



## Plenary meeting (PV)

Date 07-04-2016

Location E1.26

11:15-12:15

### Minutes

Presents: Nickardo Postma, Tijmen de Vos, Mourad Farahat, Victor Oprea, Mink Perrée

Absents: Mick Fruytier, Rinus van Grunsven, Samantha van den Hoek, Swiss Jurriens, Ioana Nicolau

Secretary: Yirong Lo

#### 1. Opening and determine agenda 11.32

Nickardo is opening the meeting. Tijmen adds Council of Advice to the agenda.

1. Opening and determine agenda	6. BSc Split
2. Determine minutes of previous meeting	7. Council of Advice
3. Announcements	8. Questions and Closure
4. Updates committees & CSR-representative	
5. Strengthening faculty student participation	Remarks

#### 2. Determine minutes of previous meeting 11.33

Minutes of 31-03-2016 are approved.

#### 3. Announcements 11.35

- There are not enough council members present to vote and make decisions this meeting.
- Tijmen announces that Ioana will give 5 working days to sign the onkostenvergoeding.
- Tijmen announces that Luca (student assessor) is organizing a faculty education meeting with people of the OR, OC, and board to talk about education. The meeting will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April 13:00-14:45. It would be nice if 2-3 councilmembers can join this meeting.
- Tijmen announces that there is an event on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April about a documentary on rethinking economics.

#### 4. Updates committees & CSR-representative

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

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

-Tijmen wants to have a debate with the future council

**Mink (CSR-representative):**

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#### 5. Strengthening faculty student participation 11.46

Mink explains that the CSR has been writing a report on how to strengthen faculty student participation. The report is based on the input from all the faculty councils on topics that have been discussed before. The report offers one or more solutions for each problem. Since the concept report is ready, the CSR wants to know if the council would like to make any changes to it.

The council discusses the report and made remarks as follows:

Problem	Solution	Remarks
<u>Transfer to the next FSR</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- A so-called 'inwerkmap', containing a task-description of each file.</li><li>- Knowledge sharing between FSR's (So how does each FSR do the transfer)</li></ul>	-The council has problems with knowing what concerns Master or Econometrics students. Tijmen





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For topics that concerns every FSR: Joint-trainings to the FSR's.</li> <li>- Faculty boards could give information at the beginning of the year about important topics that will be discussed the upcoming year (Faculty budget, faculty strategic plan, OER).</li> <li>- Faculty boards could inform the new FSR about how the decision making process works and what the roll of the FSR is.</li> <li>- Faculty board could facilitate faculty based trainings.</li> </ul>	<p>suggests to create a 'klankbordgroep' (further details in Agenda point 7).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Daily board could schedule a meeting with the faculty board and new council during the transfer week.</li> <li>-Schedule an introduction OV in September.</li> </ul>
<u>Vague faculty structure</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The faculty has to create an detailed organogram with all the relevant people working at the faculty.</li> <li>- When doing the transfer, the faculty makes sure the FSR is informed about the steps of the decision making process and also who is responsible for the decisions.</li> </ul>	<p>This problem concerns that FSR-members don't know what person has what function and therefore which person you have to contact for a certain person.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-No remarks</li> </ul>
<u>Workload</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- More hours for faculty council members.</li> <li>- Higher faculty compensation (the 120 we get every month).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The council does not recognize the problem where council members quit due to high workload.</li> <li>-The council disagrees with differentiating money by workload for each FSR.</li> </ul>
<u>Knowledge about rights</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Joint trainings with the faculty board to learn about legal and UvA rights for the student participation.</li> <li>- Better use of current literature on the rights of the faculty council.</li> <li>- Making a document that contains all the deals (toezeggingen) and agreements made with the faculty board.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The FSR FEB does recognize this problem.</li> <li>- The council should have a document with all the knowledge about rights.</li> </ul>
<u>Insufficient contact with the workers council</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sharing agenda's</li> <li>- Creating a file-holders overview</li> <li>- Periodic appointments with both daily boards.</li> <li>- Consider a GV-structure</li> <li>- Faculty board could actively try to bring both councils closer together by: 1.Plan GV's 2.: Give the same information to both councils.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The FSR FEB does recognize this but does not see it as a problem.</li> <li>-The council agrees with the solutions except for the GV-structure solution.</li> </ul>
<u>Insufficient contact with our followers (Dutch=achterban)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FSR's share their communication strategies with each other.</li> <li>- Intensify the collaboration with the communication department or/and give them concrete responsibility for informing the academic society.</li> </ul>	



<u>Early involvement</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FSR's get involved in the decision making process early and at different moments of the process.</li> <li>- The faculty board reserves spots in workgroups for the FSR.</li> <li>- The FSR always remains the right to not agree on policy, even if they are well involved in the process.</li> </ul>	
<u>Lack of information from the faculty</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Making and sharing the policy agenda (bestuurlijke agenda) in which it is clear what topic is discussed and when and so which parties are involved.</li> <li>- Agreements regarding the timepath of topics have to become binding to make sure the faculty councils know they can expect to get requests for consent and advice.</li> </ul>	
<u>Not being taken serious by the faculty board.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not a concrete solution, but the CSR hopes that the other solutions to more specific problems will together be a solution for this problem.</li> </ul>	
<u>Unmotivated council members</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Same solutions as for the workload solutions.</li> </ul>	<p>This is named as a FEB-specific problem.</p> <p>-No drop outs during the year, so the FSR FEB does not recognize this problem this year. Instead, more focus on selectivity of election candidates.</p>
<u>Involvement FSR FEB by faculty board.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FSR should take a more active role in which they let their voice heard more often en make it more clear when they think they are not informed well enough.</li> <li>- The faculty board should take more initiative to involve the FSR early on for topics that hit education at the FEB directly.</li> </ul>	<p>This is a FEB-specific problem.</p>
<u>Visibility of the council</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No concrete solution</li> </ul>	<p>-The visibility of the council could and should be higher.</p>

The deadline to inform the CSR is the 8<sup>th</sup> of April (tomorrow). The council will proceed with e-mail voting (**Action point 160407-01**).

#### 6. Pluralism in the BSc split

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Mourad states that he does not see different schools of economic thought implemented in the new curriculum and suggests the council to take action. Mourad proposes to formulate an extensive roadmap of actions for the council to undertake. The council must decide on whether and how it will advance pluralism and fight for its implementation within the curriculum. Since this concerns drastic actions, the council will proceed with e-mail voting (**Action point 160407-02**).

#### 7. Council of Advice

Tijmen suggests to create a board of advice (Dutch: klankbordgroep) consisting of old council members or members from study associations who are doing a Master or Econometrics program. This is because the current council is not fully representing the FEB. The council does not know the concerns that Master and Econometrics students are having, and therefore cannot support them or solve their problems. Having a Council of Advice would be a solution to tackle this problem. The Council of Advice would be a group of students who will have a meeting once in 1-3 months to keep the council updated. Tijmen will start asking people to join the Council of Advice, and make a new O&M file on it.



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**8. Questions and Closure**

Nickardo is moving the PV time to 12:15-14:15 every Thursday, but not everyone has responded yet.

**Remarks:**

- Tijmen mentions to let the faculty board know how the chess/table tennis event went in the next OV.
- The council wants a clearer description in the rules of order regarding e-mail voting and chairman vote.

Closing 12.50





#### 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.

160407-01 E-mail voting on strengthening faculty student participation.

160407-02 E-mail voting on roadmap pluralism concerning BSc Split.

#### 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.