



## FSR-meeting

Date 14-01-2016

Location JK E0.05

16:00-17:45

### Minutes

Presents: Mourad Farad, Mink Perrée, Tijmen de Vos, Victor Oprea, and Nickardo Postma.

Absent: Swiss Jurriens, Samantha van den Hoek, Rinus van Grunsven, Ioana Nicolau, and Mick Fruytier.

Secretary: Renée Bijvoets & Yi Rong Lo

#### 1. Determine agenda

16.03

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2. Minutes of previous meeting	
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5. Profile fund	Remarks

#### 2. Minutes previous meeting

16.03

Minutes of 07-01-2016 are approved.

#### 3. Announcements

16.10

- Absent councilmembers: Samantha van den Hoek, Rinus van Grunsven, Ioana Nicolau, Mick Fruytier, and Swiss Jurriens.

#### 4. Update file holders & CSR-representative

16.12

**Victor:** BSc Split: extensively discussed this week. The proposed solution to the split contains a lot of things we do not like such as: a) 42EC BSA including Math and Research Project or 48EC b) grouping students according to their grades. We think that some of these will be used simply as trading chips with us. Some teachers were contacted and asked for input on the BSc. The first meeting occurred today at 14:00 and the outcomes will be discussed. We also discussed about allocation of courses and adding new courses e.g. Fiscal Economics will now be in English as well.

- FEB Premasters: because of low number of students, some premasters are supposed to be taken out. We want to evaluate this and I will contact the fileholders from CSR.

**Mink:** One important update about the budget of the university, voted by mail with the COR. Strange situation, it was only a small difference and last minute one person changed its vote, now it is 50-50 and that means a dismissal of the budget. However, the procedure was unclear and the CSR and COR are now deciding what to do. The problem is that now the budget is not passed and that will be a very difficult situation.

**Rinus:** Mick and I received the documents of the communication department for the toilet paper. We will start with the layout of it this week. We received the documents for the final budget. I'll have a look at it and then discuss it during our meeting. Mink is in contact with Hinke Nijman about the pr-event. Nickardo is planning a meeting with the person who's hired by the UvA for implementing blended learning. The UvA came up with the message that it will be closed in februari for maintenance of their software system. Since that is right before the exam week, we as commission will discuss this during our meeting. A working group with all the fileholders of the catering-file is formed. At the moment we don't receive that much information about the progress that's made by the UvA so we think that this is a good idea. Nickardo is making a scheme for the fyinging

#### 5. Profile Fund

16.16

Mink is the file holder of the profile fund in the CSR. Mink explains there will be a new profile fund for 2016-2017. This has to be decided on in the beginning of april. The CSR decided that they will not have major changes, but they are preparing to make these changes for the year after. Lianne (CSR) send a mail and asked if it is possible to have more time, Lianne asked to





send a reply before the 28<sup>th</sup> of January. The FSR discusses whether the council members are paid enough for the time they put in the council, The present council members believe they are compensated sufficiently. Mink inform the CSR that the FSR FEB is fine with the current compensation (160114-01).

## 6. BSc Split

16.24

Tijmen looked at the Business program, good thing is that they are trying to invest new courses and improve the current courses. On the economic side of the program, the chair of the committee has a different view about students than the council and finds it very important that the bachelor signals that it is highly selective. The committee has decided right now, to restructure the economics program but not reinvent the program, which is a loss because this BSc split would be a great opportunity to reinvent the program.

Both committees are not happy with the switching possibility, but the daily board of the faculty really wants this. This is part of the OER 2017-2018, as the current council we need to take into account how we deal with this and whether we consent with the plans. The FSR will not consent with that OER, but will have to consent with the BSA this year when they consent with the BSc split. The FSR will consent on the BSc split this year, and the faculty wants to make the BSA part of the BSc split, but also belongs to the OER. The FSR needs to find out the exact rules on what they have consent right on (160114-02 Victor/Samantha).

