-being. The CvB will share the results of the update on student well-being with the CSR [**action**].
- d. The student well-being button is a success among students.

5. Contemplation Room House Rules

The CSR has discussed informally with the CvB regarding the contemplation room house rules, particularly the rule stating :

65 *"The contemplation room is a neutral space. The room may not in any way be claimed or appropriated by supporters of one specific political, religious or personal persuasion through decorations, inscriptions, furnishings, layout or the behaviour of users. Neither will any discrimination be tolerated by or between users on any other grounds".*

70 Kashif shares that students have experienced issues in being unable to leave items in the contemplation room. For instance, students using the room for prayer or for yoga are unable to take their materials with them throughout the day. Kashif emphasises the importance of a cupboard or storage locker in the room that allows the space to remain neutral. Given the current pilot of a cupboard/locker at JK, Kashif requests to update the house rules for contemplation rooms to allow for storage. Lintsen agrees that the proposal includes the aims of the UvA. Lintsen states that the CvB is in agreement to add the cupboard in all the other
75 contemplation rooms. The CvB would add a rule that the cupboards will be emptied twice a year, once before the Christmas recess and once before the summer recess. Kashif asks if the rule would be formalised in the house rules for contemplation rooms and if it is possible to amend the house rules to reflect the new proposed addition. Lintsen confirms the house rules for the contemplation rooms will be amended to formalise both additions. The CSR will receive
80 an update from the CvB on the timeline for adding the cupboards/lockers to the contemplation rooms [action]. Frumkina asks when the CSR would see a change in the house rules. Lintsen states he is unsure but most likely the rules can be amended by the end of the year.

6. Gender Neutral Toilets

85 The CSR hosted a gender conference on Monday the 20th in which students shared experiences regarding feelings of safety and inclusion on campus. Cimmino states a few of the outcomes of the conference included students stating they feel unsafe and their gender concerns are not properly addressed. Along with the conference, Cimmino and Feciuc prepared a survey on gender at the UvA. As two main findings, Cimmino shares 63% of non-cis students feel unsafe or uncomfortable using a gendered toilet. Further, 80% of respondents were comfortable with
90 gender neutral toilets. Given the results of the survey, Cimmino proposes one gender neutral toilet per floor of each building.

Lintsen updates the CvB is currently working on the implementation of gender neutral toilets. The aim of the UvA is to have one gender neutral toilet in each building. He believes a gender neutral bathroom per floor would be difficult to achieve. Lintsen recommends Cimmino to tour
95 with Facility Services to see where the gender neutral toilets are located and point out any bottlenecks. Cimmino mentions each floor of each REC campus building provides at least one gendered toilet which is why they formulated the proposal for a gender neutral toilet per floor. Cimmino elaborates in REC-B there are two toilets that are gendered on the same floor, in which one could be made gender neutral. Ihab adds increasing gender neutral toilets also supports
100 students with disabilities, particularly for students who need extra assistance in getting to the bathroom. Lintsen states the next step should be to meet with facility services to further consult on the location of future gender neutral toilets and create proposals. The CvB will set up a meeting (and tour) with facility services to discuss the placement of gender neutral toilets [action].

105 Schnieders asks if there are currently plans for the new buildings to include a certain amount of gender neutral bathrooms. Lintsen confirms all the new buildings do have plans for gender neutral toilets, but not for each floor. Feciuc asks how the UvA collects data regarding student's gender. The basis for the administration of students is the national enrollment system (Studielink). In this there are three options are possible; male, female and unknown. Feciuc
110 recommends the UvA to conduct their own surveys on gender distribution. Verbeek states he can reach out to the other Rectors in the Netherlands to put gender registration in Studielink on

the national agenda. The CvB will add Studielink and gender to the agenda of the meeting for the Rectors of the Netherlands to discuss and will give the CSR an update about this afterwards [action]. Becker recommends to create a policy on gender neutral bathrooms to create a standard for new buildings. The CvB will look into the building regulations for new buildings to see how the policy on gender neutral bathrooms are formulated and provide an update to the CSR [action].

Burduja enters 14:28

7. Mandatory Attendance

120 The CSR has previously discussed the possibility of amending the model OER to reflect the CBE's statement on mandatory attendance, as further specified in the WHW in Article 7.13, second paragraph. Van der Valk states he understands mandatory attendance is necessary in certain cases but often times is misused. Van der Valk states students should be protected from the misuse of mandatory attendance. He would like a framework to define what a practical exercise is and to have a framework that outlines the sanctions for mandatory attendance.

125 Van der Valk asks for input on when there should be mandatory attendance. After discussions in the CSR, the CSR has adapted the following conditions for the definition of a practical exercise: "[...] must be specific, have a demonstrable value, cannot reasonably be expected to learn without attending the class, should be practically oriented." Van der Valk adds there should be an exception for first year students. First year students often have a higher need for mandatory attendance to create social cohesion and further support students in transferring from high school or other parts of life. Van der Valk recommends the programmes should decide what a practical exercise is within certain boundaries.

135 Verbeek agrees that it is important to prevent that the university becomes too 'schoolish' and that mandatory attendance should be a topic to discuss in light of this. Verbeek agrees the revision of the model OER should be used as a formal way to address mandatory attendance centrally, but that the curricula of education programmes are decided on at the faculty level. The internationalisation law that is currently being developed is also a factor to take into account for amending the model OER, as well as the upcoming ITK (Instellingstoets Kwaliteitszorg). Once the law is in place, and the ITK has taken place, the model OER will be adjusted. The ITK will take place at the end of 2024 and its results will come in early 2025. Verbeek add the UCO will also have a role in advising on the model OER in which the CvB will follow further advice from the UCO, and that the actual education programmes are decided on within the faculties.

