



**Conceptsamenvatting van de 215^e Overlegvergadering
tussen de Centrale Studentenraad en het College van Bestuur
gehouden op 16 april 2024**

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1. Opening and setting the agenda

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.

240312-01 The CvB will look into signing the plant-based treaty as part of the food governance program.

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.

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.



- 30 The CvB would like to provide an update by the next IO or IAO. The action point will stay until the next OV.
- 240312-03 The CvB will find out if UvA Ideas and the CSR will be part of the expertise team for the accessibility roadmap and prepare an update.**
- The action point will be discussed during the agenda point.
- 35 ~~240312-04 The CvB will send the previous discussion on signing the Amnesty Manifesto on Sexual Violence to the CSR.~~
- The UvA has decided not to sign but will follow internal policies and procedures. There is a confidant that applies to all universities on strengthening social safety and monitoring and learning from each other to share expertise and knowledge.
- 40 ~~240116-01 The CvB will organise a technical meeting with legal affairs, the AUC and the CSR to discuss AUC student representation.~~
- The technical meeting has taken place. Legal affairs is checking if there is a final right for AUC in the UvA medezeggenschap. The CSR will receive a copy of the current regulations.
- ~~231121-03 The CvB will set up a technical consultation with facility services to discuss the placement of gender neutral toilets.~~
- 45 The action point is complete.
- 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.**
- The process is ongoing.

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.

- Feciuc would like to have a clear timeline on communicating about the White Paper with the
- 225 CvB. Feciuc proposes having a second meeting with Lintsen before the adoption of the document in May. The CvB will ask for a deadline to submit further input on the White Paper for the workgroup and email the CSR [**action**].

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
- 235 a health network such as All Ears.. The CvB will discuss the funding of All Ears with legal affairs.

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.

- 255 Kashif asks if the house rules have been updated to include the cupboards. Verbeek will ask for the House Rules on the cupboards to be updated.

11. Closing the meeting

The technical chair ends the meeting at 14:59.

The next OV will be on the 11th of June.

260 **Actielijst OV**

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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.
- 285 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.
- 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