



FSR-meeting

Date 21-01-2016

Location E0.05

16:00-17:45

Minutes

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

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2. Minutes previous meeting 16.03

Some minor changes are made. Minutes of 14-01-2016 are approved.

3. Announcements 16.17

- Introducing new secretary: Yirong Lo
- Absent councilmembers: Swiss Jurriens.
- Late: Mick is late due to an OC meeting.
- Think Tank Monday 1st of February 17:00. Invite people!
- Next Coffee Time on Tuesday 2nd of February. (160121-01)
- Honours Lunch 5th of February.
- Rinus and Mink will be absent between 5 - 14 February.

4. Update committees & CSR-representative 16.23

Victor (chair E&R):

-Excellence and Honours: possible options of how to orchestrate an Excellence program. It was suggested that Excellence based on tracks should be created, and that it will be a fixed program. This matter will be brought to the PV on the 4th of February.

-BSc Split: The committees are working and the deadline is approaching fast. The fileholders are expressing their concerns about the deadline. Also there are feelings that educational improvement is not the main priority

-People that didn't pass Finance in the 2nd year are currently obliged to take a year off because they can't follow IPT1&2. Consequently, we would like to fix that, maybe create an additional resit. Tijmen will contact the coordinator. (160121-02)

Mink (CSR Representative):

-Flexstudying: The pilot will probably start in 2016/2017 and will last for two years. There will be a working group consisting of at least two CSR-members and two CMR-members from a total of 14. Their task will be organizing the pilot and evaluating it. The idea now is that the pilot will be for 1000 students. There are some concerns there won't be that much animo (flexstudying will be optional in the pilot).

-Precommission diversity: There will be 6 members in the actual commission diversity of which one member will not be paid. Because she doesn't speak Dutch, this money will be put in translating. At first there would be only 5 members.

-Budgets for commissions Finance, D&DC and Diversity: The budgets of Finance and D&DC are set and are significantly higher compared to Diversity.

-Budget of the UvA: Although it hasn't been announced officially yet, the budget of the UvA is agreed on by the GV (CSR+COR).

The other agenda points were internal stuff (Evaluation weekend, evaluation of the student assessor).





Rinus (chair O&M):

-We discussed the actionpoint 'integration between international and dutch students at the UvA'. We think that it is not a good idea to force friendships between students or pushing them to talk with eachother. But when we organise events we can bring them in contact. In this way we provide them the oppurtunity to talk with eachother instead of forcing it which we think is not okay.

- Mink is in contact with Hinke Nijman about the PR-event.

- Nickardo is planning a meeting with Anne-Marie about blended learning.

- I went to a campus meeting. From now on we will receive an update about the progress that's made each month. Furthermore we will receive an invitation for a meeting about the silence room at our campus.

- Mick and I are making the wc-krant.

- I've had contact with FNWI about the planned software update. They contacted Dymph and the CvB and they are working on it now.

Rinus make more elaborate updates (160121-03)

5. Profile Fund

16.25

Discussion Points

- Do we like harmonization?

Harmonization will mean that there will be the same rules for both the universities and the HvA. This means VU, UvA and UvA have to arrange things together. Eventually this will lead to less costs for UvA because VU is not willing to spend more money in the future on the profile fund. Therefore UvA has to adjust to the budget of VU. The council doesn't like it when the UvA will spend less on profile fund. Benefits of harmonization are clearance, every student knows what they will get for the job, and uniformity, all students in a board get the same 'salary', unregarded from which university they are. The council does like harmonization but doesn't think it is feasible.

- Do we like the Groningen model?

The Groningen model takes in account not only the amount of members an association has, but also the amount of activities they organize. Basically they work with points, the more points, the higher the scholarship. We thought this would be very complex so Mink asked Groningen councils whether they like their model. They are really positive about it. System is more fair because it takes the number of students into account and the amount of activities. Associations who do more activities should get more. Might give an incentive for the associations to do more. Although the council likes this model there still are some questions. Will smaller associations get more money? Will the payment be in the beginning or end of the year?

