



## Plenary meeting (PV)

Date 31-03-2016

Location E1.26

17:00-19:00

### Minutes

Presents: Nickardo Postma, Tijmen de Vos, Mourad Farahat, Mick Fruytier, Victor Oprea, Rinus van Grunsven, Ioana Nicolau, Mink Perrée

Absents: Samantha van den Hoek, Swiss Jurriens

Guests: D&D committee members, Luca Mossink (student assessor)

Secretary: Yirong Lo

#### 1. Opening and determine agenda

17.18

Nickardo is opening the meeting and determines to start with the Democratization & Decentralization committee.

1. Opening and determine agenda	6. BSc Split
2. Democratization & Decentralization Committee	7. Course Evaluations
3. Determine minutes of previous meeting	8. Questions and Closure
4. Announcements	
5. Update committees & CSR-representative	Remarks

#### 2. Democratization & Decentralization Committee

17.19

The council has invited two D&D committee members to the meeting to inform the council about their committee. The D&D members give a brief explanation and general information about their committee. The Maagdenhuis occupation occurred last year, which resulted in the implementation of a 10 point plan. From this plan, the UvA appointed the Democratization & Decentralization Committee in November 2015, which consists of eight members of both students and employees. Their goal is to conduct research at all faculties to point out any concerns/problems. Currently the committee is analysing the problems they have found, and would like to get more information from the council.

Questions from the D&D committee:

- *How did the council/FEB experience the Maagdenhuis Occupation of last year?*

Tijmen in particular was involved in the Maagdenhuis discussions. He explains that there have been events where students had the opportunity to talk about their opinions on the faculty. However, he felt that the FEB was less engaged compared to other faculties.

- *What are the issues that the council feels most engaged with?*

The council states that the Bachelor Split has been a major file that they are working on throughout the year. Other issues are the different forms of teaching Economics which currently is dominated by the Neoclassical view. Moreover, the emphasis on research as opposed to teaching.

- *What topics does the council discuss with the Dean and to what extent is the council involved?*

The council states that they discuss various topics with the Dean such as the Bachelor Split, the OER, selectivity of Masters, etc. The council explains that they do get listened to, however sometimes feels a lack of response from the faculty board. The council would like to be more informed and be informed on time with the plans and decision making of the board.

- *Do you feel like you're a student of the FEB or rather a student of your study track?*

The majority of the council feels that they are a student of their study track studying at the FEB.

- *What are the biggest successes of the council of this year?*

The council states that they have improved the visibility of the council by having events, promotion on Facebook, etc. Furthermore, the council feels that they have succeeded in their involvement in the Bachelor Split and the OER. The implementation of the Toilet Paper has also been a success.

- *What can the D&D committee do for the council?*

The council states that they would like to have more rights of consent, for example in the budget allocation, choosing a Dean, etc.





- *To what extent is the council involved with the reorganizations of the education service centre?*

The council states that the Dean has mentioned the reorganizations during meetings a couple of times. However, the council does not know much about this topic yet.

The D&D committee will keep the council updated and suggests to have a look on their website: [www.comissiedd.nl](http://www.comissiedd.nl)

17.56 D&D committee members leave.

### 3. Determine minutes of previous meeting 18.10

Minutes of 10-03-2016 are approved.

### 4. Announcements 18.12

- Samantha and Swiss are absent with notice.
- Victor will be absent between 16 April-8 May.
- Rinus and Mick will be absent at the next PV of 07-04-2016.
- Ioana states that the onkostenvergoeding is still being signed.

### 5. Update committees & CSR-representative

#### Victor (chair E&R):

-BSc split

#### Rinus (chair O&M):

-PR/Chess event

#### Mink (CSR-representative):

-D&DC committee

### 6. BSc Split 18.14

Discussion points:

- *What does the council think of the new curriculum of the first year?*

The council likes that the Statistics course is moved in front of the Finance course, and that Mathematics is moved to the first semester. Victor mentions that M&O(=EMO) as a first year course is questionable, because this course is taught more in depth in the second year. The council raises concern regarding the Principles of Fiscal Economics course because International students would need to learn Dutch Law. The council thinks that the current switching possibility is reasonable.

Conclusively, the council states that it is difficult to discuss and judge the curriculum without knowing how the courses will look like. Currently the council is concerned about the content of the courses. Mink wants to make an official standpoint on this, publish it, and ask for feedback from student and/or media (**Action point 1603031-01**).

- Are there changes about the concerns the council had before?

The council is still concerned how critical thinking will be emphasized. The first year Macroeconomics course was too Neoclassical. The council wonders whether other schools of Economic thought/Pluralism can be taught in the first year and to what extent. Victor mentions that Excel skills should be incorporated in the lint courses. Regarding the BSA, the council does not want to decide on the requirements without knowing the content of the courses. Mourad mentions that the current system does not allow a revision week before the exams, making it difficult for students to absorb all the information in preparation for exams.

The board is looking for a student to join the committee who is designing the Principles courses. Mink volunteers to join.

### 7. Course Evaluations 18.56

Mink explains that he is organizing the course evaluations together with Jowita. They find it very challenging to get enough students to participate in the evaluations. Moreover, the participants are usually the same students. They want to reach out to more students in order for the course evaluations to be more successful. Mink asks the council for input.





The council suggests to promote evaluations in the week before the final exam, because that is when students are most concerned about a course. Promotion could be via Facebook and during the last tutorials. Mink is having a meeting with Jowita where they will discuss this further. Everyone think about how to improve the course evaluations (**Action point 160331-02**).

#### **8. Questions and Closure**

-Since Rinus is not present next week, he suggests 2 or 3 members to put the Toilet Paper in the toilets. Mourad will check the spelling today and Rinus will can print it out tomorrow (**Action point 160331-03**)

#### **Remarks:**

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Closing 19.15



#### **ACTIONPOINTS**

151120-04 Rinus make sure to evaluate the promotion after one week and think of the next steps to take.

160331-01 Mink and Mourad will make a MEMO for next PV about an official standpoint on the curriculum discussion.

160331-02 Everyone think about how to improve the course evaluations.

160331-03 Two or three members put the Toilet Paper in the toilets.

#### **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!!

160218-01 Updates should be more elaborate.