

Concept minutes of the informal *Plenaire vergadering* of the CSR on 9 February 2026

Present	Francesco Bruseghini, Florence Lynch, Noor Hajra, Saskia Koe-Krompecher, Pieter-Joost van der Plas, Vaisakh Karuvath, Kacper Farbisz, Vincent Nap, Sebastiaan Dekeukeliere, Alies Vercouteren, Yipeng Chen, Philipp Greiner.
Absent	Dina Nikolić, Victor Nieboer.
Guest(s)	
Minutes	Abigail Gilchrist (<i>Administrative secretary</i>).

[A list of general abbreviations can be found at the bottom of this document.](#)

1. Opening

Francesco opens the meeting at 17:01 and welcomes the meeting participants.

2. Mail

The mail is discussed.

3. Adapting concept minutes

The minutes of 4 December are postponed. The minutes of the 22nd of January are adopted.

4. Checking the action list

The action list is checked. See attachment. If Kacper and Philipp do not send their updates, they will owe the CSR baked cookies.

5. Announcements

There are no announcements.

There are 9 eligible votes. The quorum is met.

6. Updates: DB, delegates, central student assessor

The updates are discussed. See attachment.

The CSR is invited to attend a sustainability meeting with Richard Goldstein and Ewout Doorman, as well as the Green Office. The Heisessie will take place next week on the Education Vision. Vaisakh and Saskia are supporting in preparing the agenda. The CSR has discussed the evaluation of the CSR over the weekend and will add the agenda point to the PV.

7. Setting the agenda

The agenda is set. Evaluation Weekend is added to the agenda. Pieter-Joost would like to move the CvB Chair follow-up to the first agenda point.

8. CvB Chair Follow-up [**Confidential**]

The CSR discusses a confidential point on the follow-up from the CvB chair appointment procedure.

Kacper enters 17:10

Phillip joins 17:17

Yipeng enters 17:32

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9. Student Member for the Recognition of Student Organizations

The CSR has received a request to appoint a member for the recognition of student organizations. The student member cannot currently be a part of the CSR or on a study/student association board. The member will sit on a committee with a Dean and a jurist to decide whether associations receive recognition and therefore able to access the profiling fund. The member will need to be Dutch speaking. Pieter-Joost recommends posting the request on Instagram. Pieter-Joost proposes to open applications for a few weeks and review in March. Kacper asks if a link should be opened. Last year the CSR requested CVs. O&I will make a post about the position [**action**]. CSR members should look for applicants that may fit the description. The deadline for applications should be the 28th of February. O&F will discuss the applications and prepare the applicants for the PV. Interested students should send their CV's to the CSR email.

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10. Student Support Chain Input

The mental well-being team would like input from the CSR on the initiative for the student support chain. Alies would like to hear concrete examples from members for what makes them feel at home at the UvA. Sebastiaan shares he feels at home as the UvA is in the city he grew up in. Pieter-Joost feels at home by having his friends at the UvA and living on his own for the first time. Pieter-Joost finds that familiarity of the campus also creates that feeling. Vincent shares student initiatives make him feel at home, such as study and student associations (those related to your field of study). For Vincent, this brings social cohesion. Yipeng feels at home in his own building of ACTA. Kacper feels at home at the UvA due to his friends and the familiarity of the buildings, including finding your favourite study spots. Kacper also finds that his study advisor makes him feel at home given the support he has received over the years. Noor feels at home due to the communities, people and student/study associations. Noor would appreciate further efforts to make student support services, such as study advisors and student psychologists, more accessible. Saskia finds that she would not use the verbiage of at home but she appreciates the people in her program and friends she has made. Vaisakh feels at home due to the people in his program and the study association in his program. Francesco feels at home in his active community at the UvA and social engagement of the students. Francesco finds there is a good relationship between students and teachers in his program, which he enjoys. Francesco also likes the locations of the campus, particularly the University Quarter. Florence shares she feels at home in her community and program but mostly that she knows all the security people in every single building in the University Quarter. Florence feels she is truly a part of the building now that she is friends with facility services. Alies feels at home with her friends and extracurriculars where you can meet people. The UvA would also like feedback on what care ambition means for students; not what the UvA is required to offer but what students would like the UvA to offer. Sebastiaan states he feels the UvA does not have to provide anything beyond education and research. Pieter-Joost agrees but finds that the UvA should offer a system for international students to help them navigate the administration at the UvA. Vincent would like places to sleep on campus and to provide more jobs for students within the university. Yipeng finds the main focus should be on education and research, but also agrees more job opportunities within the UvA would be useful. Kacper would like more space for communities to hang out. Kacper would like more spaces to stay and talk with fellow classmates beyond study areas. Noor agrees it would help to have a central point for international students to guide them but not to hold their hand. Saskia finds that there are dimensions that the UvA can look into to ensure education is equitable and accessible, such as providing care and support in education. Vaisakh finds at the minimum level the UvA should focus on education and research but in an

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60 accessible and safe way. Vaisakh would like that the UvA could be flexible to support student problems and
helping provide a pathway to solve issues, rather than solve issues directly for students. Florence shares it has
been scientifically proven that a university that provides spaces for communities and cares for students
increases the studying success of students. Florence finds that if the UvA focuses on taking care of the
community of students and teachers and ensuring there are resources for people, the community would also
65 give more back to education at the UvA. Florence mentions specifically mental health services, expanding
contemplation rooms and places to encourage studying.
Alies will share the input with the UvA mental health team.

