Concept minutes of the informal *Plenaire vergadering* of the CSR on 12 October 2026

Present	Anton Siemonsma, Audrey Fabbri, Carlos Fitton, Sebastian Bosma, Amanda Jansen, Roy Houtman, Selin Stefanova, Risa Narsinghani, Sára Bystrovová, Richard Brante.
Absent	Kacper Farbisz, Anastacia Piersma, Anass Errami, Palmis Yahoo.
Guest(s)	
Minutes	Abbey Gilchrist (*Administrative secretary)*.

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

1. Opening

Carlos opens the meeting at 12:20 and welcomes the meeting participants.

2. Mail

The mail is discussed.

3. Adapting concept minutes

The minutes from the 28th of September and the 5th of October are adopted.

4. Checking the action list

The action list is checked. See attachment.

5. Announcements

Anastacia is absent. Amanda and Sebastian will arrive late. Risa will arrive at 13:00. Sára will leave at 13:00. Audrey asks members to check the payment request from karaoke.

There are 8 eligible votes.

6. Updates: *DB, delegates, central student assessor*

The updates are discussed. Carlos attended the Diversity Panel on Tuesday alongside Richard, Vinod and Marieke. Carlos met with the AUC student council on Wednesday. The AUC would like to change educational programs more towards science, which the AUC student council is against. The council worries there would be a drop in enrollment numbers, decreasing funding for AUC as well. The cooperation and founding document that will be changed is almost finalized. The AUC council will get one delegate within FNWI. FNWI will then have 13 members of the council.

Sebastian enters 12:27

CSR members attended the finance training on Friday. O&F attended the finance training and received the budget advice request. O&B had a brainstorm on EUGLOH. Sára, Richard and Anton had a meeting on the EUGLOH composition. The committee is looking into getting two spots for the meeting in November. There was an international student board meeting where Richard was present. O&I has not met this week due to Kacper's illness. Selin is working on the CSR merch and there will be a meeting piece next week. Audrey has done office groceries for the week. Audrey is waiting for further availability from the cleaning company for the office.

The FSR FMG is working on ordering merch and business cards. The FSR FEB is working on a borrel at De Krater. Anton had a call this morning with UCO and policy members on the letter on internationalization. The letter outlines more room for internationals in exact sciences, indicating less room for internationals in social sciences. Previously, the universities were working on self-regulation. The current government would like the self-regulation to become law. The goal before was 11% of internationals. The UvA is worried about their positioning in the lobbying given other technical universities benefit from the law. Anton attended an ISO meeting and spoke to members from the HvA. The council has proposed a meeting with the CSR. Richard asks if Anton has received a document on the WIB. Anton received a letter which will be forwarded to the CSR. The FSR ACTA has attended a few OVs in which there are differences in opinion between the Director of the Bachelors. The FSR feels the directors are not as transparent. The FSR FGw has hired a council assistant and continuing to work on outreach within the faculty.

7. Setting the agenda

The agenda is set. Academic freedom is moved to after GV Preparation.

8. EUGLOH

The UvA is joining the European Alliance for Universities. The UvA will join at a full member in January of 2027. The UvA is leaving EPICUR at the end of October. The UvA will need to attend the international student board and will form a local student board. The CSR will need to think about how to structure the local student board. Sára and Richard have proposed a board of 7-8 people, in which 2 representatives come from the CSR with each FSR represented as well. The O&B committee would also like input on how to move forward with applications. For the local student board, once the group is set up, there will be a chair, secretary and marketing officer. The two CSR members would be the international student board representatives. The positions should be outside the CSR representatives.

Roy asks what role the UvA administration plays in the setup of the student board. Sára shares the board has to be student led, which is why the CSR has been given the task to set up the board. Roy asks if there would be a stipend for students in the student board. Sára shares the board is not paid. The job of the board would be to share and support the benefits of EUGLOH. Anton shares there may be a few trips abroad for events but otherwise it will be focused mostly on students who are interested. Roy is concerned about the workload of the board given there are only two CSR general members. For the international student board, there is one meeting per month. The expectations are currently there is a meeting once a month. Richard shares other universities it took around 2-3 years to set up the board. Most of the work is advertising in the beginning. Roy asks if the local student board would be directly in contact with the UvA administration directly or first through the CSR. Sára shares this has not been entirely discussed but the local board will be in contact with UvA as there are staff members focused on organizing the EUGLOH.

Audrey asks if the representation of faculties would require participation from the FSR's. Sára shares that is not the idea as the local student board should not be politically charged. Audrey shares it would be good to consider FSR members as faculty representatives as it would be easier to recruit members versus holding open applications. The CSR is also already in close contact with the FSR's. Sára shares the idea was also to ensure that more students outside medezeggenschap could be involved in a specific program at the UvA, including studying abroad.

