



FSR-meeting

Date 27-11-2015

Location JK B.05

16:00-17:45

Minutes

Presents: Samantha van den Hoek, Mick Fruytier, Mourad Farahat, Nickardo Postma, Mink Perrée, Tijmen de Vos and Ioana Nicolau, Rinus van Grusven, and Ioana Nicolau.

Absent: Mink Perrée, and Mourad Farahat.

Secretary: Renée Bijvoets

1. Determine agenda

16.01

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2. Minutes of previous meeting	8. Budget Advice Procedure
3. Announcements	Remarks
4. Update fileholders and CSR-representative	
5. Working Agreements	

2. Minutes previous meeting

16.09

Minutes of 20-11-2015 are agreed upon.

3. Announcements

16.09

- Absent council members: Mink Perrée and Mourad Farahat.
- Swiss has to leave at a quarter to five.
- Ioana discussed the collaboration between the FSR and Rostra Economics with the team of Rostra and there will be an FSR article in the paper version, this will be finished before half of January, and will be distributed in March during the career month. The council has to decide what to put in the article; also, the Rostra team does not want the FSR to use the article for promotion. The council understands that Rostra is informative, but if there were any possibilities the FSR can promote some of their events that would be great. Ioana will discuss this further with the Rostra team. Ioana will send the council an email to ask for input and details on the article.

Upcoming Events:

30-11-2015 at 12.00 Course evaluations: Finance.

30-11-2015 at 18.30 CoBo: Dinner starts at 18.30 and the CoBo starts at 20.30.

1-12-2015 at 12.00 – 14.00: First Coffee Time at the FSR room.

1-12-2015 at 19.00 Thinktank budget organised by the CSR. Tijmen will attend this meeting, but asks whether other council members will join him.

8-12-2015 all day Christmas event by the FSR. Tijmen will dress up as Santa Claus and the council will hand out cookies and flyers for promotion of the FSR in the ehal. Samantha will inform Hinke Nijman that the council will use the E-hal (151127-02).

17-12-2015 Team Building event FSR.

4. Update fileholders & CSR-representative

16.24

Rinus: Went to the Campus Meeting in which the A-building was discussed and especially parking places for the bikes at the campus. Most students were concerned that there will not be enough parking spots when the students from FDR move to the Roeters campus. Timeline: September 2017 partially opening the A-building, summer of 2018 FDR will move to the A-building. Met with Hinke Nijman to discuss whether the FSR can enter the FSR-room during the weekends, the reason this cannot at the moment is due to security reasons. However, if it is really necessary to be in the FSR room you can send Hinke Nijman an email in advance with your student number and name, and you will be able to pick up a card at the reception so that you can enter the FSR room. Coffee time will start on Tuesday the first of December from 12.00 – 14.00 and this will be a weekly event on the Tuesday. Make sure to promote the event on FB and to your friends at the faculty. Furthermore, start





handing out flyers two things will need to be done: 1) Samantha and Tijmen will make the flyers and 2) Nickardo will make a schedule for everyone to see when they have to flyer. Also, Rinus mailed the CSR to ask about the “profleringsfonds” (financial support students get who are ill, sport at a high level, or who are in the student council/study association). Currently, the amount of workload and amount of money students receive is not in proportion and Rinus informed the CSR to ask what they are doing with this file at the moment. Lastly, the O&M committee set up the file “sustainability” with the goal to initiate a working group with 10-15 students to encourage the UvA to do more on the issues is sustainability then they are currently doing. E.g. solar panels on the rooftops and recycle more etc. The working group can brainstorm about possibilities and we can use that input to make the university more sustainable and also create a way to involve students more with the work of the FSR.

Victor: The E&R committee has worked on establishing contact with UvA data, Victor will be the main contact person; selective masters (this will also be discussed during the OV of the 7th of December); BSc split, the bachelors have received 2 accreditations and the commissions will start working on this; Midterms: there has been an Assessment Policy Commission meeting and the midterms and multiple choice exams were discussed. The commission was in favour of making the system 6-1-1 instead of 3-1-3-1, however, Peter van Baalen insisted on not changing this. Additionally, the commission was also against multiple-choice exams and it was suggested to have more open questions or a mix of questions. Lastly, Victor will meet up with the chairman of the Honours student council of the UvA, VU and AUC.

5. Working agreements

16.28

The council has translated the working agreements from Dutch to English and the council discusses these.

Additions:

- Language: “All documents will be written in English”.
- Corvee; fifth point: f.or → for.
- Absence: Transfer period needs to be discussed, this will be done in the next DB meeting (Nickardo 151127-05).
- Daily board; fourth point: “madate” → mandate.
- Plenary meeting
- Chairman: sub-last point has to be deleted.
- Plenary meeting: “18 pm” → 6 pm

The council agrees upon the working agreements, based on the changes discussed in the PV. From now on, the council will work according to the working agreements.

6. OV agenda points

16.38

The council decides on the agenda for the OV of the 7th of December.

- Announcements:
 - Introduction round
 - Tijmen: OC (short point, request to include the OC more).
- Points
 - Samantha: Selectivity of Masters
 - Mick: Assessments (MC and midterms)
 - Tijmen: Hiring more students to work at the faculty (also can increase the community feeling), student assistants.
- Questions:
 - D&D committee: what is their response once this committee visits the FEB?

MEMOs for the OV need to be send to Renée before Wednesday the 2nd of December at 12.00.

