



**Conceptsamenvatting van de 224<sup>e</sup> Overlegvergadering  
tussen de Centrale Studentenraad en het College van Bestuur  
gehouden op 14 oktober 2025**

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**Gast:**

**Technisch voorzitter:** Job Vermaas (technical chair);

**Verslag:** Abigail Gilchrist (administrative secretary CSR);

**Publieke tribune:**

**Conceptagenda**

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**1. Opening and setting the agenda**

*The technical chair opens the meeting at 14:03 and welcomes all participants.*

**2. Check-In**

- 20 All members check-in.

**3. Setting the concept minutes 08-07-2025, 09-09-2025**

The minutes from 08-07-2025 are adopted. The minutes from 09-09-2025 are postponed.

**4. Checking the action list**

*The action list is checked. See the attachment.*

- 25 ~~250909-01~~ **The CvB will inform the CSR when there is a development within the file on house rules.**

The CvB has amended the house rules and will send a memo to the CSR later in the week. The articles on face coverings and religious gatherings have been removed. There is now an explanatory note that provides clarification on the principle of

30 proportionality regarding demonstrations. A description of the concept of an event has been added, including how event applications will be assessed (particularly regarding identifying the risk level of events).

~~250708-04 The CvB will look into creating a fund for high risk security events and inform the CSR in the transfer OV.~~

35 The CvB is moving away from the idea of a fund but would like to ensure events identified as high risk can still be organized. The UvA will pay for security within the limits of proportionality, according to the explanation in the house rules

**250311-07 The CSR will set up a plan for expanding De Nieuwe Mensa to different campuses and will include practical information on what needs De Nieuwe Mensa has.**

40 The CSR is continuing to work on a plan for further expansion. The CSR would like to be informed on the tendering process as they have not received any updates or information on the ongoing process. The CvB will provide updates and a contact person responsible for the tendering process with the CSR.

## 45 **5. Announcements**

### **Announcements from the CvB:**

- Goldstein could not be present for the current OV, because of other urgent obligations. Verbeek apologizes for this. The fact that the board currently consists of only two people makes it hard to ensure that there are always two board members present, but they do all they can.
- The UvA has started researching and investigating into the colonial history of the UvA. The preliminary investigation will be presented on November 7<sup>th</sup>. The CSR will receive an invitation for that meeting in the coming week.
- Volker has launched the initiative, *Vrijplaats voor Verschil*, a platform that encourages dialogue to promote pluralism at the UvA.
- During the AO the CSR requested more information on deadnaming. The issue is being investigated and the CvB will inform the CSR when the information has been compiled.
- Verbeek attended the Science and Technology in Society Forum with academic leaders and industry leaders, which partly focused on the impact of AI on universities.

### 60 **Announcements from the CSR:**

- Vercouteren will be a few minutes late.

## **6. Amendment to the Regulations for Trust Persons and the Ombudsfuction**

The CSR received the consent request on amendments to the regulations for trust persons and the ombudsperson. Per new national regulations, the UvA is required to add additional regulations for suspected misconduct at Dutch universities. The regulation now includes integrity violations within the scope of the tasks of the confidential advisors, while formally confidential advisors were unable to address integrity concerns. Further, a central reporting centre has been added in the office of the ombudsperson for integrity and social safety concerns.

70 The ability for the ombudsperson is now improved for the position to conduct more extensive investigations. These regulations have been submitted to the COR and the CSR. The CvB will share the invitation to the technical meeting on the regulations for the COR with the CSR.

*Vercouteren enters 14:17*

75 The CSR welcomes the changes to the regulations and sees a great improvement to the current system. The CSR in general would like to see a more proactive approach to social safety, given

the changes were initiated by national legislation. The CSR would like to ensure that the recommendations from the annual reports from the ombudsperson and the confidential advisors are more actively implemented and followed.