145 Verbeek adds the policy on mandatory attendance should further be deduced from the learning objectives of the programmes. Given certain defined objectives, mandatory attendance may be required. Verbeek states the requirement related to practical skills may require physical attendance, such as programmes that require group excursions or discussions. Verbeek advises to elaborate a proposal for a reformulation of the model OER and bring the topic to the UCO to have a discussion. Verbeek adds that FSR members can also address mandatory attendance in the faculty OER discussions, which will happen within the current CSR term. The CSR can also put it on the agenda of the UCO to discuss what can be done in anticipation of the amendment of the Model OER. Van der Valk asks about the feasibility of changing the policy on mandatory attendance before the next academic year. Verbeek responds it may not be possible since the model OER process does not begin until after the following academic year. Van der Valk asks if

155 an addendum is feasible. The CvB will check whether adding an addendum to the model OER is a feasible option for adapting a policy on mandatory attendance [**action**]. If this is not possible, Verbeek states that the CSR can consider other possibilities to put mandatory attendance on the agenda, in collaborating with the FSRs.

8. Third-Party Collaboration

160 Feciuc thanks the CvB for their response and addressing the substantive points of the CSR. Feciuc would like to further discuss subtopics within the response.

Advisory Committee

Feciuc updates the FSR-FNWI has co-signed the CSR's advice. As the advisory committee should be composed of experts, FSR-FNWI has proposed the Medezeggenschap could be involved in selecting the members of the advisory committee. As stated in the advice, the members are selected by the deans. Feciuc mentions a proposed compromise would be to have Medezeggenschap to advise on a member of the committee. Feciuc clarifies the membership of the advisory committee is important for deciding on the criteria being used in the framework on third party policies. In terms of criteria present, such as human rights violations, Feciuc believes having a voice in the appointment of the potential members of the committee may reflect what the Medezeggenschap thinks regarding interpretation of the framework criteria.

Verbeek responds that the student Medezeggenschap does not have a say in research collaborations. Regarding the employee Medezeggenschap, Verbeek is not entirely sure. Feciuc asks if it is possible to include the OR Medezeggenschap. Verbeek states that he is against politicising the committee. Verbeek agrees there should be checks and balances in place to ensure the committee is independent. Verbeek will further consider the possibilities to secure the committee's independence and will update the CSR on this [**action**].

Core Business Model

Feciuc clarifies in the CvB's response, the statement "*Completely excluding certain parties (at the company level not at the project level) [...] goes against the outcome of the dialogue [...]*" was not what the intention of the CSR. The CSR rather proposes investigating the core business model of a company because it may provide more information for flagging certain violations, such as human rights or environmentally damaging violations. Verbeek states the feasibility of taking into account the core of all companies that we work with may be difficult. If each project from Google, for example, needs to go through a committee, the amount of workload may not be feasible. Verbeek asks what the added value is to investigate if a specific company is involved regarding human rights and the environment as ultimately the projects are the main point of interest. Feciuc mentions in the Instellingsplan, it is a goal for the UvA to select certain partners to collaborate with, such as avoiding collaborations with the tobacco or weapons industry.

190 Feciuc proposes following UN standards in forming collaborations, particularly relating to companies that commit human rights violations. Feciuc states the standards already exist in the policy framework of the UvA. Verbeek answers that he agrees, and that this is the reason why we have a committee for working with third parties. The committee evaluates projects on a case-by-case basis, and categorical exceptions, like the one regarding the tobacco industry, are only made in rare circumstances.

Reporting

The CvB has confirmed reporting will be done regularly. Verbeek confirms a periodic report will be made. The CvB will include the frequency of reporting in the updated framework. Verbeek states that he would not like to do live reporting, since this might affect the work of the committee. Feciuc states the CSR would appreciate a quarterly report.

Contracts

Feciuc is aware there are many factors that limit the possibility of making contracts public. Feciuc asks why it would not be possible to publish a contract after a project is finished. Verbeek states there is often a lot of confidential information in contracts. For example companies may have differing fees with different partners. Verbeek states that the model contract of the UvA is guiding the contracts that are being made; this model contract can be made public.

9. Any other business

Accessibility Roadmap

Laachir mentions the CSR was informed the framework would be finished in October but has been delayed. Laachir would appreciate if the CSR is notified when there are delays. Laachir asks if the CvB has considered the article that came from the ECIO on the state of inclusive education. The article states education is not as inclusive as it should be and includes recommendations for higher universities. The CvB will check if the UvA has signed the UN Convention on Disability **[action]**. The CSR will receive the accessibility roadmap as soon as possible.

Mental Health Policy Advisor

Verbeek updates the appointment of the policy advisor has become part of the budget discussion, which has presented a problem. The agreement was that the advisor would be embedded in Academic Affairs. Currently, Academic Affairs has an unbalanced budget. Frumkina asks if a person is not hired if there are any alternative plans. Verbeek mentions the alternative plan would be a part-time appointment. The action point is left on.

Questions

Pellikaan asks when the CSR can expect a response on the CSR internal budget. The CSR can expect a response at the beginning of next week.

Pellikaan asks if there is an update on a technical meeting about Eduroam. The meeting proposal times will be sent this week and Abbey will plan the meeting.

