



FSR-meeting

Date 04-12-2015

Location JK B.58

16:00-17:45

Minutes

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

Absent: Rinus van Grunsvan and Ioana Nicolau.

Secretary: Renée Bijvoets

1. Determine agenda

16.02

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5. Budget FSR	
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2. Minutes previous meeting

16.03

Minutes of 27-11-2015 are agreed upon.

3. Announcements

16.06

- Absent council members: Rinus van Grunsvan and Ioana Nicolau.
- Mourad prepared the plans in case an emergency happens; this will be discussed during next week's PV.
- **PV will be on Thursday from 16.00 - 18.00 in January.**
- Next Thursday from 16.00 - 18.00 at 10th of December a meeting of the Education Service Center, Samantha was invited but is not available, who is available to go?
- Transfer weekend: 4 & 5 June // Transfer week: 13-17 June. Evening of the 17th closing Dinner.
- Mink received an email regarding the declaration forms and for some council members Mink needs a copy of the passports: Tijmen, Nickardo, Victor, Mick and Mourad (151204).
- Tijmen mentions that we have 650 likes on Facebook.

4. Update fileholders & CSR-representative

16.18

Received the updates by mail, no further questions.

Rinus: We didn't have a meeting this week but we did a lot of things: first, we finally got the piano! As far as I've seen, it's used quite a lot and we got very positive reactions. Special thanks to Samantha and Tijmen for making this possible! Mick and I had a very productive meeting with Sanne Landhuis today about the wc-krant. We made a time schedule in which we gave ourselves the mission to deliver our first edition at the first of February. On Tuesday we had our first coffee time which wasn't that successful but it was a start. We will continue with this event every Tuesday from 12 till 14u so keep inviting your friends, roommates, classmates etc. through this so we can gather more input from students. And finally, after quite a long time, we had our cobo! Despite the low attendance from the other councils and study associations, I hope that everybody enjoyed it. If you've got any complaints, remarks or ideas, please tell me so I can write it down for next year.

Victor: This week in the ER: The overall committee for the BSc Split will start, and the other committees will also continue their work. We are going to take part in them. Selective Masters are being dealt with, it is planned that the selection will be based on GMAT scores and GPA, however there are certain problems with this e.g. GPA scores not being representative. A meeting for evaluating QTEM is planned. It has been suggested to more closely collaborate with the OC, the OR and the student assessor Luca. A mail will be sent and perhaps cooperation in the form of regular meeting will be established. A meeting for evaluating study advisors will be planned.



Mink: The Teacher of the Year evening took place and I was one of the organizers. I think the evening was a big success. Special thanks to Tijmen for being in the jury. We talked about the mOER. The CvB doesn't want to make this one binding so that faculties can deviate with their OER's from the mOER. The CSR decides it still wants to give an advice on the mOER and we will do research into the mOER. We decided upon our budget. We decided upon the budget of the V&C commission. We gave a positive advice on the safety proposal. Talked about UvA Matching. The August round won't be happening anymore (this was only for students with a negative BSA). Also is the Matching not valid anymore for two years but for just one (in the proposal). Question is what will happen to students who take a gap-year.

5. Budget FSR

16.20

Mink send the budget to the rest of the council and would like to discuss the changes he made in the budget. If the budget is decided Mink will send it to the faculty boards.

The posts and changes are as follows:

- **PR:**
 - o Business Card: Mink believes that it is unnecessary to have personal business cards but that the FSR could rather have one general card; this way the cards that are left can also be used the next year. Therefore, Mink made the budget for business cards smaller compared to last year. Mourad suggests printing them one-sided and people can use the other side for personal details.
 - o Posters/flyers: No changes.
 - o Banners: Swiss states that there are enough roll banners so this could be spend on something else. Mick suggests that money is necessary for the WC-krant. As Mink understood it the money will not come from the FSR budget.
 - o Christmas campaign: this year more than last year
 - o Sweaters: already finished this post and less than last year.
 - o Thinktank: Last year quite some money was budgeted for this post, but nothing was spent, therefore Mink suggests decreasing this post. However, Tijmen hopes to organise three think tanks this year, and therefore would like to have the same amount as last year budgeted. Samantha suggests increasing this post and evaluating it in January whether it is still necessary.
 - o The FSR decides to create a new post: "Visibility" that includes:
 - Pre-campaign: followed the budget of last year. Last year the FEB contributed to the pre-campaign of the CSR, this year the FSR hopes to organise pre-campaign event themselves. Samantha suggests moving money from the PR-event to the pre-campaign event.
 - Elections: last year the council did not organise anything.
 - PR-event: last year only a small amount was spent. Mink has not thought about this yet but wants to make sure there will be enough money. This also includes FEB community, Ioana has been thinking about events such as soccer matches, but right now not sure how much that will cost.
- Representation
 - o Evaluation weekend: Last year much more was spend on the evaluation weekend than on the transfer weekend, Mink suggests changing this the other way around.
 - o Transfer weekend: -
 - o CoBo: Finished.
 - o Dinner + Team building: Spend some money during the dinner before the CoBo and the rest will be spend on the teambuilding event on the 17th of December.
 - o NY drink: CSR last year asked for a contribution, this year the CSR will not ask the FSRs for a contribution. This post will be deleted.
- Miscellaneous
 - o Office: Request a bigger closet (Ahmed/Renee 151204).
 - o Presents FSRs: Was already spent.
 - o The posts for miscellaneous will not be changed for now, however, it will be discussed again later in the year, especially whether office supplies are necessary.