Stuff to think about for the council members:

- BSA:
  - o Economics: 48 credits (Math and Research Project included). In the new curriculum Math will be after the 1<sup>st</sup> of February and the Research Project will be after the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, which might create difficulties for applying for courses the year after. Mourad explains that he just met with one of the committee members, something very interesting was mentioned: the Business faculty did not want the switching period, but Han van Dissel wanted it. The Economic committee did not want the 12-credit switch, but only a 6-credit switch. Tijmen explains the FSR is thinking about two introductory courses of 12 credits, and after that block students would have to choose. The FSR wants to have two 6 credits courses in the first block for both business and economic students, and then for the Economic students Math can be in the 2<sup>nd</sup> block.
  - o In general the council would like a lower BSA.
  - o For Business: Do we prefer 42 with restrictions, or 48 without restrictions?
    - The council finds it difficult to decide when it is unknown which course is restricted.
- Language:
  - o The bachelor will be a combination of English and Dutch (English lecturers and possibility of Dutch seminars). What does the council want with this?
    - Proficiency tests? A VWO diploma is sufficient to enrol for the BSc (according to Dutch law), but will proficiency tests become part of the BSc? The council does not want this kind of selection. International students are tested with a proficiency test before being applied to the BSc.
    - Language classes? The council wants to have extra language classes for free for Dutch students.
  - o Will it be possible to have all teachers lecture in English? And do we want to force Dutch students to study in English. Erasmus and Maastricht only offer English programs, so it could also be a selling point to offer a Dutch program.
  - o Is it also possible to set a BSA of 48 if the first months will be difficult due to the language?
- Internationalisation:
  - o Combining BScs might lead to a loss of international community. If you are in a workgroup with mixed Dutch and International students, but the largest part is Dutch and who are less looking for a community, this could be negative for the community sense overall and especially the work done for the international community.
  - o The council believes that if the FEB is going to implement the mixed BSc that Sefa, ISC or some other organisation, make sure that the international students will become part of a lively community and that there will be funding provided.





- Points of action:
  - o Talk with fellow students.
  - o Talk with teachers and staff.
  - o Get opinions from as much people as possible.
  - o Get involved with this subject and support Tijmen, Samantha, Mick and Mourad!!
  - o Mourad will send the timeplan to the rest of the council (160114-03).

Mourad met with several teachers who are involved in the BSc Economics, Mourad made notes of the meetings and it is on the drive. The teachers see history of Economic Thought as a good course, at least as an elective in the third year, and environmental economics will also be brought back into the electives. One of the teachers would also prefer a 10-10 system to the 8-8-4 systems. One of the teachers also proposed a continuous exam style for tutorials.

**Remarks:**

Mink will update the rest of the council later on the budget regarding the CSR vote (160114-04).

OV is coming up, 4<sup>th</sup> of February; this means that on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January the agenda needs to be set.

**In two weeks the "Wetenschapsleer course" exam is scheduled from 18.00-20.00 on Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> of January, but this is also the PV that Jan Dijk will join!**

**Questions:**





#### ACTIONPOINTS

151106-05 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.). Will be done at 08-01.

151204-06 Rinus discuss the integration between Dutch and International students in the O&M committee (see OV last council year → FEB community, request of board to think about this).

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. *In the Faculty Strategic Plan it was stated that masters could be selective, but it was never stated on average grades.*

151218-02 Mink, Mourad, Swiss and Tijmen fill in the datum prikker for the teambuilding weekend. Nickardo added new dates, please check these. (Send invitation to Yong).

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

160107-01 Rinus (or Tijmen) discuss the idea that the B/C building also needs to be opened during the weekends before the exams (at the REC campus overleg). *(Old Action point of Rinus but he cannot be available at the pre-campus overleg).*

160107-02 Mink find out how much “flex studying” would cost for international students who pay the full tuition fee.

160107-03 Mink inform the council when the course evaluations will be for this period.

160114-01 Mink inform the CSR that the FEB is fine with the current compensation (Profile fund).

160114-02 Samantha find out what the exact rights are of the FSR regarding the BSA, BSc split and OER.

160114-03 Mourad find out what the timeplan is for the BSc split and inform the council.

160114-04 Mink inform the council about the budget vote of the CSR.

160114-05 Samantha decide whether the PV of the 28<sup>th</sup> of January needs to be rescheduled (Wetenschapsleer exam).

#### Pro-memory

151009-02 Respond to questions on Whatsapp.

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!!

