



Concept Agenda Plenary Meeting 18th of September 2025

Date: 18-09-2025 (16:00-18:00)

PCH 3.19.

Aanwezig: Alivia Peterli, Io Carpiso, Stef Talboo, Aditya Pandey (online), Florence Lynch, Nimaye Nambiar, Jasmine Lee, Noah de Campos Neto, Thomas Groot, Jozef van de Visse

Afwezig: Kevin Eng, Constanza Planas Buendia

Gast:

Notulist: Tahira Mohammad

Agenda

1. **Opening**
2. **Mail, agenda, and action list (2 minutes)**
3. **Announcements (2 minutes)**
4. **Confirmation agenda (3 minutes)**
5. **Confirmation minutes (4 minutes)**
6. **Updates (15 minutes)**
The chair, vicechair, committees, CSR delegate, treasurer and student accessor share updates.
7. **Discussing OV – Palestine advice (10 minutes) (attachments:1)**
The FSR discusses the Palestine advice written by Jozef van de Visse
8. **Discussing OV– Against indexation for international students progress (10 minutes) (attachments: 0)**
The FSR discusses the progress done on Indexation and its readiness for the OV.
9. **Discussing OV– Attendance and importance of attending (10 minutes) (attachments: 0)**
The FSR discusses the importance of attending the OV and potential scheduling problems.
10. **Discussing OV– General preparation for the upcoming OV (10 minutes) (attachments: 0)**
The FSR discusses any other points that need addressing is preparation for the OV.

11. Discussing – Quality of life and maintenance in the campus (15 minutes)
(attachments: 0)

The FSR discusses a complaint received about the state of Oudemanhuispoort and the canteen prices.

12. Discussing – FSR FGw year plan (25 minutes) (attachments: 0)

The FSR discusses and plans for the academic year to come.

13. Committee topics (5 minutes)

14. Palestine of the week (4 minutes)

15. PR of the week (5 minutes)

16. Final points and closing

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17. Opening

Peterli opens the meeting at 16:09.

18. Mail, agenda, and action list (2 minutes)

There are no updates on the mail.

The council goes through the action list. Lee says that the O&M Committee was confused by the actionpoint on discussing the FSR funds for study and student associations. Peterli answers that it was in reference to a guideline on how study and student associations can apply for FSR funding. O&M will send a letter to meet to organize a Mock OV in the last week of September. O&F is actively looking into the maintenance situation of OMHP. The Daily Board will bring forth De Campos Neto's case during tomorrow's TTO. Carpiso is actively looking into the indexation in tuition fee and is currently trying to consult with ASVA.

19. Announcements (2 minutes)

Nambiar will depart the meeting 15 minutes earlier.

20. Confirmation agenda (3 minutes)

The agenda is confirmed.

21. Confirmation minutes (4 minutes)

The minutes of 11-09 are confirmed.

22. Updates (15 minutes)

The chair, vicechair, committees, CSR delegate, treasurer and student accessor share updates.

Talboo provides O&F Committee updates. They are trying to acquire more information on the topic of credit card payment for tuition fees. Pandey and de Campos Neto provide O&M Committee updates. Due to the practicalities of it, the O&M Committee has set the 25th of September as the day to click the council pictures. De Campos Neto asks whether anyone has any objections to participating in Secret Santa as a team bonding activity. Pandey updates that the O&M Committee will be meeting with the admin of the University's Humanities social media page. Lynch updates on the credit card payment matter. Theoretically it is possible to pay with a credit card, but the additional merchant fees can run significantly high. In the case of non-EU students, they have to pay for the merchant fees themselves, in the case of EU students, the University has to pay those fees. Carpiso says that the University of Groningen allows credit card payment, where the merchant fees are significantly less than at the UvA. Nambiar provides O&O Committee updates. They have contacted VOX-POP regarding the cultural and religious events they organized last academic year, they are awaiting a response. Nambiar drafted a guide for FSR purchases. Carpiso asks whether she has to submit her application to the O&M Committee. Mohammad says that a subsidy application by an association has to be brought to the plenary as it has to be voted on. The O&M Committee is involved in this process because of their role in the outreach part of it. In principle, the treasurer is responsible for bringing the application to the plenary.

Lynch provides CSR updates. The CSR will send a letter with questions on the Maagdenhuis situation during the opening of the academic year. There is a GV (joined meeting between CSR and COR) planned tomorrow. Next, Lynch informs the council that the IO's between the CSR and CvB have been completely canceled. The CSR has opened a new file on Dutch courses to organize free Dutch courses for international students.

23. Discussing OV – Palestine advice (10 minutes) (attachments:1)

The FSR discusses the Palestine advice written by Jozef van de Visse.

Peterli says that there was a miscommunication on this file, the file on Palestine officially falls under the umbrella of the O&F Committee. Lynch proposes to still bring the unsolicited advice to the upcoming OV and vote on it today. Carpiso seconds that. Peterli asks whether anyone wants to make any adjustments to the current letter draft. Lynch proposes to request the Faculty Board to use the term 'genocide' in their formal communications, as opposed to the current terminology that is used which often refers to 'war' and 'conflict'. Mohammad says that the same discussion was held one year ago. As a result of this discussion, two points regarding terminology and specification of the aggressor were raised in an unsolicited advice. The council will vote on the unsolicited advice later during the day.

24. Discussing OV– Against indexation for international students progress (10 minutes) (attachments: 0)

The FSR discusses the progress done on Indexation and its readiness for the OV.