11. Informational Campaign Municipal Elections

The municipal elections in Amsterdam will be happening in March. Florence has submitted a proposal for the
70 CSR to discuss how to promote the elections and ability to vote to international students. Florence shares
international students are often unaware of their right to vote in municipal elections and she would like the
CSR to be involved in providing information to students. Florence would like to work together with O&I to
promote municipal elections to international students. Yipeng mentions he can provide contact information
from the VU to promote the elections at the VU as well. Alies recommends the CSR should contact the VU to
75 ask for input on ideas for promotion. After there is promotional material, Florence can reach out to O&I and
share further information.

Philipp leaves 18:02

12. Evaluation of the CSR

The CSR attended the evaluation weekend from the 5th to the 7th of February. The CSR had a training and
80 participated in an evaluation session. Members at the weekend discussed the labour distribution in the CSR in
which some members do not contribute equally which creates a higher workload for other CSR members.
Francesco reminds members that they are expected to attend all official meetings of the CSR, as well as
maintaining their file work. The committee chairs should be more strict in ensuring members are equally
participating. The DB will also enforce the working agreements more in the second half of the term, including
85 monitoring committee participation.

The CSR also discussed increasing evaluation moments within the council outside of the evaluation weekend.
Francesco finds that communication is important for when members are unable to take on a certain amount
of work or are uncertain about how to progress within their files. The CSR will further evaluate within the
committees and the DB. Francesco emphasizes the work of the delegates is also important to ensure the
90 bridge between the FSR and CSR is present.

Members share their evaluations in a round. Vaisakh express frustration with the party politics at play in the
council but is generally positive about the work being done in the council. Saskia shares she feels unsupported
in her work. Noor shares similar feelings to Vaisakh and sees there is a disconnect between committees and
the rest of the council. Noor finds it important for members to communicate what they are able to do. Kacper
95 shares he needs to continue to prioritize as he has mostly been working in the FSR. Kacper feels his files are
quite vague but would like to continue working more in the CSR. Yipeng sees that he would like to put more
effort into the CSR but finds it difficult to work within three councils due to ACTA's position. Yipeng will work
on prioritizing the CSR more. Vincent has had a positive experience and enjoys his file work. Vincent shares
there was a bit of friction on his position as delegate within the faculty in which he will bring forward more
100 points from the FSR FdR. Pieter-Joost shares he has had a positive experience with his committee. He hopes to
have more discussions in the PV to move forward on topics the CSR can work on together. Sebastiaan is still
awaiting a transfer from Maximiliano to take over his files and will work on getting accustomed to the CSR.

Florence shares she really enjoys the work she is doing in the CSR and as a delegate. She sometimes feels overwhelmed but will continue to work on priority setting. Florence shares she feels strange there is not an equal distribution of labour but finds her work enjoyable to also put in more hours. Alies shares she enjoys being a part of the council but feels overwhelmed in the amount of work she takes on. In the next semester Alies wants to work more in her files in the CSR and FSR. In the beginning it was not always clear to Alies what was expected but this has been a positive development as there is more clarity and communication. Francesco shares it will be important to remain active in the second half of the term as the work will increase in the coming months.

Francesco shares the overview presented by the CvB for the coming months. On strategy, an extra GOV has been scheduled for May. For privacy, the file holder at the UvA would like to add student privacy on the agenda of the CSR and CvB. Pieter-Joost will follow-up on the privacy policy request. The CSR will receive a consent request for the Student Support Fund policy in March. For the educational vision, the CSR will discuss the vision in the heisessie next week and the March OV. The model OER discussion has been paused as there is currently no capacity to continue further discussion on the implementation and work of the model OER on the faculty level.

Priorities for the remaining semester include: digitalization and AI, finalizing the educational vision, strengthening the FSR medezeggenschap, Dutch language courses, working students, faculty cooperation (on the OER), accessible ACTA participation, UCO participation, student representation (increasing voter turnout), the kaderbrief (and housing plan), the student support fund, the privacy policy, ICG, university quarter policy, freedom of demonstration of the university (including police off campus), study spaces, catering, and the house rules.

13. W.V.T.T.K / Any other business

There is no further business.

14. Input requests for the FSRs / to the media

There are no input requests.

15. Evaluating the PV

The PV is evaluated.

16. Questions

There are no further questions.

17. Closing the meeting

Francesco closes the meeting at 18:50.

Decisions

Action list

260122-01 Kacper and Philipp will send Abbey their FSR updates from the 4th of December.

~~**260122-02** Abbey will follow up with the CSB to inform them of the changes in the composition of the CSR.~~

Pro memoria

- 140 **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 OI 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.
- 145 **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.
- 150 **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 an hour before the PV.
- 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.
- 155 **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.
- 160 **240215-01** The DB will be attentive to social activities and council cohesion.
- 250310-01** All CSR members will include abbreviations in their meeting pieces.
- 250901-01** The DB will enforce the working agreements from the beginning of the council term.

Important transfer tips

- 165 **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
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
PPL	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