Risa enters 12:53

Roy shares a big part of the student population is eliminated because there is not compensation for the board membership and cannot freely volunteer time. The CSR is generally in favour of the composition of the

committee. Sára asks members to provide input for how to proceed with recruiting students. Audrey recommends one point of contact in O&B can be identified for handling recruitment. Audrey recommends having 1-2 people to review the applications. Sára asks if delegates can discuss if the communication efforts can be shared within the faculties.

Sára leaves 12:57

9. GV 261016 Preparation

The CSR would like to prepare for the discussions on the kaderbrief and the RvT selection procedure. Roy shares for the kaderbrief the negative advice still stands. The GV will need to discuss at what point the non-consent from the GV would be lifted.

Palmis leaves 12:59

The DB would like to discuss at what point the members would be alright with lifting the negative consent. Audrey would like to know if it is feasible if the CvB can provide numbers already for the spending at AMC. The GV could accept a clear plan of action for when there would be more transparency on the budget. The agreement between the UvA and AMC is that they do not have to share the finances of AMC. The COR and GV are unaware of one of the mainlines of the budget from AMC given there is no data. Anton would like clarity on whether the agreement does not allow the data to be shared or if the agreement only mentions they are not obliged to share. The GV may then ask that the agreement is amended to not contradict the WHW. Audrey mentions the GV could ask the dean of AMC for a letter that they will rearrange the agreement. The GV has also received the CvB's response to the non-consent.
For the RvT Selection Procedure, the GV will need to nominate two members for consideration to the Minister of Education. The GV will need to vote on the two recommendations. The procedure will be voted on in the coming GV. There will be an open process and an application committee. The GV would then send nominated applicants to the Ministry. Carlos clarifies the GV will organize the recruitment. The recruitment committee will also need representatives from the CSR and will be involved in the process until the final nomination. The CSR is in favour of the proposed procedure. For the vacancy text, the DB discussed that the RvT member should be aligned with GV interest, including experience in organizing in unions or direct experience in the co-determination process. Roy adds it would be useful to include a preference for someone with international student experience. Anton shares it could be useful to ask for experience in a large, international and diverse institution.

Amanda enters 13:14

Audrey reminds members to attend the GV on Friday.

10. Academic Freedom

Richard and Risa will attend a meeting next week to discuss academic freedom. During year plan discussions, the CSR envisioned a concrete framework for academic freedom. Richard and Risa would like input on what to include in the framework and general ideas. Risa shares the term academic freedom is mobilized in many contexts but there is not a concrete meaning of what it signifies. Risa shares often one person's academic freedom comes at the expense of another's. Richard finds it is important to open a discussion with the CvB about what it means for the UvA. Richard finds it would be nice to have concrete definitions to ensure there is consistent application of the term. Roy finds it is also important to see how academic freedom is used

politically and to go beyond hypotheticals. Sebastian shares he defines academic freedom as the insurance you have a right to education and to study without oppression. Carlos states in a broad definition it is to ensure that you can study academia without interference from a higher power. Audrey mentions freedom of thought was included in the statement by the Rectors of Dutch Universities in 2025. All freedom of expression is bound by standards of scientific quality and professionalism. Audrey asks if more ideas on ethical boundaries should be included in this. Sebastian asks if there should be as little rules as possible to ensure there is more freedom. Roy shares the crutch lays in that your freedom to do what you want harms someone else's freedom. Audrey shares ethics should be included within the boundaries of academic freedom which is already bound by certain values. If the ethics are stipulated by the UvA's ethical framework,
The CSR could bring the topic to the OV or create their own initiative. Roy mentions it would be interesting to hear how the UvA views academia and the state's influence. For instance, funding from education to defence, and the imposition of the law on internationalization. Risa would like to ask if tension is created in academic freedom when the UvA will not collaborate with companies like Shell, but faculties are free to invite the same companies for career events. Audrey would like to hear how centralized or decentralized academic freedom policy is and if this is more decentralized, how does this differ per faculty. Amanda asks if the UvA already has a policy on academic freedom. Risa states there is no clear policy on academic freedom.

