



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

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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 CvB's response on registration of gender and Palestinian nationality in Studielink.
- 50 b. The CSR may have further clarity questions on the response on ECTS for Medezeggenschap.
- c. The CSR has become a partner organisation of ASVA and Lily George has been elected the new chair of ASVA.
- 55 d. Pellikaan updates the advice on Ties with Israeli is co-signed by FSR FMG, FGw, FNWI, FEB, AUC, ASVA and Amsterdam United. The CSR has further voted to support the letter from Dutch Scholars of Palestine. 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:

- 60 a. There are no further announcements.

Ihab enters 15:42

4. Profiling Fund

65 The CSR has received the profiling fund consent request from the CvB and is looking forward to the start of 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 for this occasion, two English speaking and one Dutch speaking.

70 The CSR asks whether there are plans for an increase for the boards of student and study associations. The proposals 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

75 including a transition leave for transgender students in the working group.

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 outsourcing of catering services and the sustainability of the products offered. The CSR views the functioning of the canteen to provide accessible, healthy 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 university's responsibility to provide food to students. It is the individual student's responsibility to provide for their own meals. According to national legislation, universities are also not allowed to subsidise catering services on a structural basis. Funding for Dutch universities is designated for the primary tasks of education, research and societal impact. Currently, the UvA is working with the caterer to offer cheaper meals. Lintsen states the main purpose of the canteen at the UvA is to provide a social environment for students and employees on campus.

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 social function of the canteen is not primarily rooted in providing meals, but in offering snacks and drinks. Providing meals is certainly an aspect of the function of the canteens, but not their main function.

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

De-Privatization

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 answers that such a business plan will 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. The CSR will be involved in the process. In the fall, the CvB will conduct another campus-wide research into the wishes of the students and the employees with regard to catering

Plant-Based

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 emphasizes the importance of diversity of choice. Currently, the UvA no longer advertises meat products but believes it is important that options are still available.

In the unsolicited advice, the CSR has included recommendations for the plant-based default policy. For instance, that oat milk is the default milk used in coffees, but alternative milks are

provided upon request. Verbeek clarifies the CvB is exploring the potential of such types of nudging in the food governance approach. The CvB will react further in the unsolicited advice.

120 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 that 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 that the UvA and plant-based treaty are both working towards a protein transition and recommends collaborating further to achieve the shared transitional goal. The CvB will look into
125 signing the plant-based treaty as part of the food governance program [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 selection procedure, the CSR would like more information on the current strategies for the
130 selection procedure and how the selection procedure will be monitored. UNL is working on a national framework for selection. From this national framework, a vision will be formulated for the UvA as a whole which will solve discrepancies between faculties and aims to prevent biases. The CSR will be involved in the discussion for the general vision on the selection procedure. Frumkina states the CSR has a preference for lottery and weighted lottery system. The CvB is in
135 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 expensive, enabling only students with more funds to attend. The government no longer wants
140 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 students and if the courses would be mandatory. The proposed law states the courses must be
145 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 on the Dutch job market to increase the retention of international students. The CvB will make sure to pay attention to the Dutch labour market within language courses to keep students in the Netherlands after finishing their
150 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 generally not in favour of the idea, even though exceptions could be possible. The UvA would like to remain
155 accessible to all students. Lintsen states as an employer, it may be necessary to investigate this option as the alternative would be to lose staff that do not speak Dutch. A privatized programme could be considered for employees that may lose positions in the future if more programmes are switched to Dutch.

7. Democratization

160 The CSR has sent a memo on democratization at the UvA and would like to further discuss 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 and help
165 solve the crisis. Verbeek states the mechanisms are in place to address issues with
administrators. The CvB finds trust an important part of the medezeggenschap process as well
and emphasizes the importance of investigating 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
trust. In the medezeggenschap law, there is no vote of confidence that can send away a dean. It
170 is up to the board to solve the situation and in a severe crisis, the CvB could theoretically even
ask a dean to resign. Verbeek states that the Medezeggenschap does not have the position of a
parliament with a mandate to send away certain individuals.

Pellikaan mentions in early 2020 a vote of no confidence in the FSR passed for the dean of
humanities. Pellikaan asks for clarity on the procedure during that time. The CvB investigated
175 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 that 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 includes a call from Verbeek to the
faculty student council and Ten Dam speaks with the chair of the OR's as well.

8. House Rules

180 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
adjusted. Verbeek clarifies that the phrases about cultural, political and religious expressions
are in the context of events rather than general expressions. The CvB would like to go through
185 the House Rules again with Legal Affairs. The medezeggenschap will 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
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
190 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. The key issue for him is that the university should stay a
place for open dialogue which requires that everyone can feel socially and psychologically safe.
Feciuc states it is also a question of accountability as the Palestinian flag can be viewed as
195 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 as part of the house
rules. The ambiguity in the House Rules has created misinterpretations on what is allowed.
Feciuc asks if there is a timeline for revising house rules. The CvB intends to have new house
200 rules by the next academic year. The CvB will create a plan to revise the house rules with legal

affairs, including a timeline and the involvement of the medezeggenschap, by the next OV [action].

9. Accessibility Roadmap

205 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 in each faculty to help students with the educational facilities. That person is intended to deal with students with more complex cases if it cannot be handled by the regular study advisors.

215 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 enrolling in university programmes. The influence of 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.

220 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 find out if UvAIdeas and the CSR will be part of the expertise team for the accessibility roadmap and prepare an update [action].

10. Institutional Tuition Fees

225 In the final ICG advice, the CSR has advised to cap inflation at 5%. A cap on inflation increases 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. The CvB will respond to the CSR's advice in the next few weeks.

230 In the last OV, the CSR also brought forward the issue of sitting students having to pay an increase of the ICG first and applying for a refund later. The 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. The CvB is unsure whether this can be done retrospectively 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 eligible for compensation.

240 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 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

245 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 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 and will decide on the budget next week.

250 The CSR requests an official English translation on the privacy and data handling policy for the website. The privacy officer has indicated that a translation will be made available, but the privacy policy will be updated this year. She has proposed to translate the new version.

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

255 Pellikaan asks when the first meeting for the REC campus medezeggenschap development is. Lintsen will send an email when the meetings begin.

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

260 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.

265 Actielijst OV

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| 240312-02 | The CvB will create a plan to revise the house rules with legal affairs, including a timeline and the involvement of the medezeggenschap, by the next OV. |
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| 240312-04 | The CvB will send the previous discussion on signing the Amnesty Manifesto on Sexual Violence to the CSR. |
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| 275 240116-02 | The CvB will request an overview of the current training options for lecturers and teachers on social safety before the next OV. |
| 231121-03 | The CvB will set up a technical consultation with facility services to discuss the placement of gender-neutral toilets. |
| 280 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. |
| 285 231010-05 | The CvB will send an updated timeline for the evaluation of the allocation model. |

Pro memoria

- 190619-01 The CvB pays close attention to the involvement of PhD's when getting input from the academic community.
- 290 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.
- 100907-02 Het CvB zal de capaciteit van fietsenplekken, studieplekken en ruimtes voor studieverenigingen tijdens het realiseren van de nieuwbouw en verhuizingen 295
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.
- 300 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.
- 130123-08 Indien de CSR vraagt om een motivatie voor vertrouwelijkheid van een stuk, zal het College het stuk daarvan voorzien.
- 305 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