# Concept minutes of the informal *Plenaire vergadering* of the CSR on 05 October 2023

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| Present | Noah Pellikaan, Titus van der Valk, Mic Cimmino, Ihab Laachir, Sofia Frumkina, Saar Schnieders, Noah Benjamins, Stefana Feciuc, Roza Wagenaer, Jessey van Oostende, Joaquim Becker, Sanaa Kashif. |
| Absent | Ruben Brouwer |
| Guest(s) | |
| Minutes | Abigail Gilchrist (*Administrative secretary)*. |

A list of general abbreviations can be found at the bottom of this document.

### 1. Opening
*Noah P. opens the meeting at 14:07 and welcomes the meeting participants.*

### 2. Mail
*The mail is read.*

### 3. Adapting concept minutes
The minutes of the 21st and 28th of September are postponed.

### 4. Checking the action list
*The action list is checked and the pro memoria is read. See attachment.*

### 5. Announcements
5    Sanaa announces next Thursday from 12:00-14:00 social media representatives will come by the office to film an introductory video of the CSR for Instagram.
Joaquim announces Cirfood has agreed to open the canteen at REC on weekends before exams from 10:00-14:00. If the CSR wants it open for longer the CSR will need to find funding for security on campus.
Ihab spoke to Bert Zwiep, the head of facilities, and updates that guiding lines of the floor are in the making,
10    the revision of elevators to speak will happen and other UvA entrances will incorporate accessible entry points.
Jessey updates the FdG Cobo is the 24th of October from 17:00 onwards at the AMC.
Noah P. states the meeting with the delegates from the central PhD council will take place Tuesday October 10th in the CSR office from 17:00-18:00
15    The AV for ISO is tomorrow from 13:30-16:30 online or in Utrecht.

Mandates
Ruben mandates Roza
13 eligible votes. The quorum is met.

### 6. Updates: *DB, delegates, central student assessor*
20    *Updates are discussed.*

### 7. Setting the agenda
The agenda is set.

## 8. Accessibility Collaboration

Ihab has spoken to the SRVU (student union of the VU) and has agreed to work on a declaration of intent for accessibility. The declaration will entail a proposal for a two-tiered system. Firstly, study and student associations can sign to work towards making their events more accessible. Secondly, student unions and councils can agree to be a intermediary between student associations. As a council or student union, the council or union can intervene on behalf of study and student associations to discuss if these associations need any resources from third parties to achieve accessibility goals for their events. Third parties can include mediation between study and student associations with the University or the municipality.

Ihab states the CSR 23/24 will be put on the facilitation side if the CSR is in agreement. Ihab updates after a brainstorming session and more discussion there will be a meeting piece.

## 9. CSR Budget/Medezeggenschap Funding

The CSR receives funding for 80,000 a year which has not increased over the years comapared to inflation and student numbers. Joaquim has calculated an updated amount for funding based on the number of students and inflation. He proposes setting the funding to the rate of tuition fees.

Titus suggests to name the right to facilitation as an argument to increase the funding to ensure the CvB fulfils the legal obligation to facilitate the workings of the CSR.

Jessey clarifies if the proposal is to decrease FdG and increase the FMG budget. Jessey states he is against this proposal as the FdG funds their own events and differs from other FSRs. Noah P. updates the CvB has previously committed that none of the FSR budgets will be lowered.

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*Roza enters 14:29*

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Saar asks why the CSR would need more money as there have been no financial issues in the past, which the CvB may use as an argument against the CSR. Noah P. responds the CSR is unable to fund projects and other student events with the current budget.

Titus asks why the budget would be tied to student numbers. Noah P. explains the CvB has already expressed they agree with coupling it with student numbers as a point of agreement. Roza questions what the 80,000 was based on and there is not much information regarding the reasoning for the funding.