7. Budget Advice Procedure

16.47

The FSR evaluates the procedure of the budget advice. To smoothen the process of advice writing, the FSR agrees on the following: 1) Use the letter written and add your remarks/points to that letter rather than writing a second letter; and 2) if an advice comes in this will first be discussed in the responsible committee meeting, this committee will bring the necessary information to the PV and there the points to put in the letter will be discussed, then the committee will discuss the outcomes of the PV in the committee meeting and will write the letter, the letter is then brought to the PV where the council will decide whether or not to send out the letter.



Remarks:

Renée informs the council that she is going to quit her job as the secretary of the council on the 15th of January, due to fieldwork abroad for her studies. Therefore, the council needs to find a new secretary. Renée will send out the vacancy for the secretary (151127-07).

The council received a letter from the FGW about the following three things: 1) The budget costs of the FGW and FDR; 2) The rent rises above the inflation rate; and 3) the fact that faculties do not have right of consent on the budget. The council discusses these three points:

Budget costs: The FDR and FGW receive less money than they did the previous years, because there are less students each year for these faculties, this means they need to cut their budgets even further. It becomes clear that the council is not well enough informed yet on this point to make a decision. Therefore, Mink will send through the kaderbrief (the latest version) (151127-08) and Samantha will request a presentation about the allocation model (151127-09). However, if the decision is based solely on the question whether the FEB should care about other faculties who are in trouble, most of the council members agree that it is something the FEB should help with. However, before making a judgement the council also needs to know what the alternatives are, and whether it for example is possible to borrow the money from one faculty to the other. Conclusion: there is no proposed alternative and reorganisation will be necessary, however, if there is a possibility to help the faculties without giving the money away this would be something the council agrees on.

Rent rises 3,5% on top of inflation: The reason of these extra cost increases is that the university has decided that each faculty needs to pay for the space they are using themselves, rather than some parts are being paid by the central board. If the costs are decentralised to the faculties the faculties have more incentive to be efficient with the space they use. Thus, the university has made the rent prices cost-based and this has led to increases in the rent. However, the question is whether faculties will also get more money to pay for the buildings if these costs are decentralised (151127-09 Samantha). The university first needs to have more information about this issue before making a decision.

Right of consent for all councils on the budget: Most of the council members do not believe it is necessary for the faculty councils to have right of consent on the budget, based on the ideas that the faculty members will not have enough knowledge about the budget to make such a decision. Also, the sentence "all layers of medezeggenschapsraden" is ambiguous because it is unclear whether that is the FSR and OR or also the OCs. However, the council also thinks it would be good to make a statement that more information should be provided with the budget.

The overall conclusion is that Samantha will write a response to the letter of the FGW and will send it to the council who can respond by email their remarks, the letter will be discussed in the PV of the 4th of December (151127-11).

Rinus is going to plan a meeting with Sanne Landhuis and Marja van der Meer of the communication department to discuss the WC-krant. During the meeting they will discuss how to divide the paper between the different. Rinus proposes that the FSR, the communication department and the UvA should be able to put something in the paper and also asks the council whether they think the study associations should be able to put something in the paper. Renée proposes that the study associations all can have an equal space each month for promotion of their events. The five associations are: Sefa, Sfeer, MAA, FSA and VSAE.

Details:

- Monthly newspaper.
- Size A3.
- Faculty services are responsible for the toilets and the paper will be put in the toilets of the E and M building. Not sure yet about the library learning centre.
- Goal: finish the first toilet paper before the 25th of January, so that it will be displayed in the toilets from the 1st of February.



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Rinus and the O&M committee will decide on a layout and propose this in the meeting with Sanne Landhuis and Marja van der Meer. Rinus make sure to meet up before the Christmas break (151127-12).

Samantha proposes the following layout:

FSR	Room for study associations to provide some information
FSR	
UvA	
Communications FEB	



ACTIONPOINTS

150918-05 Samantha will send an email to Ruben (the secretary of Sefa 2014-2015) to ask if everyone of list Sefa can resign.

151023-01 Swiss email Joëlie Stork to set up a meeting with Peter van Baalen, together with Nickardo, about Blended Learning.

151023-10 Rinus discuss open sourcing in the O&M committee.

151106-05 Everybody state your ultimate goals for your files on the document that Samantha made.

151106-06 Samantha share the google drive of all the councils.

151120-02 Mourad think of a general response strategy in case of emergency events (e.g. the attacks in Paris).

151120-04 Samantha make a flyer for the promotion of the council.

151120-07 Everyone think of points that need to be discussed during the OV of the 7th of December.

151127-01 Rinus update the rest of the council on "coffee time" by mail.

151127-02 Samantha inform Hinke Nijman that the council will use the E-hal on the 8th of December for promotion.

151127-03 Everyone please put your schedule for January and the second semester in the Google calendar of the fsr.feb@gmail.com.

151127-04 Rinus buy a guestbook for the CoBo.

151127-05 Nickardo put the transfer period (which dates the transfer period will be) on the agenda of the DB meeting.

151127-06 Samantha, Tijmen and Mick send your memos for the OV before the 2nd of December at 12.00 to Renée.

151127-07 Renée send out the vacancy for a new secretary.

151127-08 Mink send the kaderbrief (latest version) to the rest of the council.

151127-09 Samantha request a presentation of the allocation model for the council.

151127-10 Samantha find out whether the faculties will receive more money if the costs per m2 are raised for the faculties.

151127-11 Samantha write a response to the letter of the FGW and send it to the council.

151127-12 Rinus make a layout for the toilet paper and plan a meeting with Sanne Landhuis and Marja van der Meer before the Christmas break.

Pro-memory

151009-02 Respond to questions on Whatsapp.

151009-03 Everyone invite your friends to the Think tank group made by Tijmen.

151113-01 Actively invite students for the course evaluations

151127-01 The council works according to the working agreements

