



FSR-meeting

Date 04-02-2016

Location E0.05

17:00-19:00

Minutes

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

Absents: -

Secretary: Yirong Lo

1. Determine agenda

17.00

1. Opening and determine agenda	6. Teachers professionalization
2. Minutes of previous meeting	
3. Announcements	
4. Update committees and CSR-representative	
5. Excellence	Remarks

2. Minutes previous meeting

17.05

Minutes of 28-01-2016 are approved.

3. Announcements

17.07

- We were late during the OV this morning. Next time the files should be printed a day before.
- CSR wants to know how to differentiate the money of the profile fund: everyone please keep a record of how many hours of work he/she puts in the council for a week (160204-01). Mink will send an e-mail about this.
- Ioana sent the onkostenvergoeding and applied for the evaluation weekend budget. Mink take the receipt from Tijmen to Ioana (160204-02).

4. Update committees & CSR-representative

17.10

Victor (chair E&R):

-BSc Split has been discussed extensively both in the committee and at the OV of today. There are things we don't like and we tried pushing this at the OV, however we'll mostly probably arrange a separate meeting with Peter van Baalen and Florian Waagenar. We also received the new concept-OER and there is a meeting on the 16th about that with Peter van Baalen.

-Selectivity of Masters is discussed, as before - standing ground on the Masters being non-selective for home students or at least selective based on GMAT and motivation, not GPA.

-Excellence program is being worked on, will also be discussed in the PV. There are some options of how the Excellence could evolve and some input is needed. However, there is a green light from Sander and most probably it will be undertaken in the BSc Split committees.

Rinus (chair O&M):

- The Think Tank on Monday organized by Tijmen went decent. Unfortunately, there were not that many people attending the event. In the first half hour, Tijmen was alone and couldn't take notes. However, we did get some useful information.

- The CSR organized a 'medezeggenschapsevenement' on Tuesday. I was the only one who attended this event but you didn't miss that much because we only did some brainstorming about the allocation model.

- I've had a meeting about the silence room which will probably come in the b/c-building (C1.06 most likely). They think that it will be ready in a couple of weeks since the CvB has to decide whether the rules are in line with the general rules at the UvA.

- We're almost there with printing the WC-krant. Han van Dissel said that he will print them so it will save us a lot of time.

- The FSR FMG contacted their dean about opening the B/C-building during weekends before exam weeks. He said that it would be a great idea to start a pilot and see if it's successful or not. They will contact me if they know more about that.

- You may have heard of it already, but our campus and blackboard won't be shut down in the weekend before the next exam week. The UvA is now planning another weekend for that and they will inform us when they have one.





Mink (CSR-representative):

-Flexstudying: We discussed about who will be in the workgroup for the pilot of flexstudying. The FMG really wants to be in there while actually only the CSR would be in there. The CSR has the concern that other FSR's would think that it is unfair if only FMG wants to be in there. Question is: do we have a problem with that FMG will be in there. I personally don't really mind. We also want as a council that the first year will be excluded from flexstudying because of the BSA. Despite, we do want to create the opportunity for certain students (people with a job or child, etc.) to flexstudy in the first year.

-Profilefund: We had a long discussion about the profile fund but we aren't there yet with what we want. For many points of discussions, CSR-members want more information and calculations. Therefore I have a massive pile of work to do tomorrow before I leave to go on a wintersport. Since we haven't really decided yet what we want I do not really want to say much more about this at this time.

5. Excellence

17.22

The council would like to incorporate an excellence program in the new BSc split. Victor discussed this with Sander Onderstal. Mr. Onderstal thinks that the excellence program should, just like the honours, be selective on grades. This is to prevent eventual study problems. Students might focus too much on the excellence and lack in their regular program. Also UvA will not accept a study delay due to participation in excellence. The council does not think a GPA requirement is feasible because that would make it too selective. Instead, a student who can provide a strong motivation and has enough knowledge/skills to hold a discussion is much more suitable. Therefore, the council thinks the requirement should be: pass all courses within a given year (e.g. first year) with no minimum GPA. This is also to ensure that the student has enough economic/business knowledge after the first year without having to catch up on first year courses.

The council thinks a good selection idea would be: providing a concise motivation, CV, and 1 pitch day. During the pitch day the student has to convince the teachers by expressing their motivation, knowledge, and ability to hold up a discussion. It would only take 1 day, and therefore would not require a lot of work in selecting students. It would be nice to add a little pitch-training as well.

Mr. Onderstal is fine with the excellence program as long as there will be no new courses created. Also UvA would not agree with adding new courses because this would cost too much. However, interdepartmental courses would be possible such as a 'Math excellence' (basically a second minor). However, the council thinks there should be additional courses because otherwise it would discriminate between regular and excellence students. Everyone should have the opportunity for an open discussion. Mr. Onderstal stated that UvA will not create new additional courses, but the council would like extra courses such as math, economic theory, finance, etc. because we feel passionate about it and in principle for every track it is possible to create an extra course. Victor will contact the coordinators about what kind of courses they can recommend (160204-03). This file is done by Victor and Mourad.

6. Teacher professionalization

17.30

Questions from the CSR to the council:

- 1.** Do you think obtaining a BKO (= basic qualification for education) is accessible at the FEB?

In order for a teacher to teach at the FEB, he/she must obtain a BKO. For the new entry teachers, it is even part of their application. The council thinks this requirement is quite good/accessible at the FEB.

- 2.** Do you think teachers at the FEB get a fair chance in getting a fixed contract?

The council is not sure how this is exactly done in practice. But the council has the idea that teachers have to do extremely well in research, whereas it doesn't matter much how well they teach. Therefore, this imbalance could be improved. It is too focused and dependent on research, instead of the quality of teaching.

- 3.** The CSR noticed big differences between faculties regarding providing fixed permanent contracts and BKO's to their staff. Some faculties exclusively give temporary contracts and do not hand out BKO's. This could lead to dissatisfaction with the personnel. Do you see ways in which the CSR can help?

The council thinks that this should be asked in the OR, because we have no full knowledge on this topic. Other ideas are teaching/training to improve the English accent because this is necessary if UvA becomes more international. Everyone send Rosa an e-mail if you have any input.

Remarks:

The OV of this morning went quite well. The council was able to effectively express all their concerns. However, there are some points that could be improved for next time.



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. Evaluation weekend on 11-13 March.~~

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~~). Planning to start a pilot to open the B/C building for the exam week, will be updated. Also will be discussed during the campus meeting.

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.~~ The Economic Methodology course evaluation happened on Monday.

160114-01 Mink inform the CSR that the FEB is fine with the current compensation (Profile fund). Not relevant anymore.

~~160114-03 Mourad find out what the time plan is for the BSc split and inform the council.~~ New proposal by next month, no exact deadline.

160121-02 Tijmen contact the Finance coordinator. Outcome: this issue concerned a very small group of students, therefore no exceptions/changes were made regarding the Finance entry requirement.

160121-03 Rinus make more elaborate updates.

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

160204-01 Everyone keep a record for a week of how many hours of work you put in the council.

160204-02 Mink take the receipt from Tijmen and give it to Ioana.

160204-03 Victor contact course coordinators to discuss possible additional courses for the excellence program.

160204-04 Rinus set a fixed meeting for the O&M committee.

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 the council is having Coffee Time from 12:00-14:00.