



FSR-meeting

Date 18-09-2015

Location JK B0.05

16:00-17:45

Minutes

Presents: Samantha van den Hoek, Nickardo Postma, Victor Oprea, Mink Perrée, Mick Fruytier and Tijmen de Vos.

Absent: Rinus van Grunsven

Secretary: Renée Bijvoets

1. Minutes previous meeting 16.05

Minutes of 03-09-2015 are agreed upon.

2. Announcements 16.07

The building will close at 17.45.

3. Determine agenda 16.10

1. Minutes previous meeting	6. ASVA's VSO
2. Announcements	7. Rules of Order
3. Determine agenda	8. OC representative
4. Update fileholders and CSR-representative	9. Treasurer
5. Update vacancy council assistant	10. Relation gifts
	11. Allocation model

4. Update fileholders & CSR-representative 16.15

Mink: The most important thing will be discussed later during this meeting, which is the allocation model. In short, Mink just received an e-mail that the GV (COR and CSR) have decided that they want the N+1 rule out of the allocation model. They send a letter to the CVB and are waiting for their response. After that the CSR has to vote upon the allocation model and therefor Mink needs to input of the council. Furthermore, the CSR is forming a survey to collect input of student on the way new members for the CVB should be appointed. Because it is difficult to get the input of the students, the CSR will send mails to groups of students and invite them to discuss this topic with the CSR. Also, the CSR has chosen their treasurer.

Victor: Victor will meet with Sander for the Honoursfile and will discuss the excellence program during this meeting. Victor also received an e-mail from Ellen de Jong and will meet with her to discuss the study advisors.

Nickardo: The committee has been thinking about the Cobo and the presents for the Cobo of the other councils. Rinus has send out a datumprikker, once we all have filed it in the dates will be send to the dean. (Action point 150918-01). To give a short introduction presentation of the FSR, Tijmen suggests having the presentations in week 5. He will send out a datumprikker and he will make the presentation (Action point 150918-02). The rest needs to fill in the datumprikker (Action point 150918-03).

5. Vacancy council assistant 16.19

Samantha and Nickardo had the interviews with the applicants for the vacancy of council assistant and want to decide on a deadline for applications to apply. Mink spoke with Camilla and she is in doubt whether she wants to resign or not, she will be able to make a decision in two weeks. Mink will ask Camilla whether she wants to join the PVs for the coming two weeks (Action point 150918-04). The deadline for the applications will be set in two weeks as that is also the timeframe Camilla



needs to decide whether she wants to join the council. Furthermore, Samantha will send an email to Sefa to ask if everyone of List Sefa can resign (Action point 151809-05).

6. ASVA's SVO 16.23

Pim ten Heije, boardmember of ASVA, joins the PV to introduce himself and ASVA. In general, the ASVA is responsible for the overarching themes that are not tackled by the student councils and the study associations (such as housing arrangements in Amsterdam). Pim is also the coordinator of all the study associations of the UvA. Every year the ASVA organises the SVO (Studenten Vereniging Overleg). During the SVO all the study associations (around 50) will meet together and will update each other. Samantha suggests setting up a file to maintain the contact with the other study associations. The chairman (Samantha) will be responsible for this file.

The FSR FEB is invited for the SVO to introduce the FSR to the other study associations. For the first meeting all the board members are invited, but for other meetings mostly one or two representatives will be there during the meeting. The first meeting will take place on the 29th of September around 17:30 (Action point 150918-06 Inform Pim with how many members of the FSR we will join the meeting on the 29th).

7. Rules of Order 16.29

Nickardo printed out the rules of order and these can also be found on the drive. These are the formal agreements and the working procedures are the informal agreements. Nickardo has read the rules of order thoroughly and believes no changes have to be made, but asks everyone to read them carefully and discuss it next week (Action point 150918-07).

8. OC-representative 16.31

Samantha explains that the OC-committees are responsible for the education program of the following three studies: fiscal economics, econometrics and economics & business. The OCs meet on average around every 6 weeks. The FSR has a spot in all OCs and it needs to be decided who will represent the FSR in each OC. Samantha will inform the OCs who the representatives are (Action point 150918-08):

Fiscal Economics – Samantha
Economics and Business – Tijmen
Econometrics – Mink (however, if one of the student councils is from Econometrics, he/she will be asked to be the representatives).

9. Treasurer 16.35

Samantha wrote the memo for the position of treasurer. Mink and Samantha both want to take up the task of treasurer. Nickardo explains that if there is a decision to be made on a person the FSR has to vote with ballots. After voting it is decided that Mink is the new treasurer.

- break -

10. CoBo presents – relationship gifts 17:00

The ideas proposed by the O&M committee

- Wine bottle with the FSR logo
- Drinking flacon “James bond” style with the FSR Logo
- Pillow with a picture of the council.

The budget is about E120 for all the gifts in total. Pillow will be looked into. Two things need to happen:

- 1) Take a picture
 - a. Spell out FEB?
 - b. Awkward board picture see Facebook.
- 2) Find out how much it is to print this and to buy a pillow

(Action point 150918-09).





11. Kaderbrief & Allocation model

17:10

Mink explains that he needs to vote in the CSR next week and he can take the opinion of the FSR FEB with him in this vote. Today, the GV (CSR + COR) decided that they don't want to N+1, and want it out immediately, but the personal votes still need to be made. Mink has changed his opinion after informing himself more in the N+1 rule and he believes it is not the right tool for faculties because the focus is not on quality but on graduating in a timely manner. The board made it very clear that there will be a discussion about the allocation model and that it will happen this year, so that it can be implemented next year. The CSR wants to take the first steps. Mink explains there are two scenarios, in the worst care scenarios the FEB has to cut 250.000, while the FMG has to cut even more. Personally, Mink believes the adjustments have to wait because faculties cannot prepare for the changes right now. Another scenario is to make it neutral but that will take a lot of time and the effect is very little. Budget neutral basically means that they will implement the removal of the N+1, but the university will then cover the losses to make sure the budgets of the faculty are not affected. Mink is not in favour for the N+1 in the long run but he doesn't want to change it already this year because it believes it is too soon.

