



**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.

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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:

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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