



Plenary meeting (PV)

Date 10-03-2016

Location E1.26

17:00-19:00

Minutes

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

Absents: Mink Perrée

Secretary: Yirong Lo

1. Opening and determine agenda 17.04

An update of the Bachelor Split is added to the agenda.

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5. Discuss the OV	Remarks

2. Determine minutes of previous meeting 17.05

Minutes of 03-03-2016 are approved.

3. Announcements 17.06

- Mink is absent with notice.
- Mick has to leave at 18:00
- Complaints from students:
 - The rotating door near the canteen closes at 18:00.
 - HvA students also study at REC making it very crowded, especially during exams.
 - A student blamed the FSR for the 5.0 rule.

4. Update committees & CSR-representative

Victor (chair E&R):

-BSc Split: Tijmen had an Implementation Curriculum meeting and discussed the BSA and the financial part of this split and how this will go. Additionally, the meeting with the file-holders regarding BSc Split will be soon and also the meeting with Floriaan Waagener happened today. Main thing we wanted to discuss during the meeting was BSA and our stance against it.

-OER: Mick finished the OER Letter and it was discussed today at the OV.

-Selective Masters: a meeting with the FSRs regarding this topic will be planned by Samantha.

Rinus (chair O&M):

- Ioana is very busy with organising the chess-event. She met up with some people from the communication department and came up with some things that we have to keep in mind when the event is happening.

- Rinus contacted the FSR FMG about opening the B/C-building during the weekend before the upcoming examinations week but they haven't responded yet.

- Rinus contacted Michalli about the proeftuinen and why FEB-students have to make an appointment and students at other faculties don't have to do that. He gave me an reply this morning which I have sent to all of you (check your e-mail).

- Tijmen will make sure that the flyers are printed next week.

- Ioana will send an e-mail to Eurest about the hygiene in the kitchen because she thinks that people who are working there should always wear gloves.

- Swiss wrote a piece for the Toilet Paper.

- Nickardo send an email to arrange a meeting with FMG to open E-building in the weekend before the finals, allowing 250 extra study places. Put a banner/poster to communicate this to students. Promote this in the Toilet Paper.





Mink (CSR-representative):

-Elections: We have postponed our decision on the 'kieswijzer' in order to convince Lief, OpRecht and (I believe) MFAS who are still against the kieswijzer.

-Sustainability: The file-holders consultation that was recently organized resulted into a task force for sustainability. This Taskforce is to talk to as many parties as possible and will then be making a 'policy paper'. In the meantime, members of the task force will try to get this topic on the agenda within the UvA as much as possible and to already get started on this topic. The contact person Sustainability Facility Services will discuss what seems feasible. Finally there is a plan to organize a debate in the Maagdenhuis in about six weeks. The CSR would also like to include the academic community to ask for input.

-Tuition free board years: This was a new motion that was passed in the second chamber but hasn't passed the first chamber yet so we decided not to do anything with this as of yet.

-Blended Learning: The CSR will be writing an advice on the 'plan van aanpak' from the workgroup Blended Learning. The advice will include that we don't like that they want to count the online contact with teachers (videos and stuff) as contact hours, that we don't like that the pre-investments are invested in blended learning since it should be for the student who are now losing their scholarship and not for students in 10 years, and that the CSR thinks the plan is too much top-down.

5. Discuss the OV

17.18

The council discussed how the consultative meeting (OV) of this morning went.

Rinus suggests to have a short meeting right before the OV in the future, in order for the council to be more effective during an OV. Not everyone agrees to this because in an OV everyone should express their opinions how they would like, otherwise it might become unnatural. For next OV, this will be discussed in the PV before.

6. Selectivity of Masters

17.29

Since the introduction of Master selectivity requirements by the Erasmus university in Rotterdam, it has become a concern to all the other Dutch universities. This is because the last university to introduce requirements is likely to be getting "the leftover" students. Samantha emailed the student councils of all the other universities in the Netherlands for their opinions on this matter. All councils showed concerns that their board will propose something similar in the near future. Therefore the councils agreed to set up a national meeting via Skype soon, which Samantha is organizing. Therefore the following points will be discussed in order to form an opinion as a faculty to bring up to the national meeting.

Discussion points:

- *What does the council think about the requirements for the masters?*

GMAT requirements for non-UvA students: The council agrees to this, because UvA does not have control over the quality of other universities and therefore a GMAT would be suitable to test a student's level of knowledge.

GMAT requirements for UvA students: The council disagrees to this if a student has done the required preparatory courses then a GMAT is unnecessary.

GPA requirement for UvA students: The council disagrees to this, because UvA should acknowledge their own Bachelor programs to be good enough to enrol for their Master programs.

- *What are the main concerns regarding requirements for the masters?*

It might cause study delay for BSc students because they would retake courses in order to get a higher GPA.

- *What is the least the council could agree with?*

For UvA students: no 7.0 GPA

- *What are our strongest defences?*

Study delay, acknowledge own BSc programs, BSc split in the future

- *What should the national meeting entail?*

The aim of the national meeting is to form a combined opinion with the student councils of all the other Dutch universities. After that, the councils can decide which direction to go; write a common advice, go to the press, etc.

Samantha is attending the national meeting and will use these outcomes.

7. Bachelor Split update

17.50

There was a Curriculum Committee meeting today and Samantha gives an update on what has been discussed. So far, the council has been critical about the process of the curriculum. After today's meeting, however, Samantha thinks that the council should shift their focus.





Next to the regular courses per semester, there will be a project course as a 'lintvak'. During these project courses, students will have to give feedback on each other's work and will be graded on their feedback instead of their own assignment. The council likes this idea because it enhances critical thinking.

Regarding the financing, teachers will be paid by a factor of contact hours.

Samantha advises the council to stop arguing on the curriculum, but instead on the content of the courses. The council can give input on the content by using course evaluations or send out surveys to random students to see how to improve the courses. Other points that the council should focus on are:

- Incorporating Blended Learning
- Integration of courses and sub-courses
- Help thinking about financing the courses; amount of students, intensity factor, teaching method, etc
- Think about principle courses

When these ideas are worked out, the council can think of writing an open letter to give their input.

8. Questions and Closure

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Remarks:

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Closing 18.05





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ACTIONPOINTS

151120-04 Rinus make sure to evaluate the promotion after one week and think of the next steps to take.
~~160303-01 Mink send out an e-mail vote on the OER. Advice letter deadline is upcoming Tuesday.~~

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.

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.

160218-01 Updates should be more elaborate.