Pellikaan asks if there are any formal OV regulations regarding whether a meeting is public. The CvB is unaware of these regulations. Abbey will look into whether there are OV meeting regulations.

10. Closing the meeting

The technical chair ends the meeting at 15:37.

The next OV will be on the 16th of January.



Actielijst OV

- 235 231121-01 The CvB will share the results of the update on student well-being with the CSR.
231121-02 The CSR will receive an update from the CvB on the timeline for adding the cupboards/lockers to the contemplation rooms.
231121-03 The CvB will set up a meeting with facility services to discuss the placement of gender neutral toilets.
- 240 231121-04 The CvB will add Studielink and gender to the agenda of the meeting for the Rectors of the Netherlands to discuss.
231121-06 The CvB will look into the building regulations for new buildings to see how the policy on gender neutral bathrooms are formulated and provide an update to the CSR.
- 245 231121-07 The CvB will check whether adding an addendum to the model OER is a feasible option for adapting a policy on mandatory attendance.
221121-08 The CvB will check if the UvA has signed the UN Convention on Disability.
~~231010-01 The CvB will send the CSR the model contracts that were sent to the previous CSR.~~
~~231010-02 Ten Dam will ask other universities in the Netherlands if there is a translated version of the WHW the CSR can use.~~
- 250 231010-03 The CvB will check with facility services to see if a breakdown of the estimated costs could be given to the CSR before a technical meeting is scheduled.
231010-04 The CvB will check whether a mental health policy advisor has been hired.
231010-05 The CvB will send an updated timeline for the evaluation of the allocation model.

255 Pro memoria

- 190619-01 The CvB pays close attention to the involvement of PhD's when getting input from the academic community.
180904-01 The CvB emphasizes the importance of incorporating the input of the medezeggenschap while preparing for the annual talks with the deans.
- 260 140604-01 Het College geeft indien van toepassing de CSR een update ten aanzien van de samenwerkingsplannen met andere instellingen of instituten.
100907-02 Het CvB zal de capaciteit van fietsenplekken, studieplekken en ruimtes voor studieverenigingen tijdens het realiseren van de nieuwbouw en verhuizingen scherp in de gaten houden en ingrijpen wanneer een tekort ontstaat.

265 Voor het komende artikel24-overleg:

- 130610-01 Het College voorziet de CSR van een halfjaarlijkse tijdsplanning voor adviesmomenten.
130123-07 Er zal duidelijk worden stilgestaan bij (mondelijke) toezeggingen van het College, zodat er geen onnodige schriftelijke reacties hoeven te worden gegeven, maar de toezeggingen wel helder worden genotuleerd.
- 270 130123-08 Indien de CSR vraagt om een motivatie voor vertrouwelijkheid van een stuk, zal het College het stuk daarvan voorzien.
130123-09 De contactpersoon van de medezeggenschap kan ook worden benaderd voor vragen en het verstrekken van informatie aan de FSR'en.

List of Abbreviations

| Abbreviation | English | Nederlands |
|--------------|--------------------------|---|
| CSR | Central Student Council | Centrale studentenraad |
| COR | Central Workers Council | Centrale ondernemingsraad |
| DB | Daily Board | Dagelijks Bestuur |
| GV | General Assembly | Gezamenlijke vergadering |
| GV meeting | General Assembly meeting | Vergadering van de gezamenlijke vergadering |
| CvB | Board of Executives | College van Bestuur |
| O&O | Education and Research | Onderwijs en Onderzoek |
| O&F | Organization and Finance | Organisatie en Financiën |

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| PR | Public Relations | Promotie |
| PV | Plenary meeting (of the CSR) | Plenaire vergadering (van de CSR) |
| OV | Plenary meeting (with the CvB) | Overlegvergadering (met het CvB) |
| FSR(s) | Faculty student council(s) | Facultaire studentenraad(en) |
| PC(s) | Program committee(s) | Opleidingscommissie(s) |
| FEB | Faculty Economics and Business | Faculteit Economie en Bedrijfskunde |
| FGw | Faculty of Humanities | Faculteit der Geesteswetenschappen |
| FMG | Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences | Faculteit Maatschappij & Gedrag |
| FdG | Faculty of Medicine | Faculteit der Geneeskunde |
| FdR | Faculty of Law | Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid |
| ACTA | Academic Center for Dentistry Amsterdam | Academisch Centrum Tandheelkunde Amsterdam |
| FNWI | Faculty of Science | Faculteit Natuurwetenschappen, Wiskunde en Informatica |
| PPLE | Politics, Psychology, Law and Economics | Politiek, psychologie, rechten en economie |
| SA | Student Assessor | Student assessor |
| UvA | University of Amsterdam | Universiteit van Amsterdam |
| W.v.t.t.k. | Any other Business | Wat verder ter tafel komt |



Conceptsamenvatting van de 214^e Overlegvergadering tussen de Centrale Studentenraad en het College van Bestuur gehouden op 12 maart 2024

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Conceptagenda

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- 15 14. **Rondvraag** // Questions
15. **Sluiting** // Closing of the meeting

1. Opening and setting the agenda

The technical chair opens the meeting at 15:30 and welcomes all participants.

2. Setting the concept minutes 16-01-2024

20 The minutes of the 16th of January have been set.

3. Checking the action list

The action list was checked. See the attachment.

240116-01 **The CvB will organise a technical meeting with legal affairs, the AUC and the CSR to discuss AUC student representation.**

25 The action point will be discussed in the IO on Tuesday.

~~240116-02 **The CvB will request an overview of the current training options for lecturers and teachers on social safety before the next OV.**~~

The trainings are listed on the website. The CvB will forward the links to the trainings on the website.



