



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

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Publieke tribune:

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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
- 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.
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Announcements from the CvB:

- a. There are no further announcements.
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Ihab enters 15:42

4. Profiling Fund

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.

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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

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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

- 260 240312-01 The CvB will look into signing the plant-based treaty by the next OV.
240312-02 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.
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~~231121-04 The CvB will add Studielink and gender to the agenda of the meeting for the Rectors of the Netherlands to discuss.~~
- 275 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.
~~231010-05 The CvB will send an updated timeline for the evaluation of the allocation model.~~

Pro memoria

- 280 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.
140604-01 Het College geeft indien van toepassing de CSR een update ten aanzien van de samenwerkingsplannen met andere instellingen of instituten.
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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:

- 290 130610-01 Het College voorziet de CSR van een halfjaarlijkse tijdsplanning voor adviesmomenten.
- 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.
- 295 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
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
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