



FSR-meeting

Date 20-11-2015

Location JK B.05

16:00-17:45

Minutes

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

Absent: Rinus van Grunsven, Swiss Jurriens, and Victor Oprea.

Secretary: Renée Bijvoets

1. Determine agenda

16.01

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Tijmen requests to discuss the budget advice procedure, however, this will be discussed next week.

2. Minutes previous meeting

16.58

Minutes of 13-11-2015 are agreed upon.

3. Announcements

17.04

- Rinus, Swiss and Victor are absent.
- The E&R committee discussed that it would be a good idea to keep regular contact with Adam and Fred from UvA data. If Victor has enough time he will be asked to be the contact person (151120-01).
- The timetable for the elections was sent by the CSR, the elections will be held in the week of the 9th of May (till the 13th of May). The FSR does not foresee any problems concerning these dates.
- Tijmen informs the rest of the council that the Facebook picture of the FSR had the biggest reach so far, of any of the posts of the FSR on Facebook. Furthermore, Tijmen informs the rest of the council that often junk and notes are left in the council room, these notes included comments about the council, be more careful with this!
- Samantha informed the rest of the council that most likely the BSc would have two accreditations.
- Mink informs the rest of the council that on the 24th of November the CoBo of the CSR will be held!

4. Update fileholders & CSR-representative

16.13

Mink did not send his update: 1) Selective masters; we are trying to get everybody on the same page also the other universities, as none of the universities want selective masters. The only reason universities to have them, is because otherwise they will have all the "left over" students. One thing in relation to this the CSR talked about is the possibility to get a supplement on your diploma (if you do something for the University). The problem is that it is open to ambiguity; the university is then responsible for deciding what is valued and what is not. Samantha: Last year we thought about thinking of writing a letter of recommendation that they can receive as an extra. 2) Talked about doing the honours code, a pledge that you will work hard for the university, will not do any fraud, however the CSR does not see the point of doing this. The idea is to have a day or a lecture about the honours code, but the CSR is not sure if people are interested or that teachers are willing to do it. Tijmen explains that there is a scientific paper that argues that if you sign something it has a small positive effect. Samantha explains that was the reason people initiated it last year. 3) 8-8-4 system, CSR discussed whether they want to evaluate it, but it should also be discussed whether the system should be changed, but you need to evaluate a system first before you can change it. Mourad suggests putting it in the Thinktank. Tijmen argues that the Dean of the FEB does not want to change it. 4) Selection permissions, only one female in the group. 5) Tour of the faculty of the CSR is not happening anymore.



Tijmen: D&DC will start on Monday, they will likely come to the faculties in December or January, and they will discuss what the role of the student council will be in the future.

5. Student Assessor

16.21

Luca is the student assessor ("onderwijs directeuren studenten lid") of the FEB. Luca is part of the meetings of the education directors, he reflects on their ideas and provides a student perspective during the meetings. He would like to know of the FEB what they are doing and whether more collaboration is possible. At the same time, he can provide valuable information, though he needs to keep secrecy because some plans are not made official yet. Some of the topics currently discussed:

- Selective masters: The FEB really wants to implement this. Mainly has to do with the Erasmus University, they have a 7.0 GPA. They really want to see this happen. Mink: They want to do it for all masters. Mink: Do you know what the VU does? FEB believes they should be leading in sense of the Business Administration program. The board members were positive because they believe it gives an incentive to the students, especially those who are currently following the bachelor. Samantha will send the memo she wrote for next week (Action point). Mink: What about implementation? It will not be implemented right away. And Samantha will look up what kind of right the FSR has (Action point). Weird thing: UvA FEB Bachelor does not allow you to go to a masters at the FEB as well.
- What is the contact with the OC: FSR attends their meetings. Tijmen: Economics and Business. They have a minimum requirement of 4 meetings per year, but none has been planned yet. OCs are not active. FSR wants to set up a file for the OCs. Luca: They are thinking about merging the OCs with a central coordinator. Tijmen: Someone from the OCs of a different faculty want to set up a regular meeting for all OCs. Samantha will check what kind of right the FSR has on this point (Action). If you will have one common OC it needs to have a certain standard. Luca: The last thing you want is an ineffective OC.
- Education Service Center: No news.
- BSc split: Thoughts of the FSR: Working out the plans together with the Faculty, haven't checked the opinion at the moment because the plans are still under constructing. FSR has right of consent.

The FSR and Luca discuss the position of the student assessor. In Luca's view, he believes the amount of time he as the student assessor has is very limited and he has been discussing this position with student assessors at other faculties. Luca also believes that at the FEB there are several bodies doing their job, but collaboration could be improved, if he would have more time he could work on improving this. Luca and the FSR agree that Luca will join the meetings of the FSR in the week before he has a meeting with the board.

6. Rules of Order

16.43

Nickardo prepared a MEMO regarding the voting on persons. Note, whenever you are voting on persons you cannot delegate your vote and you need a majority of the entire council (that is 6 out of 10). Section 4.04. Nickardo gave two alternatives:

Option 1: "Each student council member present shall vote, also the student council members who have applied for the function".

- Majority of the student council (Majority is 6) when deciding on persons. Samantha in favour because it can happen that people are not present in the meetings. Mick: So far we haven't had that many meetings were we were all present. Nickardo a majority is a majority.