- 30 **231121-03 The CvB will set up a technical tour with facility services to discuss the placement of gender-neutral toilets at REC Campus.**
The consultations are finalised. The CSR would still like to meet with facility services at REC.
- ~~231121-04 In the next OV meeting there will be an update from the CvB on gender in Studielink.~~
- 35 Studielink has received an advice from the Rectors to make further options for gender possible. Studielink has not made promises but will keep it in mind. The action point is complete.
- 231121-06 The CvB will send the CSR the addendum to the building regulations on gender neutral bathrooms.**
The CvB has found discrepancies between the older building regulations and the new building regulations. The new building regulations will be updated similarly to the old regulations. The regulations will be adjusted specifically to include gender neutral bathrooms in building plans.
- 40 ~~231010-05 The CvB will send an updated timeline for the evaluation of the allocation model.~~

Announcements

Announcements from the CSR:

- 45 a. Pellikaan announces the CSR has received the responses on the work group CSR regulations. Suggestions will come from Bora, Maarten and the CSR. The CSR has received the response on registration of gender and Palestinian nationality.
- b. The CSR has become a partner organisation of ASVA
- 50 c. Pellikaan updates the advice on Ties with Israeli is co-signed by FSR FMG, FGw, FNWI, FEB, AUC, ASVA and Amsterdam United. The CSR is happy to see the opening of the humanitarian fund for Gaza. The CSR corrects the advice with the number of citizens killed in Gaza as 31,611.

Announcements from the CvB:

- 55 a. There are no further announcements.

Ihab enters 15:42

4. Profiling Fund

60 The CSR has received the profiling fund consent request from the CvB and is looking forward to the working group. The CSR would like to include three members in the working group as one member will coordinate with study/student associations, one member will represent Medezeggenschap and another member will be Dutch speaking. The CvB is in agreement with the three members of the CSR for the working group, two English speaking and one Dutch speaking.

65 The CSR asks whether there are plans for an increase for the boards of student and study associations. The decisions on further increases will be made in the profiling fund working group. Becker asks if there is enough space in the budget to increase the profiling fund for student and study associations. Lintsen states budget is not a problem but it is more about choosing where and how to spend the budget. The budget will be evaluated further in the working group. The CSR would also like to prioritise discussing the inflation correction and including a transition leave for transgender students in the working group.

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5. Canteen Policy

The CSR has sent an advice on the UvA canteens in which the council has raised concerns over the affordability of products offered, the privatization of businesses and the sustainability of the products offered. The CSR views the functioning of the canteen to provide accessible, healthy



75 and affordable food for students. Becker asks if there are steps taken to make food in the canteen more affordable. Lintsen states the University provides meals, snacks and drinks but it is not the universities responsibility to feed students. It is the individual students responsibility to provide for their own meals that are not included in the tuition fee. According to national legislation, universities are also not allowed to subsidise catering services. Funding for Dutch universities is limited to education and research. Currently, the UvA is working with the caterer to offer cheaper meals starting from 4 euros. Lintsen states the purpose of the canteen at the UvA is to provide a lively environment for students to spend time.

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85 Becker asks if it is possible to organize the canteen in a different way as companies are currently profiting off of students. As only 10% of students use the canteen for meals, Becker asks if the lively environment is applicable given the low percentage of consumption. Lintsen states the canteen is not only applicable for meals, but also for snacks and drinks. The UvA continues to provide meals but does not see it as fundamental.

90 Van der Valk asks for clarity on the allocation of funds for catering at the UvA. The CvB will include information on subsidizing catering within the response to the CSR's unsolicited advice on the canteen.

De-Privatization

95 Within the CSR's unsolicited advice and following the protest last week from anti-kantine, there is a call from students to organize a non-commercial, de-privatized and affordable canteen at the UvA. The CSR has asked if the CvB can develop a business plan for a non-commercial canteen, with a cost-benefit analysis to examine if it is a possibility. Lintsen states a business plan for a non-commercial canteen would be a part of the tendering process that will take place towards the end of the contract with the current caterer. In preparation, calculations can be made for tendering non-commercially. The figures for the commercial caterer will be included as well. There is a general agreement to look into possibilities in preparation for the tendering process. In the fall, the CvB will conduct another campus wide research into what are the wishes of the students and the employees of the UvA. In the new tendering procedure, a calculation can be made to see how the UvA can provide food themselves. The CSR will be involved in the process.

Plant-Based

105 The CSR would like to make plant-based catering a default within the canteen at the UvA. Van der Valk asks what the CvB believes regarding implementing a plant-based food policy. Lintsen clarifies the catering services are made as sustainable as possible but the UvA emphasis the importance of diversity of choice. Currently, the UvA no longer advertises meat products but believes it is important that options are still available.

110 In the unsolicited advice, the CSR has included recommendations for the plant-based default policy. For instance, the default milk used in coffees is oat milk, but alternative milks are provided upon request. Verbeek clarifies the CvB is working on implementing similar recommendations through the ongoing food governance approach. The CvB will react further in the unsolicited advice.

- 115 Van der Valk asks if a meeting can be set up for facility services, plant-based treaty and plant-based university to increase the plant-based options. Lintsen clarifies scientists from the UvA and the HvA are working with facility services to share ideas about more sustainable food options. Other stakeholders can be invited into the food governance group. Becker mentions the UvA and plant-based treaty are both working towards a protein transition and recommends
- 120 collaborating further to achieve the shared transitional goal. The CvB will look into signing the plant-based treaty by the next OV [action].

