



FSR-meeting

Date 18-12-2015

Location JK B.05

16:00-17:45

Minutes

Presents: Samantha van den Hoek, Rinus van Grunsven, Ioana Nicolau Mick Fruytier, Mourad Farad, Mink Perrée, Tijmen de Vos, Swiss Jurriens, and Nickardo Postma.

Absent: Victor Oprea.

Secretary: Renée Bijvoets

1. Determine agenda

16.01

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2. Minutes of previous meeting	7. Rethink Economics
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2. Minutes previous meeting

16.02

Minutes of 11-12-2015 are agreed upon.

3. Announcements

16.06

- Absent councilmembers: Victor Oprea.
- Search for secretary: Please keep sharing the vacancy for the secretary.

4. Update fileholders & CSR-representative

16.10

Mink: Discussed "flex" studying (paying for the ECTS), there will be a pilot and the CSR will have a right of consent on the pilot, the CSR was divided on the fact whether the CSR wants to have a pilot on flex studying. A lot of council members felt that it is similar to the "rendements" thinking, others liked the fact that students can pay less if they are doing extracurricular activities. Mink (151218-01) will look up how much one course would cost. Samantha suggests appointing a file holder for the flex studying and will write a MEMO for the PV. CSR discussed the profile fund (Mink is the file holder), met with Brigitte and an expert on the profile fund, for this year the CSR will look at the current profile fund and make small adjustments, and parallel the CSR will look at the way the fund can be changed. Main choices to make: Do we like the current system? An option is to combine the fund with the VU and HvA but Mink believes this is unlikely to happen. Another option is to go to the system same like Groningen and there it depends on the activity of extracurricular activity. Evaluated Finance, Accounting and a master course of Econometrics and they were very successful.

Rinus: O&M did not meet the past week. After the PV Rinus will mail Hinke Nijman to find out when the FSR will be able to enter the FSR room, Rinus will update the council. Thursday 24th till Monday the 4th the University buildings will be closed.

Mourad: Had the meeting with the QTEM file and will have more regular meetings. The QTEM person would like to ask the FSR to help promote the program anymore. Rethinking economics will be discussed during the meeting. Regarding the Socratic models, still having a hard time to find teachers to join the program, but have some courses in the pipeline.

Tijmen: Will meet with the people from the OC to discuss upcoming things. Also will meet with the Bachelor Split.

Nickardo: After the Christmas break there will be a meeting with the Blended Learning expert. Everyone fill in the datum prikker for the teambuilding weekend (151218-02).

Samantha: Will have a meeting with the Bachelor Split. Tijmen asks Samantha to discuss the fact that Math is scheduled in the second semester while it is a required course for your BSA.



5. Pre-investments

16.27

The CSR send the pre-investment proposals of the FEB. There are no general questions.

Opinion:

- Tijmen: Weird that we asked the board about there plans and that in the end we had to receive the documents through the CSR and now there was no possibility to discuss this earlier. Samantha will send a mail to the board to make a remark about this (151218-03).
- Tijmen: The pre-investments are meant for students who are not receiving the loan and these students have to be compensated, however, these investments are all related to projects in the future. I think this plan will help us in the future but I think a part of the money can be used for improving the education quality at the short run for students who are currently in the Bachelor without receiving a loan. For example hiring more teachers for the courses thought in the Bachelor, or study advisors specifically for the first year to set up more regular meeting with first year students, I believe they missed an opportunity to do something for the current students.
- Samantha: The way I see it is that we can agree with the plans, but make remarks about the procedure and the fact that the plans are not compensating the current students. (No contact for the OC) Samantha will send a mail saying: 1) surprised (sad) that we did not receive it earlier, 2) bad thing that they don't have proposals for the current students and this is not in line with the goal of the pre-investments. Samantha (151218-03) will write the letter. Samantha (151218-04) will ask Adam Booij to see if there is data available on the study success of the students who are in the loan system or other insights.
- Mink: I was surprised that they ask for two amounts and also it is a lot of money.

6. Emergency plan of action

16.38

As a response to the attacks in Paris, Mourad wrote an "emergency plan of action". The FSR discusses the plan it helps as guidance in case of emergencies. There are two stages in the plan, 1) immediate relief, 2) further concerns. Tijmen: What would be the timeline if a student comes up with a concern? Mourad suggests discussing it in the chat and if it seems unresolvable in the chat it will be brought to the PV. The plan will be transferred to next year's councils. The name is changed into "Morty's plan of action". The FSR approves that the two-stage action plan, as is, is a suitable guideline for the future reference in case of emergencies.

7. Rethink Economics

16.43

Mourad prepared the MEMO on Rethinking Economics. Tijmen explains that the idea is that economics is part of social sciences were there is not only one type of thinking in economics, but actually multiple views on economics. Rethinking Economics wants to have a more pluralistic and varied view on Economics. The current bachelor is very focused on neoclassical thinking, while there are different schools. Rethinking Economics are trying to bring this under the attention, by setting up meetings with experts from the different fields, and Tijmen and Mourad want to get the discussion going on the FEB as well.