Noah B. recommends creating a financial proposal to show the costs and what they would be used for to show the need to increase the budget. Saar is concerned with not having a concrete plan or outline of what the CSR will ask for. She states she believes the CSR can make a good point to get more funding for the FSR's currently but would need more information. Ihab mentions a higher budget would help to increase outreach and promotion as well given higher student numbers.

Roza asks what happens to the money that is not used, Noah P. states it is dissolved into the general UvA budget, such as real estate investments.

The CSR agrees to create two voting proposals regarding taking a stance on increasing the CSR budget and the FSR budgets.

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**Voting proposal**: The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of increasing CSR budget for the next fiscal year.

In favour: 8 (Noah P., Titus, Noah B., Stefana, Mic, Sanaa)

Against: 1

Blanco: 0

Abstain: 4

Decision: *The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of increasing CSR budget for the next fiscal year.*

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In favour: 13 (Noah P., Titus, Noah B., Stefana, Mic, Sanaa)
Against: 0
Blanco: 0
Abstain: 0
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## 10. Strategy REC Housing [confidential]

The CSR discusses a confidential point on REC housing.

## 11. Council Communication [confidential]

The CSR discusses a confidential point on internal communication.

## 12. CvB Profile Advice

Based on feedback from CSR members of the CvB profile, Noah P. goes page by page to discuss any points members would like to change.

75  Stefana proposes to add:

*"In line with UvA Code of Conduct: The Chair should actively guard against abuse of power inequalities and should foster a safe working climate. Further, the Chair should treat actions by its employees with respect, even when the pressure is on."*

Stefana states given previous situations in the past in which employees have felt socially unsafe in meetings
80  with the chair, she would like to emphasise the importance that a Chair should cultivate a socially safe environment. Stefana also recommends the chair should have experience in working with civil society as an important addition.

Roza believes there should be knowledge of democratic and decentral processes but not necessarily experience. Titus recommends adding knowledge and experience in democratic and decentral processes,
85  preferably having Medezeggenschap experience.

Roza asks if the CSR can change the female requirement to non-male even though it is written so in the law. The CSR is unable to change the formulation.

Saar states she is not sure if she would like to see "under scribes the values of democratisation, decarbonisation and decolonisation" in the profile as she believes it is too political. Ihab agrees that adding
90  this in the profile would not mean that the chair upholds the values. Titus believes the leadership should have strong values and governance is not without politics. He states he believes that leadership should have values that align with the CSR.

Noah P. asks if there should be an addition of "preferably with Medezeggenschap experience". Ihab disagrees with adding it in as he believes it creates a culture of meritocracy where being involved gets you further.
95  Stefana states she would like it as a preference since it is not a requirement and believes it is important a candidate could understand the other side.

No further amendments are discussed and the CSR agrees to vote on advising positively.

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Against: 0
Blanco: 0

Abstain: 0

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## 13. Woonprotest

Noah B. clarifies ASVA has not been involved. If the CSR votes in favour, Noah B. will reach out directly to the organisation to see how the CSR can support.

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*Mic leaves 15:50, Mic mandates Noah P.*

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Against: 0
Blanco: 0
Abstain: 0
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## 14. Decolonial Dialogues

There are no further comments from CSR members regarding Stefana's participation at the Decolonial Dialogues.

**Voting proposal**: The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of mandating Stefana to speak at the Decolonial Dialogues.
In favour: 13 (Noah P., Titus, Noah B., Stefana, Mic, Sanaa)
Against: 0
Blanco: 0
Abstain: 0
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## 15. Exam Committees

The topic is postponed as CSR members would like further discussion on the topic and more information.

## 16. W.V.T.T.K. / Any other business

Sanaa asks for CSR members to send their preferred photos for Instagram.

Joaquim mentions there will be a tour on the 20th of November at 15:00 for the new university library. All members should let Noah B. and Joaquim know if they will attend the university library tour before the next PV [**action**].

## 17. Input requests for the FSRs / to the media

There are no input requests.