6. Internationalization

- The CSR is generally content with the UNL package of measures towards internationalization. The CSR would like to clarify a few points from the package of measures. Regarding the
- 125 selection procedure, the CSR would like more information on the current strategies for the selection procedure and how the selection procedure will be monitored. UNL is working on a national framework for selection. From the national framework, a vision will be formulated for the UvA as a whole which will solve discrepancies between faculties and aim to prevent biases. The CSR will be involved in the discussion for the general vision on the selection procedure.
- 130 Frumkina states the CSR has a preference for lottery and weighted lottery system. The CvB is in agreement but will have to further strategize possibilities.

- In the memo from UNL, the CSR understands the foundation year will be discontinued. For countries which do not provide the education that qualifies students for a bachelors programme at the UvA, the foundation year enables students to attend the UvA. The programme is
- 135 expensive, enabling only students with more funds to attend. The government no longer wants to provide for a foundation year. Frumkina states the CSR would like to see alternatives to a foundation year for students from non-EEA countries and to keep the topic on the agenda.

- There is currently a small part of the package that includes Dutch language course promotion for students. Frumkina asks if there are ideas for how the courses would be advertised to
- 140 students and if the courses would be mandatory. The proposed law states the courses must be offered but are not mandatory. Verbeek states it will cost a significant amount of money and resources to find teachers and the space to offer the proposed Dutch courses. The CSR would like to see that Dutch language courses include an emphasis for the Dutch job market to increase the retention of international students. The CvB will include a sentence on facilitating
- 145 knowledge of the Dutch labour market within language courses to keep students in the Netherlands after finishing their studies.

- Frumkina asks if there would be a potential scenario for UvA to have privatized bachelors and masters. The CSR has taken a stance against privatized English bachelors and masters. Verbeek states universities are considering the option across the country but the UvA is not favourable
- 150 of the idea. The UvA would like to remain accessible to all students. Lintsen states as an employer, it may be necessary to investigate as the alternative would be to lose staff that do not speak Dutch. A privatized programme would be considered for employees that may lose positions in the future if more programmes are switched to Dutch.

7. Democratization

- 155 The CSR has sent a memo on democratization at the UvA and would like to further discussion the CvB's perspective. Van der Valk asks what the role of the CvB would be if an FSR or OR passed a vote of no confidence on a dean. Verbeek states if administration does not function as

needed, there would be a crisis. If needed, the CvB would do everything needed to investigate the crisis. Verbeek states the mechanisms are in place to address issues with administrators.
160 The CvB finds trust as an important part of the medezeggenschap process as well and emphasizes the important of investigating the lack of trust in the process, as demonstrated by the low voter turnout.

Van der Valk asks how the CvB would ensure there is a system to rely on if the process does not function properly. Verbeek clarifies the CvB would investigate the root causes of the lack of
165 trust. In the medezeggenschap law, there is no vote of confidence that can send away a dean. It is up to the board to solve the situation and in a crisis, the CvB can ask a dean to resign. Verbeek states the CvB is expected to address the functioning of individuals but it is not a parliamentary system to replace certain individuals.

Pellikaan mentions in early 2020 a vote of no confidence in the FSR passed for the dean of
170 humanities. Pellikaan asks for clarity on the procedure during that time. The CvB investigated the issue and found the dean would be able to make things right. Lintsen states it is a heavy signal but it is not the medezeggenschap who decides who stays and leaves. Verbeek clarifies the law on medezeggenschap ensures that there are structures of accountability and checks and balances in place as well. The annual review of the deans include a call from Verbeek to the
175 faculty student council and Ten Dam speaks with the chair of the OR's as well.

8. House Rules

The CSR has sent a memo outlining specific concerns within the house rules, such as vague and arbitrary protocols. The CvB sees the ambiguity of the rules and agrees the rules should be
180 adjusted accordingly. Verbeek clarifies the context of cultural, political and religious expressions are in the context of events rather than general expressions. The CvB would like to go through the House Rules again with Legal Affairs. The CSR would be involved in the process.

Feciuc asks for clarity on the view of protests on campus and whether protests in general are allowed. Verbeek clarifies students should feel free to protest against the board and internal
185 politics of the UvA. Feciuc mentions examples in which students were protesting against board decisions and internal policies which were shut down. For instance, students protesting in response to the unbalanced framing in communication from the UvA on the ongoing conflict. Verbeek states demonstrations on UvA policies and decisions differ from having demonstrations with Palestinian flags. Feciuc states it is also a question of accountability as the
190 Palestinian flag can be viewed as empowering or intimidating, but the University does not have the right to be involved in the interpretation of the subject of the protest.

Feciuc recommends drafting specific rules in which students can protest for the House Rules. The ambiguity in the House Rules has created misinterpretations on what is allowed. Feciuc
195 asks if there is a timeline for revising House Rules. The CvB intends to have new House Rules by the next academic year. The CvB will look into the input of the CSR and students to be facilitated in the revision of the House Rules. The CvB will create a plan to revise the house rules with legal affairs, including a timeline and the involvement of the CSR, by the next OV [action].

9. Accessibility Roadmap

200 The CSR has received the accessibility roadmap and would like to share initial thoughts on the roadmap. For students with complaints regarding accessibility measures at the faculty, the roadmap advises students should contact the study advisors. There have been concerns regarding the workload of study advisors in the past. Laachir asks if there is a plan to add more study advisors to alleviate workload pressures. Verbeek clarifies the plan is to expand the capacity of the study advisors. There will be a person appointed to the educational facilities.