Tijmen would like to discuss whether the council agrees that Tijmen brings this up at the FEB as well?

Points to discuss?

- Does the council believe rethinking economics needs to be discussed in relation to the curriculum
 - o Tijmen: I believe there are a lot of theories and models that need to be thought in the bachelor and these are not coming up in our current bachelor.
 - o Mick: With whom do you want to have the discussion? Tijmen: the Dean, students and teachers. Ioana suggests including media as well.
 - o Mink: I think as a council we should not promote movements. So no we should not actively promote this movement.
 - o Nickardo: I think we should address the issue first before promoting it to the outside as well.
 - o Mourad: Most people are against it because this is also the way they have been thought.
 - o Samantha: Normally I also agree that we should not promote these movements, but I believe this is really related to what we are doing, so I can agree to actively promote it, this does not mean we have to actively promote it.
 - o Mink: If we decide to promote it, in that case I would say to get media attention with this, for example make a press message for in the Folia? Tijmen: the Rethinking Economics has been quite in the public, I think we mostly need to reach our students. I think with a press statement we actively support them



and that is already a step more than actively promoting it. (Ioana I can write about it in Rostra Economica).

- o Mink: I would agree with promoting.

The FSR decides to promote Rethinking Economics NL actively through Facebook.

Mink: I could agree on informing students about the idea of this movement.

Informing - Neutral FB posts: Majority is in favour.

Promoting - Positive FB posts: Majority is in favour.

Supporting - Agreeing with ideas and promoting this through different media channels. Majority is in favour.

Does the FSR want to release a press message?

Nickardo I think we should build this up. The rest agrees, start with

The FSR also wants to be promoted by the Rethinking Economics (they have liked our FB page).

8. "Library rules"

17.10

The discussion came up in the Whatsapp chat. A student set up her stuff at a table, went for a coffee and came back and her stuff was removed. Basically, the problem at the library learning centre is that people are leaving for long times, if you are logged in a computer and it will be saved for 20 minutes, after that other students are allowed to take your computer. Mink discussed this with the librarian; the librarians don't actively remove stuff, Mink also asked if the librarians can actively walk around. Mink so we could insist more on having someone to walk around more who is then responsible to touch your stuff. So the rule would be that the librarian would be asked to remove your stuff. Swiss: I think it is a non-issue because all the information is on the computer. Tijmen: The biggest problem last weekend is that it was way to busy because the B/C building was not open. I think we have to put this in the campus meeting that the B/C building needs to be open in the weekend before the finals. Mink and Rinus bring this up during the campus meeting (151218-05). Also think about booking rooms during the exam weeks. Ioana: My concern is that first year students don't know about these rules, so more information (put it on the screens). Samantha suggests that O&M discusses it further (151218-06).

Remarks:

For changes about the rules of order please send mails to Nickardo. The FSR discusses the fact that the chairman has decisive power in the rules of order. This will be discussed after the break.

Questions:

Rinus: Last week Mink brought up the fact that he does not have enough time for the treasurer position. This will be postponed till after the Christmas break, so please think about this (151218-07). Council members can send their application on the Tuesday after the break.

Mick: Why was there a misunderstanding about the escape room and the budget? Mink split the budget into dinner and teambuilding weekend. Samantha we can bring it to a vote whether we want it from the teambuilding budget. The FSR agrees that the escape room will be paid from the left overs of the teambuilding budget. Samantha will call the Escape Room for the bill (151218-08).



ACTIONPOINTS

151106-05 Rinus and Swiss state your ultimate goals for your files on the “dream on” document that Samantha made.

151120-04 Everyone during the break think of input for the flyer. Samantha make a flyer for the promotion of the council and Rinus put “flyers” on the agenda for the O&M committee and discuss the schedule for promotion and also make sure to evaluate it after one week and think of the next steps to take.

151127-01 Rinus update the rest of the council on “coffee time” by mail (who has to be there etc.).

151204-04 Victor discuss the influence of the FEB on the premasters (see OV) in the E&R committee.

151204-06 Rinus discuss the integration between Dutch and International students in the O&M committee (see OV → FEB community).

151211-02 Samantha will look up whether the FSR has agreed with selective masters in earlier years, as the dean stated at some point in the OV that the council has.

151211-05 Nickardo (or Swiss) contact Rosa of the CSR to gather information on Blackboard.

151218-01 Mink find out how much one course would cost with “flex studying”.

151218-02 Everyone fill in the datumprikker for the teambuilding weekend.

151218-03 Samantha write a letter to the board of the faculty about the pre-investment plans.

151218-04 Samantha ask Adam Booij for information about study success of students in the loan system.

151218-05 Rinus and Mink discuss the idea that the B/C building also needs to be opened during the weekends before the exams (at the REC campus overleg).

151218-06 Rinus (and O&M) discuss the “library rules” and how this information can better be provided to students.

151218-07 Everyone think about whether you want to apply for the position of treasurer.

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 (Mink inform the council on time when the evaluations are).

151120-01 The council works according to the working agreements.

151204-01 In January: PV from 16.00- 18.00 on Thursdays.

151211-01 During events you are representing the FSR, so no looking on your phones and act excited!!