Remarks:

- Change the name from Samantha to Mink
- Swiss asks whether trainings fit in the budget, these are organised by the CSR or can be requested at the FEB.



- **Make sure to keep your receipts so that Mink can declare it.**

The student council of the Faculty of Economic and Business agrees upon the budget with the changes made during the meeting.

6. Response FGw 16.52

Samantha wrote a letter as a response to the FGw:

Tijmen:

- Cite your sources when you state inefficient or ineffective. Where did that come from?
- I thought we were deciding on their letter and not on the budget costs that happened. Because I don't think the budget costs was that good.
- I think it is weird that we say they might want to borrow it while we are the only one that has a reserve to lend to other faculties. When I put this in the advice no one agreed and now it is put in this letter.
- "Absolutely" in paragraph 5 is unnecessary.
- We are not studying economy but economics and we are not economy students but economics students.
- One of the reasons we believed we couldn't vote on the budget is that we don't have the democratic mandate (with only a voting percentage of 10-20%).

Mink:

- Inefficient and ineffective: What happens due to the budget costs to give an illustration is that Hebrew and Arabic are combined as one study. The costs will go down but also the quality of education. Mink does not agree with this point. Also, stating that the FEB was in a very bad situation, Mink discussed this with Jan Dijk and he stated that the FEB made a mess, and that the budget costs of FDR and FGW are a result of less money. Swiss agrees with the inefficient. Samantha states that she believes a reorganisation is necessary, however, Mourad suggests rephrasing the sentence of inefficient and ineffective: the way we see it is that there is maybe a misallocation of the resources. We could ask for a more in-depth study of the consequences, a cost-benefit analysis based on transparency, and only if necessary than a reorganisation needs to happen.

First paragraph: No comments.

Second paragraph: Inefficient and Ineffective sentence. Statement that it was good for the FEB to reorganise, Tijmen suggests to state that it made the faculty more financially sound.

Third paragraph: Regarding borrowing the money, during the think tank Tijmen heard that the FEB is the only in the possibility to lend to other faculties, but when this was discussed during the budget letter the council decided not to state this in the letter. Samantha states that during the budget letter the discussion was mostly about "giving" money. Tijmen states that if we put this in the letter we should also send a letter to the Dean urging him to lend the money. Mourad suggest phrasing it differently; offer an interdisciplinary cooperation whereby an economic student could easier follow courses at their faculties. Therefore, state that the FEB would be open for collaboration. Tijmen suggests to at least announcing this to the Dean and suggests rephrasing the sentence to "We will try our best to convince our faculty board to look into the possibilities of lending". Conclusion by Mourad: "It seems to us a more fair solution that the faculties will lend money from other faculties, the FSR will discuss this in-depth with our faculty board and propose this solution"

Fourth paragraph: Tijmen: we might be asking the wrong question. During the thinktank it was pretty set that the CVB is not paying for the housing. Samantha states that the faculties are also paying for the buildings that have not been in use yet, but at a certain level it will stop rising. It is also rising because they want to make one tariff for all faculties rather than having the FGW and FDR pay more because they are in the city centre. The council is not sure whether the 3,5% is for all faculties or only some faculties. Samantha suggests changing the paragraph to a more nuanced tone stating that the FSR FEB is not sure about the situation and that we are trying to figure it out.

Fifth paragraph: Tijmen wants "absolutely" out (this will be done) and economy has to be changed into economics. And put in the democratic mandate as one of the reasons why we should not have consent right on the budget.

The FSR agrees that after all the changes are made and when Samantha sends the letter to the council, and after the council has read the letter, the letter can be send to the FGW. (151204-03).

7. OV points 17.18

Action points from 2014-2015:

- Feedback on Think Tank: Has not been done formally but only in the OV.