205 That person is intended to deal with students with more complex cases if it cannot be handled by the regular study advisors.

Laachir states a concern from the CSR is on the emphasis to identify what is and is not possible to accommodate and facilitate at the UvA. By defining what is not possible beforehand, the CSR is concerned students will be deterred from university programmes. The influence of

210 educational directors in this process has also excluded certain students from the PPLE program based on their accessibility needs. The CvB believes it is important to have clarity on what is possible to facilitate as part of a process. The UvA would like to avoid students starting a programme and later finding out they are unable to follow their study programme.

Laachir asks if students will be included in the expertise meeting. Laachir did not see UvAIdeas or the CSR would be included. The CvB will look into including UvAIdeas and the CSR in the expertise group for the accessibility roadmap and prepare an update for the IO on Tuesday

215 [action].

10. Institutional Tuition Fees

In the final ICG advice, the CSR has advised to cap inflation at 5%. A cap on inflation increases

220 for the ICG allows international students to know the maximum amount they may have to pay, also ensuring financial institutions will provide sufficient loans to students. Lintsen states the CvB is looking into a solution for the inflation cap. There is not a concrete answer but the CvB will respond to the CSR in the next few weeks.

In the last OV, the CSR also brought forward the issue of students overpaying for the ICG. The

225 CSR asked if this would be fixed and communicated to students. The CvB is still looking into this. The CvB is looking into providing money up front rather than in restitution. Whether this counts for students who overpaid in previous years, the CvB is unsure if this can be done as it would need to be further investigated in previous administrations. Becker asks why years previously could not be paid out. Lintsen clarifies it would be difficult to find which students would be

230 eligible for compensation.

Frumkina states after the advice was sent, the CSR discovered there are exceptions for long-term EU citizens paying the ICG that are eligible for statutory tuition fees. Currently, the information cannot be found on the website and only students who ask for statutory tuition fees will be compensated. Frumkina asks if students eligible for the statutory tuition fee but are

235 paying the institutional tuition fee will be compensated. Lintsen states the CvB will include the CSR's question in the formal response to the advice.

11. Student Assessor 24-25

The application procedure for the next student assessor will begin at the end of March. Verbeek asks if there are any practical points for the procedure or vacancy. The CSR will send an email

240 with further feedback to track changes on the vacancy to the CvB.

12. Any other business

The CvB is working on the Crisis Policy response will decide on the budget next week.

The CSR requests an official English translation on the privacy and data handling policy for the website. The privacy officer will provide a translation for the specific privacy documents.

- 245 Dutch higher educational institutions have signed the Amnesty Manifesto on Sexual Violence. Pellikaan asks if the UvA can look into signing the manifesto. The CvB will send the previous discussion on signing the Amnesty Manifesto on Sexual Violence to the CSR [action].

Questions

Pellikaan asks when the first meeting for the REC campus medezeggenschap development is.

- 250 Lintsen will send an email when the meetings begin.

Pellikaan asks if parties will be able to flyer to campaign. Campaign flyering is permitted.

Pellikaan asks if the UvA has discussed the discontinuation of fixed rental contracts for students with the minister. The discussion has taken place at UNL.

- 255 Pellikaan states there is a member of the CSR who would like to work on reusable cups at the UvA. Currently there are no further plans and students must bring their own cups.

13. Closing the meeting

The technical chair ends the meeting at 17:31.

The next OV will be on the 16th of April.

Actielijst OV

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Afwezig: Jessey van Oostende, Saar Schnieders, Roza Wagenaar, Ruben Brouwer.

Van de zijde van het College van Bestuur: Peter-Paul Verbeek (Rector Magnificus CvB), Geert Ten Dam (CvB chair), Mariska Herweijer (board secretary);
Afwezig: Jan Lintsen (CvB vice-chair)

Gast: Maarten Krugers Dagneaux (student assessor 23-24);

Technisch voorzitter: Tosca Manrique Hehl (technical chair);
Verslag: Abigail Gilchrist (administrative secretary CSR);

Publieke tribune: Wiktor Misiak, Laura Menebroecker, Jozef van de Visse, Lamia Tawam, Hidde Heijnis, Nicolau da Silva, Suhani Acharya, Emma Ricci, Melanie Kool, Robin van Straaten.

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The technical chair opens the meeting at 12:54 and welcomes all participants.

2. Setting the concept minutes 12-03-2024

The minutes of the 12th of March are adopted.

20 3. Checking the action list

The action list was checked. See the attachment.

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25 In the near future, the CvB will meet with the Amsterdam municipality to ask for an explanation from the city on signing the treaty. The action point is ongoing.

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50 **4. Announcements**

Announcements from the CSR:

- a. The CSR has received the responses to the advices on Hildo Krop Statues, Student Assessor profile, Ties with Israeli Universities, ICG and Canteen Policy.
- 55 b. The CSR has received the Q4 2023 housing report and the report on the decolonial dialogues.
- c. The CSR has selected Teun van Kasteel to join the committee on the recognition of student organisations.
- d. Saar Schnieders will be stepping down from the CSR.

Announcements from the CvB:

60 *Roza enters 13:02*

- a. The CvB has opened a fund for students from both Israel and Gaza for study delays or other related costs. The CvB will raise money for students and scholars from Gaza to study at the UvA when it is possible. The UvA will double any funds raised.
- 65 b. The ministry has advised on the internationalization law in which universities are concerned about the ability of Parliament to determine programmes offered by universities. The current proposal is to check whether English programmes are needed at the university.
- c. There is one more week for student parties to sign up as candidates for student elections which will take place from May 13th to the 17th.
- 70 d. The vacancy for the student assessor role is open for applications.