Talboo updates that he will ask further questions on this during tomorrow's TTO. Carpiso has furthermore researched into this. These findings will be discussed during tomorrow's O&F Committee meeting. Lynch says that this is also an actionpoint in the CSR. The council decides not to bring this topic as an agenda point to the OV, as it has to be researched into more.

25. Discussing OV- Attendance and importance of attending (10 minutes) (attachments: 0)

The FSR discusses the importance of attending the OV and potential scheduling Problems.

The council discusses the importance of OV attendance. Each council member elaborates on their (in)attendance. Lynch emphasizes that OV attendance holds the same weight as a medical appointment – it is of paramount importance that all council members try their utmost best to be present.

26. Discussing OV- General preparation for the upcoming OV (10 minutes) (attachments: 0)

The FSR discusses any other points that need addressing is preparation for the OV.

Peterli asks how the FSR has to share their OV agenda points. Mohammad explains the process. The AS is responsible for the VO. Peterli asks whether the FSR's budget situation will still be brought to the OV. Mohammad says that Eng received a response to his answer, but is not sure whether that response was sufficient. Peterli will contact Eng about this matter.

The council holds a break at 17:02.

27. Discussing – Quality of life and maintenance in the campus (15 minutes) (attachments: 0)

The FSR discusses a complaint received about the state of Oudemanhuispoort and the canteen prices.

The meeting resumes at 17:15.

Peterli introduces the agenda point. Talboo says that the electrical equipment of Oudemanhuispoort is nearing the end of its lifetime, which explains the amount of broken electrical sockets. Lynch chips in and says that the University has a hard time to find someone to maintain Oudemanhuispoort. Lynch suggests making use of the council's network by having Van de Visse contact LOF to inquire on a potential alternative to the SPAR next to the UB, as the Utrecht University has already successfully found an alternative [ACTIONPOINT]. De Campos Neto wonders how the council can argue that the SPAR is on University territory. Van de Visse clarifies that it is a suspicion. Peterli adds that complaints also exist regarding the inaccessibility of student organizations, and proposes for O&M to look into this issue. Pandey opens the invite to the council to provide tips on how the council can best highlight student organizations. De Campos Neto underscores students' responsibility and wonders how the council can contribute to the information spread when the existence of study associations is usually highlighted within the borders of each study program. Lynch adds to the discussion that last council year she looked into the omission of a student wellbeing policy at the University but more specifically at FGw. Other Dutch universities have a web page on their website that centralizes student wellbeing, including student associations. She says this might be an incentive to pick up the student wellbeing policy plan again. Pandey adds to the discussion that such a page already exists. Lee confirms this, and wonders whether the problem is finding study associations or

student associations. Carpiso says that the webpage in question is outdated. She partially contributes the problems to the non-existence of campus life in the Netherlands. Carpiso uses the introduction procedure at other European universities, where first year students are provided with a guide to the university and respective. She suggests proposing this initiative to the student ambassadors. De Campos Neto believes that amplifying the student associations is what is needed in this context, and adds that the concept of campus life is hard to realize since we are located in the middle of the city. Lynch says that the FSR can contribute to community building, and says that it has been shown to positively influence academic performances. Pandey says that it will be an agenda point during the next O&M Committee meeting and asks Carpiso to provide him with the guide received by other students at other universities [ACTIONPOINT]. Groot shares the website called 'Amsterdamstudentenstad' and proposes to translate the document provided on their website and disseminate it on the student wellbeing page. Mohammad highlights a Folia article published very recently that discussed the topic of student isolation in Amsterdam. De Campos Neto asks whether it focused on Dutch or international students, as he believes that their feelings of loneliness stem from a completely different corner than Dutch students. Pandey opens the invitation to council members to share their knowledge on this topic with him as he would consider it insightful. He is still unsure how the University can properly tackle this problem but deems it important to at least make attempts. Nambiar leaves the meeting.

28. Discussing – FSR FGw year plan (25 minutes) (attachments: 0)

The FSR discusses and plans for the academic year to come.

The council has to draft their year plan which will consist of their plans for the upcoming year. Van de Visse proposes for the council to take a week to brainstorm on this. Mohammad adds that it is important to finish the year plan by the end of October.

29. Committee topics (5 minutes)

Talboo asks for the entire council to think about the structure of the FSR x OR x fDB meeting [ACTIONPOINT]. Lynch says that last council year, the FSR and OR would simply exchange what topics they are currently working on.

Pandey says that the O&M Committee has officially set the date for the council's pictures. It will take place on the 25th of September. Furthermore, he proposes to organize an event where students from different study programs can interact with each other.

30. Palestine of the week (4 minutes)

Talboo says that Van de Visse has drafted an unsolicited advice on Palestine to which some modifications will be made by Lynch. Lynch says that given the fact we have an unofficial government, any decision making regarding a boycott will not take place in the foreseeable future. Van de Visse says that despite the current nature of our government, education will continue to be a topic on their agenda. Talboo says that education and international relations are not the same thing to the government. Van de Visse says that is not correct. Anything educational institutions choose to do regarding the ties will be commented on by the government.

31. PR of the week (5 minutes)

The council pictures are planned for this week. He will furthermore publish the survey on deadnaming.

The council discusses the application process of their compensation fees.

32. Final points and closing

The meeting ends at 18:02.

Decision list

Decisions

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	Voor	Tegen	Onthouden	Blanco
Activistenpartij	8	-	-	-

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Inter	1	-	-	-

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Vrijmoedige Studentenpartij	-	-	1	-

The FSR FGw 2025-2026 votes to support the demands mentioned in the letter of UvA's professors sent to the CvB on the 12th of September 2025.