Opinion question: what do we think of N+1 in general?

- Victor: In general I think it is a good thing, I think it is reasonable that a student finishes in four years. Considering that you study economics and business and I believe the purpose is that you will go work at some point and not stay in the university for too long. However, I believe that we should put incentives in that make sure the faculty focuses on quality.
 - o Mink: I also agree that four years is a reasonable time and I also agree that the faculty should focus on quality. But by organising this in a central manner I think you set the wrong incentives for faculties. I think there are other ways to motivate students to graduate in time. I also believe that motivated students are also the students that take a board year for example.
 - o Samantha: to add it is not the students that know about this rule it is only the faculty that knows. So what happens is that the faculty is incentive to make people study faster and the problem is that faculties get punished for students who study for a long term. Furthermore it is in student's interest for students to develop themselves during their university years. It is unfair to punish the faculty for a rule that students are not aware of.
 - o Mick: Even if students would know about the rule I don't think it will affect their behaviour.
 - Tijmen: This shows that it is not the faculties fault that students study for a long term. We do need to know what the reason is behind the fact that people now graduate within four years; we do need to find out how that happened.
 - o Victor: Maybe a solution would be to set up a commission that evaluate whether long term students are still "valuable" for the faculty.
 - Tijmen: Sure, but 70% of the people already pass within 4 years, however 30% would still be a huge amount and will only be very bureaucratic.
 - Mink: you still have the problem that the faculty is not focusing on quality.
- Renee: Don't forget that there is already a lot of pressure on students for finishing on time (society, loans etc.)
- Victor: Sure but without N+1 will the faculty focus on quality? If the N+1 rule is removed I think we should also think of alternatives of setting Tijmen: Are they doing that right now then?
- Nickardo: I don't believe the N+1 rule increases the quality for students and as a representative of the students I am against this rule.

Samantha: There are two different views; Victor raises concerns of removing the N+1 rule whereas the rest mostly is in favour of removing N+1. The majority of the council is in favour of removing N+1. The effect is that our faculty has more people that graduate within four years, but other faculties have less people graduating within four years. With the alternative the faculties get paid per diploma that means the FEB will receive less compared to the current model. The FEB will lose money for sure, but only the first year.

Opinion question: What is the timeframe this should be implemented?

- Victor: The removal of N+1 should be decided upon this year and implemented next year so that faculties can prepare.
 - o Mink: I am sure N+1 will be removed this year. The CSR has right to consent this year and I guess then it will be implemented the year after.



Opinion question: Is the funding loss the FEB will have acceptable?

- Tijmen: I believe there was a reserve last year so then I believe it is acceptable. But I think we should at least find this out.
- Mink: The deans want the N+1 rule in, so I don't know it helps to ask them if the loss is acceptable.

(Action point 150918-10: Mink as the newly appointed treasurer it is good to meet up with Jan Dijk. Furthermore in relation to the allocation model also ask: how the N+1 removal will affect the FEB, and whether the FSR can see the budget of last year).

Remarks:

- Tijmen points out that both committees are having their meetings right now on Tuesday at 9.00. This is problematic because some of the council members want to join both meetings. Rinus and Victor have to discuss the possibilities to reschedule one of the two meetings (Action point 150918-11). Next week the committees and file division will be discussed in the PV.
- Nickardo did not receive the letter that he was accepted for the council. Nickardo will send out a request for the letter. This letter is necessary for the scholarships therefore Samantha suggests that everyone makes a photo/scan of his/her letter to make sure you have it online. Samantha explains that daily board members get a monthly scholarship and "normal" members get a scholarship at the end of the year. Committee chairs are in the daily board. Nickardo will make sure that the scholarships are arranged. (Action point 150918-12) "Omkosten vergoeding" are taken care of by Mink. (Action point 150918-12).
- Nickardo and Renee will plan the OVs for the whole year (Action point 150918-13).
- Next week before the PV the FSR room will be cleaned.

ACTIONPOINTS

150903-02 Everyone work on the translation of the working agreements. The working agreements can be found on the google drive.

150918-01: Mink and Nickardo fill in the datumprikker send by Rinus for the CoBo.

150918-02 Tijmen send out a datumprikker for the lecture talks and make the presentation about the FSR.

150918-03 Everyone has to fill in the datumprikke send by Tijmen for the lecture talks.

150918-04 Mink invite Camilla for the PVs for the coming two weeks.

150918-05 Samantha send an email to the secretary of Sefa to ask if everyone of list Sefa can resign.

150918-06 Renée or Samantha informs Pim ten Heije of the ASVA who will join the SVO on the 29th.

150918-07 Everyone read the rules of order and inform Nickardo before next PV if any changes need to be made.

150918-08 Samantha inform the OCs who the FSR representatives are.

150918-09 Tijmen will find out how much it is to print a picture on a pillow and come up with ideas for photo.

150918-10 Mink meet up with Jan Dijk to discuss your role as treasurer, and also ask him about the allocation model (to what extent will the removal of N+1 affect the FEB and can the FSR see the budget of last year).

150918-11 Nickardo help the daily board member with their scholarship request.

150918-12 Mink request the "omkosten vergoeding" for the first month.

150918-13 Nickardo and Renée plan the OVs for the whole year.





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