- Socratic model: It has been difficult with the teachers; therefore, the council would like to have more help from the faculty board.
- Question from FMG and CSR about the influence on the premasters. This will be first discussed in the E&R committee (151204-04).
- Blackboard expiration: No need updates yet.
- FEB community: More focus on integration between international and Dutch students.

Selective masters:

- o Tijmen wants to discuss what selectivity means for PPLE students, they are "honours" students but at the moment their grades are often not high enough to pass the requirement of a 7.0.
- o Mink: What about the students that do well in terms of extracurricular activities, but less in terms of grades? This will be discussed with the motivation question.
- o Mourad: The point of a GPA is to have a certain type of students, but there is much more (fits with the first question?). Other quantifications should also be in place, Mourad would stress this point.
- o Swiss: How does the enrolment commission handle FEB students currently? (Motivation letter, CV, up going slope?). How does the admission office deal with these elements now? Swiss state to have this as the first question. Admission office needs to be more approachable to students and stricter rules in the handling of requests.
- o Mink: How are other universities dealing with this? Within the universities of Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Utrecht and Leiden there should be a master that bachelor students can attend without a certain GPA.
- o Tijmen: Does Peter van Baalen see this as a motivation thing or a selectivity thing?
- o Samantha will also refer to the nota: What is the position of the faculty? What is study success? How will you make the connection to the labour market? Transfer term for current bachelor students? Date of implementation? What will be the process of setting the selectivity criteria? How are they coping with the fact that all bachelor students need to have a 'suited' master?
- o Tijmen: Second point second page: What are the problems right now with our bachelor?

Samantha will update the memo and send this to the board. Feel free to ask extra questions during the OV.

- Assessments:

- o Samantha uploaded the memo on assessments to the drive. Samantha was at the OR last Wednesday, and they are having troubles with midterms as well. The idea is to collaborate on this file. Samantha has written a memo for the OV on Monday for MC and midterms.
- o Mink: When was it agreed upon that we as a council don't like midterms? The council is not against midterms per se but believes there should be more variation in assessment (papers and presentations), since other skills also matter besides making exams.
- o Mick: Some of the teachers suggests to do a 6-1-1 system but with midterms.
- o Tijmen on MC: The FEB probably has some arguments to show why MCs are a good option.

After some discussion the council has agreed to discuss assessment in the next OV.

- Hiring more SAs:

- o Brainstorming point: Everybody think of places where you would think a student could work. More students of the FEB working at the faculty would be good for the FEB community.

8. Blended Learning

17.44

Swiss and Nickardo wrote an advice on blended learning. The main point of the letter is that when Blended Learning is implemented, there should not be made a trade-off between quality and contact hours. The council reads the letter and gives their remarks on paper and Swiss and Nickardo will make the adjustments. The FSR agrees with the letter of advice on Blended Learning and the letter of advice will be send to the Dean and be published online.

9. OCs

17.47

Samantha wrote an informative MEMO about the current functioning of the OCs. Tijmen discussed the current situation with the OCs and the E&R committee and suggests to work more closely together with them for the upcoming OER. The problem is that the OCs barely gets any information about topics such as the BSc and the OER, while they are there to ensure the quality of education.





What improvements do you think we can make:

- Meetings with the chairman of the OC and FSR
- Improve the “medezeggenschap”, e.g. right of consent on the OER
- Improve communication between the faculty board and the OCs.
- More hours for the OC (10 meetings a year = every month).
- Get a room for the OCs, a place for the OCs to have their meetings and to share best practices etc.

Remarks:

- Make sure to put the OC members in the Think Tank.
- Representative for the OC econometrics: Samantha will take over.
- Advise them to do all their communication in English

Remarks: -

Questions:

Renée will send a mail to Marja van der Meer to have the vacancy of the secretary send to all students of the faculty. The council agrees that it is preferred to have someone from the faculty, but not necessarily (as long as the person is a student of the UvA).

ACTIONPOINTS

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

151106-05 Victor, Samantha and Nickardo has done this state your ultimate goals for your files on the document that Samantha made.

151120-04 Samantha make a flyer for the promotion of the council (*waiting for the adobe*).

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.

151127-01 Rinus update the rest of the council on “coffee time” by mail.

151127-10 Samantha find out whether the faculties will receive more money if the costs per m2 are raised for the faculties.

151204-01 Tijmen, Nickardo, Victor, Mick and Mourad send a copy of your passport to Mink.

151204-02 Renée ask Ahmed for a bigger closet for the FSR room.

151204-03 Samantha send the adjusted letter for the FGW to the council.

151204-04 Victor discuss the influence of the FEB on the premasters (see OV) in the E&R committee.

151204-06 Rinus discuss how the integration between Dutch and International students in the O&M committee (see OV → FEB community).

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 (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.