- What do we think of the current system?

The CSR could make changes in the current system that will be for next year. Regardless if we would like the system to move to the Groningen model or the harmonization model, these changes are going to be made.

-Firstly the height of the scholarships depended on the height of the student loans (studiefinanciëring). This system changed so there has to be thought of a new basis for the scholarships. In the current system the monthly scholarship is set at €275. This is less than the government pays students. Students who started after June 2015 (Loan system) get less than students who are in the Grant system which is a bit strange and unfair. The council would like the university to set a fixed amount, that is more or less the same as it is now, and not to make a distinction between students.

-The general part of the arrangement includes a condition that says that any students who could get a scholarship at least has to get a 'free-travel-product' from the Dutch Government. Why should those students who doesn't have this travel product (any more), be excluded from compensation? The council wants it to be the same for everyone.

-In the case that the pregnancy extends over two independent study-years, the compensation will be based on the situation of the student in the second year of those study-years.' Does this mean that the study delay in the first study-year is not compensated for? You'll get compensated for the time you've missed. IF this is not the case, the council would like the arrangement to change in a way that regardless the year of which you miss classes due to a pregnancy, you should be compensated for all the time you've missed.

-For scholarships for student participation and study-associations is a condition that those students should have achieved their BSA. This means that boards that start in January/February couldn't consist of first year students. The council thinks it's up to the student whether he/she wants to be in a board in their first year, so there should be no restriction.

- Only students who achieved an average of 40 EC per study-year could get a scholarship. This means that if someone doesn't get 40 EC because they are, for example, a CSR member, could not get a scholarship the year after. The council would like to have this condition out of the profile fund.

The two points before are not applicable for a student-assessor.





-Members of an OC get two months scholarship (=€550) per year. The council thinks this is good for the amount of time they spent now, but the council is in favour of OC's spending more time and thus get more money. Tijmen will take this into account with the OC file.

-In the current arrangement associations with 50-99 members will get 8 months of scholarships. Somehow some associations get more (12 months). Why are those differences made? The council would like to get an answer to this.

-Boards of student parties don't get a scholarship. The council agrees that it is very hard for student parties to find a (good) board. They think that getting them a scholarship might help. A good board will also benefit the councils because then there will be more time spend on attracting ambitious students to participate in the elections for the next council.

-For getting a scholarship you must be an UvA student, which means you have to pay the tuition fee (normally €1906). The council thinks this is a bit strange, because the fund is partly to compensate for this tuition fee. The council would like the university to consider tuition-free-boardyears.

-In the current system the maximum amount of scholarship a student is able to get is 24 months (2 years). The council gets the idea of this, since you don't want students to be in boards instead of studying all the time. There is not a clear majority in favour or against this measure.

From a round of opinions the council concludes that they would like the Groningen model to be implemented for the year 2017-2018. Also they want the CSR to take the changes as mentioned above, for the current system into account when they are working on this file.

6. Evaluation Weekend

17.27

Nickardo would like to know if the weekend of the 11th of March is suitable for the evaluation weekend. Everyone give your availability to Nickardo (160121-04).

7. OV Agenda points

17.29

Samantha met up with Luca. To extend his workings and see if there is more room for him to work on files, they want to set up a pilot. Luca will therefore attend the OV.

Budget (10min) for questions.

Pre-investment plans (15min) for questions. This will be in line with the email send.

Excellence program(15min) presenting the proposal and ask their opinions.

BSc Split (40min) express our concerns about the process.

Remarks:

Questions:





ACTIONPOINTS

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

151120-04 discuss the schedule for promotion and also make sure to evaluate it after one week and think of the next steps to take.

151218-02 Swiss fill in the datum prikker for the teambuilding weekend. Nickardo added new dates, please check these.

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).

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

160121-02 Tijmen contact the Finance coordinator.

160121-03 Rinus make more elaborate updates.

160121-04 Everyone give your availability to Nickardo for the Evaluation weekend (11-13 March).

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!!

160121-01 Every other week on Tuesdays we'll have Coffee Time from 12:00-14:00