5. Connections to Israeli Universities

75 The CSR has received the CvB's response to the unsolicited advice on Connections to Israeli Universities. The CSR has attached a memo with an initial reaction to the CvB's response and would like to clarify a few points from the advice. The CSR firstly clarifies cutting connections refers to academic institutions, not individual researchers. The CSR has also asked the CvB to

consider the ICJ's decision when making decisions on collaborating with Israeli institutions rather than implementing the ICJ's statement.

80 The CSR would like further justification from the CvB on the usage of the Kalven Report (*Report on the University's Role in Political and Social Action, The University of Chicago, 1967*) and to consider alternatives such as Princeton's institutional strength. Princeton understands institutional strength as holding to the values of the institution rather than remaining neutral, such as during the boycott and joining the divestment during apartheid in South Africa. Benjamins believes that institutional strength is an alternative for the university to base their values on, rather than remaining neutral.

85 Benjamins asks if there is any scenario in which the CvB would consider breaking connections to Israeli universities without direction from the ministry. Verbeek responds the CvB views that academic freedom comes with academic responsibility. The UvA has organised dialogues to create a normative framework to advise on collaborations with external partners, which is used to evaluate all third party collaborations.

Ruben enters 13:12

95 Benjamins asks if the CvB agreed to cut ties with Russian universities during the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Ten Dam states the UvA agreed to continue to collaborate with St. Peterburg but was given the directive from the Dutch ministry to cease collaborations. Verbeek would like to keep connections open to continue to lay foundations for change and keep the academic debate open. Verbeek would like to contribute to the change through dialogue and collaboration.

100 Benjamins asks how the UvA is currently supporting critics of Israel. Verbeek states there is room to criticize but the university cannot step in to take sides. Pellikaan asks if the UvA would cut connections to Israeli institutions if the ICJ rules Israel is committing a genocide. Verbeek responds the CvB would seriously consider cutting connections in response to an ICJ ruling. Pellikaan asks if the funding from Israeli universities that the UvA collaborates with are contributing to funding military operations in Israel. The current projects the UvA is funding have been checked which do not include any military operations. The CvB will share the list of the eight projects the UvA is involved in with Israeli universities [**action**]. The CvB will ask if projects from the AMC can be shared with the CSR.

6. Accessibility Roadmap

The CSR has provided feedback on the accessibility roadmap. The CSR would like to discuss several points within the accessibility roadmap.

110 Student Involvement

115 The CSR proposes including UvAIdeas and the CSR in policy making for accessibility. Verbeek recognises the importance of involving students and is often in close contact with the CSR and UvAIdeas. The CvB is currently working on how students will be involved. The CSR is in favour of providing more points of contact and would like to make staff members points of contact for students. Ten Dam mentions having multiple points of contact is difficult given the process is not linear. It is important to have a straight process that ensures facilities are available to all students. More people involved can also make the process more difficult. Laachir believes it is a

120 problem related to the lack of clarity in the division of tasks rather than amount of contact points. Laachir advises the involvement of students should be frequent and present at different levels.

125 Cimmino asks if the CvB would consider a sounding board as a formal advisory body for facilities. Verbeek mentions part of the process for developing the accessibility policy is by remaining in contact those that are affected by the policy. The sounding board would not be a formal advisory body but would be contacted for input. Frumkina asks if there are plans to have an established work group for accessibility. There are currently no plans for a work group but there is a policy framework from 2016 that will be updated. Frumkina mentions in the official work groups at the university, there are often two seats allocated to the CSR. If there is an official group created, the CSR would like to have two seats in the work group.

Exploring Study Possibilities

130 Dutch law states universities should do what is reasonably expected to accommodate students with disabilities. Laachir would like to create possibilities rather than defining impossibilities. Laachir states it is easier to create opportunities than to identify what is not possible to accommodate for students. In the roadmap, the CvB has asked the faculties to take a few measures that the CvB will monitor closely as some recommendations are discipline dependent.

135 The CvB would like to have a few central regulations as an umbrella. The CvB agrees possibilities should be the focus rather than obstacles.

Dean Responsibility

140 The deans are responsible for what happens in the faculties with the programme directors and medezeggenschap. Frumkina asks if the medezeggenschap will be involved in the evaluation of the roadmap. Ten Dam confirms medezeggenschap will be involved.

Physical accessibility

145 The roadmap currently focuses mainly on the educational aspects of accessibility. The CSR states they would like to see the physical and social aspect of accessibility included. Frumkina asks if physical and social accessibility will be considered in future conversations and recommendations. Regarding physical accessibility, facility services is continuing to work on creating more accessible alternatives. Social accessibility is more complicated and beyond the mandate of the UvA. If the UvA took responsibility for social accessibility, the institution would also become responsible for what happens in student organizations.

150 Laachir would like to see further research into how the UvA can implement physical accessibility and provide a timeline for developing a plan for physical accessibility accommodations. On the social side of things, Laachir believes the UvA is partially responsible. If students are actively excluded because of a disability, funding from the university to those organisations could be cut. Laachir recommends the profiling fund should also address supporting organizations in providing accessibility events. The CvB will look into whether it is possible to withhold funding for organizations that do not provide accessibility accommodations.