Option 2: "The entire student council shall vote, also the student council members who have applied for the function".

- Tijmen: I agree with this because people should come to the PVs and should be there. And if someone is not there then you should wait with making the decisions.

Voting: 6 people in favour of option 1.

7. Study advisers

16.51

The FSR discussed possible reasons why people register for the workshops offered by the study advisors but don't show up and what can be possible solutions to solve this problem. The FSR believes charging a small fee if you don't show up would be the best solution, or either asks a small fee for the workshops already from the start. The FSR also discusses whether it should be made compulsory, for example part of the academic skills class; however, the council is not in favour of making these workshops mandatory.

8. Safety

17.12

After the attacks in Paris the FSR discussed whether and how they should respond. Tijmen wanted to ask students whether they feel safe at the University as a fellow student approached him and he felt this is something that needs to be talked about. The discussion took place over the weekend on Whatsapp and most of the students were opposed to asking





students whether they feel safe at the university, however, they did agree that the FSR should post something about the attacks but in a more general line. In the end, nothing happened, as it did not seem clear to anyone what the conclusion was from the discussion. During the meeting Mourad suggests to discuss this with other faculties and with the CSR, that in case of these events, all the FSRs can send out a similar message, one that is quite general in nature and that asks students how they feel (in general terms), and based on the responses it would be up to the CSR to take further steps (in case most students do not feel safe at the university for example) (151120-02). Tijmen stresses that this was what he meant as well, but he phrased it differently. Not all council members feel that this is a responsibility of the student council, however, the majority agrees that at least getting to understand how students feel after these moments is an important task of the council.

9. Coffee time

17.31

Mourad suggests to introduce “coffee time” at the council room, as a way for students to come and talk with the council (in exchange for free coffee) and for the council to better know what students feel and think about the FEB. The rest of the council agrees and O&M will make a promotion plan and schedule for council members to be in the room during “coffee time”. As a starting point, one or twice a week would be good. (151120-03).

10. Flyers

17.33

Tijmen suggests starting handing out flyers to increase the visibility of the council. The council agrees that they should start handing out flyers to get in contact with students, that flyers are the best way to do this because you have all the information on one piece of paper, that it would be good to increase the visibility of the council. The biggest challenge is how often and for how long the council should flyer, as some of the members are afraid students will be approached several times in the same week and get annoyed. Mink suggests selecting lectures of FEB students and only flyer after these. Tijmen further notes that the flyer is mostly a way to approach people, it is not only about handing out the flyer, but also about talking with the students. Samantha suggests that she will make a flyer, that the O&M committee will make a schedule for the first week and after that they will evaluate and think of further steps to take (151120-04 and 151120-05).

Remarks:

Ioana has some points she would like to share: 1) she was confused by the schedule and the communication about this, apologizes for the confusion but also explains she has a class on Friday and therefore a different PV time would be better for her. 2) She believes the Whatsapp group is sometimes very active and it is difficult that discussions are held on Whatsapp, she finds it distracting and a bit overwhelming. The council agrees that more formal discussions can be held via the mail, however, they believe it is part of being in the council as well, and 3) she finds it difficult to follow all the emails send to her FSR mail (Nickardo will help her with this point 151120-06).

Samantha asks the council to better inform her on time which points she would like to have on the agenda, so she is better able to keep an overview of what should be on the agenda. However, the council feels that it is also up to Samantha to decide which points are urgent and which points can be discussed in a later meeting. Samantha suggests that the council members also communicate this with Victor and Rinus because normally the agenda is made during the DB meeting on Wednesday morning at 10.00.

Renée informs the council that the OV meeting is coming up, therefor, for next week please think of points that need to be discussed during the OV (151120-07), so that we can decide on the agenda and then we have another week to prepare all documents.





ACTIONPOINTS

150918-05 Samantha will send an email to Ruben (the secretary of Sefa 2014-2015) to ask if everyone of list Sefa can resign.

→ *Only Maxim still has to do it.*

151002-11 Mick prepare a new example of the crewneck.

→ *Mick proposes that he will bring a treat to the PV next week.*

151023-01 Swiss email Jolie Stork to set up a meeting with Peter van Baalen, together with Nickardo, about Blended Learning.

151023-09 Ioana and Swiss need to fill in the datumprikker for the teambuilding event. Samantha will send a reminder.

151023-10 Rinus discuss open sourcing in the O&M committee.

151106-01 Nickardo pick up the problem with the 15-minute computers, as these are very slow this might be due to the software.

151106-05 Everyone state your ultimate goals for your files on the document that Samantha made.

151106-06 Samantha share the google drive of all the councils.

151120-01 Samantha ask Victor whether he has enough time to be the contact person for UvA Data.

151120-02 Mourad think of a general response strategy in case of emergency events (e.g. the attacks in Paris).

151120-03 Rinus put "coffee time" on the agenda for the O&M committee and discuss the promotion plan and the schedule for council members to be in the room during "coffee time".

151120-04 Samantha make a flyer for the promotion of the council.

151120-05 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.

151120-06 Nickardo help Ioana with linking her FSR mail to her student mail.

151120-07 Everyone think of points that need to be discussed during the OV of the 7th of December.

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