## 18. Evaluating the PV

*The PV is evaluated.*

### 19. Questions

Roza would like to give an update to the CSR on flex studying in the next PV.

### 20. Closing the meeting

*Noah P. closes the meeting at 16:02.*

### Decisions

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| **231005-01** | The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of increasing CSR budget for the next fiscal year. |
| **231005-02** | The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of increasing FSR budgets for the next fiscal year. |
| **231005-03** | The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of advising positively on the CvB profile on the condition all suggestions made by CSR members are accepted. |
| **231005-04** | The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of supporting woonprotest and its goals. |
| **231005-05** | The CSR 23/24 votes in favour of mandating Stefana to speak at the Decolonial. |

### Action list

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| **231005-01** | All members should let Noah B. and Joaquim know if they will attend the university library tour before the next PV. |
| ~~**230928-01**~~ | ~~Noah B. will contact ASVA and inquire about who is organizing the woonprotest.~~ |
| ~~**230928-02**~~ | ~~All delegates announce the opening of the CSR budget to their FSRs.~~ |
| ~~**230928-03**~~ | ~~Noah P. shall get in touch with the FdG and FMG about the proposed funds allocation.~~ |
| ~~**230928-04**~~ | ~~Noah will make a google doc for the CvB profile his so people can add comments/suggestions, all council members will add their suggestions before the discussion next week.~~ |
| ~~**230921-01**~~ | ~~All delegates let the treasurer know the budget of their FSRs. The faculty that has more budget will get less funding.~~ |
| **230921-02** | Sophia talks to Ren regarding last year's budget and FSR funding. |
| ~~**230921-03**~~ | ~~Noah will inquire if the kitchen can used for the Cobo.~~ |
| ~~**230921-04**~~ | ~~The DB looks into the SPLITSER-app.~~ |
| ~~**230921-05**~~ | ~~All delegates will send Sofia names of file holders for AI and mental health.~~ |
| ~~**230914-01**~~ | ~~All CSR members will download and join the Discord group by the next PV.~~ |
| **230914-02** | Noah P. will meet with Naomi Appleman to discuss RvA regulations. |
| **230914-03** | OM committee will send out the file list to the CSR to look over the active files in OM to see what members are interested in working on. |
| **230914-04** | Members of the CSR who have sent in information requests should contact Noah to make these official. |
| **230907-02** | The CSR will discuss with the CvB regarding an alternative translation service for confidential information. |
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## Pro memoria

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| **140908-04** | The DB keeps an eye on late meeting pieces, is strict about *nazendingen* and being present in time. |
| **141208-04** | The committee chairs notify the OM-committee after their meetings which files that the CSR is working on should be raised in the media. |
| **161017-04** | The committee chairs make sure that everyone gives proper feedback in their committees about the work, steering and soundboard groups, and they make sure the documents are saved on Microsoft Teams. Council members archive all their documents on Microsoft Teams. |
| **161017-05** | The committee chairs oversee the diverse division of speakers for the OV. |
| **170201-04** | The DB oversees a proper balance between small and large files in the PV. |
| **171108-04** | The delegates check whether the agendas, minutes, and letters of the FSR's are being published online. |
| **190904-01** | The DB protects the diversity of the council and supports a just and coherent working environment. |
| **201002-01** | All CSR members send their updates before Wednesday 12:00. |
| **201020-02** | A double check on the spelling and grammar should be done for all *formal* communication. Committee chairs have the final responsibility for this. |
| **220113-02** | CSR members will inform the vice-chair if they are absent during a meeting or event of the CSR. |
| **220113-03** | Meeting pieces that concern files of other file holders will be sent to the committee chair before sending the meeting pieces to be discussed in the PV. |
| **220307-01** | Receipts will be added to the request for budget approvals that are brought to the PV of the CSR. |

## Important transfer tips

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| **220120-01** | The new CSR members should be brought in contact with the advisory board as soon as possible. |

## 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 studentenra(a)d(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 |
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| 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 |

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