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7. Breaks Between Lectures

The CSR has sent a memo on breaks between lectures. The CSR would like to have more information on breaks as there are currently no regulations. The CSR would like to see the last fifteen minutes out of the schedule to be allocated to change classes. The CvB confirms in the current regulations there are no break times but only lecture times. There is often a practice that teachers are lenient with break times as it is not formalized. Only the FEB has formalized breaks between lectures. The Educational Logistics Manager is discussing the topic in GALOP to reach an agreement on breaks between lectures. The CvB agrees breaks should be stated more clearly. The CvB will advise the Deans to send an email to lecturers of the importance of breaks.

Schnieders mentions for faculties where there are a lot of lab courses (ACTA, AMC and FNWI), the faculties would like to see more regulations for breaks during labs. When there is lab work it is more difficult to stick to break times and often students can work for multiple hours straight. Where it is impossible, there should be an equivalent of breaktime elsewhere. Frumkina adds it is also important that the communication is respected as even though it is formalised in FEB, it is often not respected.

8. White Paper on Sustainability

The CSR has received the document on the intensification and implementation of the White Paper on sustainability. The CSR would like to provide initial feedback on the draft.

175 Sustainability Advisory Council

The proposal for the composition of the advisory council is to include at least one department director, one director of operations, one dean and the University Sustainability Professor. The CSR proposes to include bodies that are currently working on sustainability, such as file holders from the FSR's, the CSR and the Green Office. The CvB would like the advisory council to give advice on the policy itself rather than provide governance. The CvB will take the student voice into account. Feciuc proposes the CSR and Green Office could have representatives and if the FSR's would like to send people to listen, they could observe. Regarding decision-making, it may be better to formalize the CSR and the Green Office. The CvB will take the CSR's proposal into account.

185 Sustainability Office

The CSR asks what the role of the sustainability office is and how it will link to other bodies working on sustainability at the university. The idea of the office is to ensure all the plans in the White Paper are implemented more efficiently. Verbeek recommends creating a map to ensure roles are specified within the university. Ten Dam adds the sustainability office should be aligned with the tasks and responsibilities of the programme committees and not only an add on. Becker would like to ensure there are no overlapping responsibilities between different bodies at the UvA, such as the Green Office. If there are overlapping responsibilities, Becker advises the UvA to take responsibilities away or to shift them accordingly.

Feciuc recommends creating sustainability courses within the curricula of more programmes given the extent and importance of sustainability. For the next draft, the CSR would like to see a plan for diverse sustainability courses. The CvB confirms they are working on creating more knowledge on sustainability, particularly as the Instellingsplan states that all students should have accessible knowledge to become experts on sustainability.

Fund for Research

- 200 Feciuc asks for clarification on the financing for the research fund on sustainability. Verbeek clarifies there is a fund of 1 million euros from the ministry to support further collaborations on sustainability measures. The CvB will look into the argumentation on the section on Funds for Research as it currently suggests a decrease in collaborations with fossil fuel companies. Verbeek informs the CSR the 1 million euros will be spent under the leadership of André
- 205 Nolkaemper. There will be one researcher per faculty responsible for the funds for research on climate change and the energy and protein transition. The money will be used to apply for funding elsewhere to ensure there is UvA wide research. Becker encourages the CvB to increase the budget to show the urgency of research on sustainability measures. By organizing the UvA's activities, Verbeek hopes to sponsor new applications and funding.

210 Professor in Sustainability Law

The CSR appreciates the appointment of a professor for Sustainability Law. Becker asks if the UvA will create more positions in different departments. The CvB hopes giving sustainability more attention will generate energy in the faculties to create further opportunities for sustainability.

215 Plant Based Food System

- The CSR believes heading towards a plant based food system should be a main point in the White Paper. Sustainability is also about lead use, water use, wildlife and other negative effects on the environment where the animal industry has a negative impact globally. Van der Valk mentions there was little attention to the food system in the white paper and would like to see
- 220 improvements there. Banning animal based products would be too far according to Verbeek but he will take a plant-based food system into consideration.

As a general recommendation, Pellikaan states the UvA should move away from using the term carbon footprint, as it was invented by British petroleum.

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9. All Ears

- The CSR has discussed the funding of All Ears in previous years with the CvB. Pellikaan
- 230 recommends establishing All Ears as a special status organisation in the profiling fund. Verbeek mentions if All Ears is funded and given a formal role in student well-being through the UvA, the UvA would become responsible for the quality of the organisation. Pellikaan responds other organisations under the special status, such as ASVA and the Erasmus Student Network, are not held under the responsibility of the UvA. The CvB differentiates between a student network and
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10. Any other business

AUC

- 240 - Over the past week there have been several protests at the AUC in which the police were called and students received social probation for their participation. The CSR is against penalising students through social probation. Pellikaan asks whether what is happening at AUC would be extrapolated to the UvA. Ten Dam states there are existing regulations at the UvA pertaining to student misconduct. It is possible a faculty dean can make use of measures within the regulations. Ten Dam states the CvB believes education should not be prohibited for students as it was during the AUC protests.

245 Profiling Fund Working Group

- Schnieders will leave the CSR and another Dutch speaking member is needed for the working group. Verbeek mentions an interpreter is possible unless another Dutch speaking member would join. The CvB will check whether it is possible to appoint a Dutch speaking member outside the CSR.

250 **Questions**

Schnieders thanks the attendees for the collaboration the past few months.

Pellikaan asks when the CSR will receive the policy document on 3rd party collaborations. Verbeek mentions the list of questions should be sent beforehand. Verbeek asks for further questions to be sent after the OV.

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