## 7. Dutch Courses

- 80 The CSR has prepared a discussion with the CvB on possible opportunities for expanding the Dutch course offerings for international students. The CSR understands the importance of advocating for further support towards the integration process for international students into Dutch society. The CSR would like to discuss whether the CvB sees an opportunity for expansion of Dutch courses, even if the current law on internationalization does not pass.
- 85 For the social coherence of the university, the CvB sees it is important that a language barrier does not divide the student population. The CvB has asked for an overview of what is currently offered to students and informs the CSR there is an e-learning module tailored for UvA students, Master Your Dutch. There is currently no data for how many students complete the e-learning course. The CvB recommends bringing the e-learning module to the attention of students better.
- 90 There has also been efforts made to make the language courses more attractive, such as offering 50% discounts on courses at INTT to enrolled students. Some faculties have also introduced pilots to reimburse the other 50% of the INTT fee for students taking a Dutch course. EPICUR also offers language modules online for students to learn Dutch online.

Hajra asks why efforts to implement courses into the curriculum have not been successful.

- 95 Verbeek states it is often difficult to implement Dutch language learning into the curriculum as it is outside the academic goals of certain programs. The CvB will investigate further but shares that other universities in the Netherlands also do not offer integrated Dutch courses. Hajra asks if the CvB can provide further information on the current discussions for increasing the offerings of Dutch courses at the UvA. The CSR would like further information on the cost of subsidizing INTT courses for UvA students and to evaluate if subsidies could be expanded to other Dutch language institutions. The CvB will provide information on the cost of subsidizing INTT courses and the information on the limitations of implementing Dutch courses in the curriculum of programs over email to the CSR [action]. There are currently no further plans for expanding the subsidization program.
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## 8. Lunch Breaks Unsolicited Advice

- 105 The CSR 24-25 sent an unsolicited advice in June of 2025, per the request of the FSR FNWI. The CSR advised for a formalization of the 15 minutes at the end of each class to provide a more structured schedule for breaks and moving between classes. The UvA has been working on the logistics of the proposal. Communication about teaching and lecture times have been improved
- 110 and published on the website. An initial data analysis was conducted based on student's personal time tables to understand how many students have uninterrupted teaching contacts hours for longer than 6 hours. This is currently being analysed and incorporated into a proposal for the CvB. There is also an ongoing investigation into how teaching hours can be adjusted. The booking system can be changed to block lecturers from scheduling courses during the 15
- 115 minute transfer period, for example. In the next month, the investigation will also look into the impact of adjusting teaching and lecturer times on lecturers themselves. The CvB will then make a balanced decision by the end of the year on teaching and lecture times for the 2026-2027

academic year and onwards. The CvB will provide an update to the CSR on the investigation into teaching and learning hours during the next AO in preparation for the November OV **[action]**.

- 120 Bruseghini asks if the CvB will make a decision about the formalization of 15 minute blocks will only be based on the data of the investigation. Verbeek clarifies the data analysis is to identify the depth of the issue and has also taken the input from other bodies in making the decision.

### **9. Policy Framework Third-Party Collaborations**

- The CSR has received the request for advice on the additional guidelines to the policy  
125 framework on third-party collaborations. The CSR has not discussed the policy framework yet but would like to address any remaining questions. Nikolić asks for clarification on the acronym PI. The CvB clarifies the PI stands for principle investigator. Nikolić will forward more substantive questions to the CvB over email. The CvB has identified another set of ethical principles and regulations for the ACEC which the CvB would like further input on. The CSR will  
130 include feedback on the principles and regulation for ACEC in the advice response.

### **10. Gaza Student Scholarships**

- During the AO, the DB presented the proposal from a cohort of staff and students to provide 10 students from Gaza with a scholarship to study at the UvA, following Maastricht University's scholarship for five students from Gaza. The CSR has voted to co-own the initiative and proposal  
135 sent by staff members. The CvB finds the proposal appealing and shares the commitment to take action. The CvB shares there is an ongoing process, as a response to the proposal, to evaluate the possibility to actualize the proposal. The most important considerations include cost, accommodation, supervision and scale, including visa and evacuation methods. The CvB states funding would require more effort than what manifested at Maastricht University, as Maastricht  
140 already had a separate funding scheme for scholarships. Academic Affairs has been asked to look into funding possibilities. The CvB states that fundraising for the initiative in the short-term may also not be possible, given the urgency of the request. The UvA has doubled the donation fund opened for staff and students in Gaza, but these funds have been used for scholars in the Safe Haven fellowship. Koe-Krompecher noticed the fund opened by the UvA for  
145 academics in Gaza has closed, and asks if more funding had been allocated towards students. The CvB will update the CSR on the the Gaza fund **[action]**.

