



Consultative meeting (OV)

Date: 28-04-2016

Location: REC E2.52

10.00 – 12.00

Present

The Faculty Board:

Han van Dissel – Dean
Jan Dijk – Director of Operational Management
Peter van Baalen – Director of Education

The Faculty Student Council (FSR):

Samantha van den Hoek - Chairman
Rinus van Grunsven – Chair Organisation and Media
Mink Perrée – CSR representative
Tijmen de Vos – General council member
Mick Fruytier – General council member
Mourad Farahat – Council assistant
Swiss Jurriens – Council assistant
Ioana Nicolau – Council assistant & Treasurer

Secretary: Yirong Lo

Minutes

1. Opening 10.00

Samantha opens the meeting and determines the agenda as follow:

1. Opening and determine agenda	6. OER
2. Determine minutes previous meeting	7. Elections debate
3. Announcements	8. Strengthening Student Councils
4. Reorganization Education Centre	9. Questions and closure
5. Bachelor Split	Remarks

2. Minutes previous meeting 10.05

The minutes of the meeting on 10-03-2016 are approved.



3. Announcements

10.07

From the Faculty Board:

The Dean states that the reassignment of A. