



## **Conceptverslag van het overleg tussen de Raad van Toezicht en de Centrale Studentenraad, gehouden op 3 december 2020**

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*Van de zijde van de Centrale Studentenraad 2019-2020:* Nina Hol (voorzitter CSR), Ivan Muso (vicevoorzitter CSR), Assamaul Saidi, Daan Rademaekers, David Steenmeijer, Elias Hidoussi, Evelyn Pomasqui, Evrim Hotamis, Julia Nguyen, Kaleem Ullah, Sofiya Koba, Taimoor Baig en Tijmen Dietvorst;  
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*Van de zijde van het College van Bestuur:* Geert ten Dam (voorzitter CvB), Karen Maex (rector magnificus), Mariska Herweijer (bestuurssecretaris), Rijk van Beek (Studentassessor-CvB);  
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- 1. Opening**  
Voskens opens the meeting at 15:30 and welcomes the participants.
- 2. Setting the agenda**  
*The agenda is set without changes*
- 3. Announcements**  
*There are no announcements.*
- 4. Social safety**

Last year the CSR sent an advice to the CvB, regarding social safety. The response was discussed at the first formal meeting between the CSR and the CvB. The CSR also discussed the function of the ombudsperson at the UvA. The CSR also sent a letter supporting the letter of no-confidence, on the position of the Dean of Humanities (FGw).

The CSR is currently looking at the report on social safety and how the recommendations can be implemented. According to the file holders the report does not state new findings.

The CSR finds the recommendations regarding the complaints committee, the procedure regarding sending in complaints and the function of the ombudsperson, very important. Social safety is also a high priority for the supervisory board. Hol states that one of the important steps to create a socially safe university is to have a community that speaks up. This was also part of the consideration for the CSR to support the letter concerning the FGw. Koba adds that an aftercare system should also be provided.

## 5. The future of education

The CSR is glad to see that courses are getting more interdisciplinary. But, they miss flexibility, in the options to take courses or attend lectures.

Some programs always have re-sits just before the summer break, even if the courses were given in semester 1. More tailored programs should be offered. The focus should still be on 'on campus' education. But, a digital alternative should also be offered.

It is also important to increase the quality of digital education. Also, lectures should be recorded. Baig states, regarding the interdisciplinary studies, that having the option to choose from a wide range of electives enables students to broaden their knowledge in a way that fits them.

Students are also expected to do more, than just study. Taking internships, joining medezeggenschap or doing a board year, and even a part-time job is expected, to pay daily bills.

It is inevitable that education becomes more flexible and is also offered digitally.

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*Hidoussi and Rademaekers leave the meeting due to commitments elsewhere*

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## 6. Ethics Committees

The CSR was informed that the role of the central ethical committee is now filled by the faculties' ethical committees.

A working group was created within the CSR, to review the central ethics committee (CEC). The CSR has formed an advice, stating that the CEC should have more active members, the CEC should be given more competencies to review research proposals. The compensation of members of the CEC should also be reviewed.

The functioning of the CEC has already been discussed with the CvB. The CEC's task is to define the regulations, based on which the ethical committees of the faculties function. However, the CSR also wants the CEC to review specific research proposals. To achieve this the CSR would like to cooperate with the CvB.

## 7. Mental health

The CSR received messages from students, stating that they are experiencing loneliness due to corona. Also, according to the crisis monitor not all students feel part of the university, because they cannot visit the university and meet their fellow students. The CSR is working on addressing the importance of mental health and looking into

initiatives to improve mental health at the UvA. A long term goal of the CSR is to make the university more pro-active, in offering services to better mental health. Another long term goal is to start a mental health awareness campaign, creating an opportunity to address and prevent severe mental health problems in an early stage.

The CSR will continue to work together with the CvB to offer ways to improve the mental health of students.

## 8. Questions

*There are no further questions.*

## 9. Closing the meeting

Voskens expresses great appreciation and thanks the CSR members for their openness and for sharing their concerns. She thanks all members for their work and dedication, being committed to improving and assisting the UvA notwithstanding the COVID-19 measures.

Voskens also thanks all meeting participants for their contributions during today's conversation and closes the meeting at 17:00h.

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