- Other logistics the CvB is considering pertain to selection and enrolment, accommodation, and social support and guidance. Given the ongoing housing shortage, providing accommodation for bachelor's students would be difficult, as reservations normally are only available for a year.  
150 The CvB proposes looking to sponsor five master's students to ease the financial cost and logistical concerns. Regarding social support and guidance, students may visit the psychologists but the UvA may not be able to provide extensive help.

- Karuvath mentions the CSR finds it important to look into what is possible in a short-term period. If the CSR receives a commitment from the CvB, the cohort of staff and the CSR would  
155 investigate the logistics and present a plan to the CvB. Karuvath would not like to forget that there is a successful blueprint from Maastricht University and a working team of collaborators to make this possible. Karuvath asks if there is a timeline for when there would be clarity on whether the proposal can be actualized. Verbeek states he would not like to provide a commitment without further clarity on the logistics and a discussion on this with the CvB.  
160 Verbeek expresses the CvB shares the CSR's willingness to move quickly to address the logistical

dimensions. Varukath asks if a technical meeting can be planned between the staff members working on the logistics, the CvB and the CSR to ensure all information is shared efficiently. The CvB will put Karuvath in contact with the staff member responsible for working on the proposal for the Gaza Scholarship at the UvA [action].

## 11. Model OER Consent Request

The CSR has received the consent request on the addendum to the model OER. The CSR has comments regarding the process on the model OER, and would like to receive a timeline on when the model OER will be revised whether the WIB is implemented or not. Ideally the model OER would be amended within the 2026-2027 academic year. Given the WIB would have a large impact on the model OER, the plan is to wait until Q2 when the WIB should be finalized to avoid doubling the work. The idea is to update the model OER with the current addendum and have further discussions in the coming year on the changes that can be adapted when the revision process begins. Koe-Krompecher asks if there is a plan in the scenario the WIB is delayed past Q2 of 2026, given the last revision of the model OER was seven years ago. Verbeek expects somewhere before next summer the WIB will pass and there is no expectation for delays.

Koe-Krompecher asks how the CvB envisions the process of receiving CSR input on the model OER. Verbeek states it would be best to first have an overview of the main concerns from the CSR. The CvB states a memo in an OV would be sufficient and would be considered a part of the process towards the revision of the model OER. The CvB will discuss with the educational team to harmonize the two processes alongside the WIB and other proposed revisions to ensure there is adequate input from the CSR. Bruseghini asks if there is an option to revise the OER with the exception of the language policy. Verbeek states, if necessary, the UvA would not wait for the WIB if it is delayed and begin the process for revision. Bruseghini asks if a date could be set for when the revision would happen if the WIB is delayed. The CvB will discuss the option of a revision of the model OER with the exception of language policy and whether it is possible to begin the revision if the WIB does not pass before a given date [action].

## 12. W.V.T.T.K

There is no further business.

## 13. Questions

There are no questions.

## 14. Closing the meeting

*The technical chair ends the meeting at 15:35.*

*The next OV will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November.*

### Actielijst OV

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| 195 | 251014-01 | The CvB will provide information on the cost of subsidizing INTT courses and the information on the limitations of implementing Dutch courses in the curriculum of programs over email to the CSR. |
|     | 251014-02 | The CvB will provide an update to the CSR on the investigation into teaching and learning hours during the next AO in preparation for the November OV.   |
| 200 | 251014-03 | The CvB will update the CSR on the Gaza fund.  |
|     | 251014-04 | The CvB will put Karuvath in contact with the staff member responsible for working on the proposal for the Gaza Scholarship at the UvA.  |

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#### Pro memoria

- 215 250909-01 The CSR will receive updates during each meeting with the CvB on the progress of the internationalization bill.
- 250114-01 All members of the meeting are encouraged to ask for a time-out during a meeting when they deem necessary.
- 190619-01 The CvB pays close attention to the involvement of PhD's when getting input from the academic community.
- 220 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.
- 225 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.

#### 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