11. Sticky Campus

The O&F committee has brainstormed how to further discuss the sticky campus. The committee has identified five goals that they would like to work on holistically with the CSR. The five main topics the committee would like to further outline include a SWOT analysis of the three main campuses (REC, UK, Science Part), event and student organization funding, education and the quality of education, the role of the canteen on campus, and the overall philosophy of the university of care.
Richard mentions it would be useful to tie the philosophy of a university of care to the educational vision on academic citizenship. Audrey mentions the role of campus appearance within the SWOT analysis and in general is also an important element. Audrey adds the role of spatial agency among students, for instance the ability of students to shape the campus to become a more active community, is important in creating a sticky campus. Giving students the right to feel they are heard and involved in creating the campus. Anton asks if mandatory attendance falls within the topic of sticky campus, to encourage students to come to campus. Roy mentions it would be important to form a pedagogical vision on the sticky campus and would be against more forceful methods of creating a sticky campus. Roy would like to include more intrinsically motivated reasons for students to attend. Sebastian would like to look at data for how many people stay at university when they have class and when those classes impose mandatory attendance. Risa asks if data could be requested from the humanities faculty given they have removed mandatory attendance. Risa shares students will still come to campus for all kinds of activities besides educational activities.
Roy asks if a bullet point should be added as a separate point of attention for students travelling outside Amsterdam. Risa shares it could be useful but students from outside Amsterdam may also inherently plan to be around campus longer. Richard recommends describing target groups, for instance students that do not attend classes due to work, that can further delineate goals for each target group.

12. SOS Fund

The CSR has received an updated overview of the budget. Selin would like to further discuss what budget is available for associations. For now, the budget proposal is 1000 euros maximum per organization. The budget would be around 15,000 euros for the total budget. Regarding finances, there is 2000 euros available for social and collaborative events. The CSR does have 5000 euros available that has not been allocated.
Depending on other external activities, mostly CoBo related activites, there is around 7000 euros available.

Anton would like to be flexible in setting a hard cap on the amount of funding for an organization. Anton would like to put a cap on the amount of participation students. Audrey proposes around 800 euros maximum to allow for more collaborations with a diverse amount of student organization. Risa recommends the CSR could reevaluate for larger events if more than 800 euros is needed. Otherwise, the standard should be maximum of 800 euros. The CSR agrees on 800 euros per event and more can be allocated in exceptional cases, such as an event with more than 70 people.
Anton advises the CSR not to completely reserve the fund of 6000 euros for organizations but to also allow for other collaborations outside the fund or other CSR events. The 6000 will be reserved for organizations partially but the fund will still be flexible for other CSR activities.
Richard asks if the fund will be proposed in the budget for 2027 as well. Selin states if it goes well and there is good outreach, they can create a proposal with Anton for 2027. For the requirements, Audrey would like to add vegan/vegetarian catering to align with CSR guidelines. Audrey would like to recommend the events would use De Nieuwe Mensa. Carlos mentions it would not be necessary to add as events sponsored by the CSR would have to align with all agreements. Amanda would like to include in the form how events/organizations would plan to increase the CSR's visibility. Amanda would like clarity to see how collaborations would benefit the CSR.

13. Project Common Ground

The CSR has received a request to collaborate on an event related to AI. The organization is asking for around 500 euros for the event, which would fit in the SOS fund once voted on. The goal of the event is to depolarize controversial topics. Common Ground has proposed AI and education, as it is also a relevant topic for the CSR. Richard shares he would first like to discuss the SOS funds before deciding on collaborations. At the moment, organizations can get in touch for the funding because they know CSR members. Richard mentions he is not in favour of 500 euros for an event for 25 attendees. Anton shares he has included the event proposal given that the budget is available but may not be used by the end of the year, as the CSR only has around six weeks to spend the remaining money. Anton shares the timeline for the SOS fund has already been delayed and sees there is little time for organizations to apply, organize an event and advertise. Anton finds it can still enhance the reach of the CSR to support events in this way. Risa shares while the fund it being set up, organizations will still only be within the networks of CSR members. The process will take awhile for members to reach organizations that would be unaware of the fund. Risa finds it would be important for the CSR to know what students think about AI, particularly for the new framework on AI and education.
Roy mentions the variable cost covered by the CSR, 300 euros for food, is a steep cost. For 25 people, the CSR finds the cost is high. Anton shares the budget can be revised, particularly if alternative, most cost-effective catering is found.

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

Audrey reminds members to fill in the when2meets for PV times and the CSR social activity.

15. Input requests for the FSRs / to the media

FSR's are requested to discuss input for the EUGLOH local student board.

16. Evaluating the PV

The PV is evaluated. Richard recommends keeping answers shorter within the meeting to ensure time is kept well throughout the meeting.

17. Questions

There are no further questions.

18. Closing the meeting

Carlos closes the meeting at 14:12.

Action List

~~**261005-01** The DB will add the GV agenda for preparation as an agenda point in the next PV.~~

Decisions

Pro memoria

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 O&I 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 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.

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.

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

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&B	Education and Policy	Onderwijs en Beleid
O&F	Organization and Finance	Organisatie en Financiën
O&I	Outreach and Inclusivity	Outreach en Inclusiviteit
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
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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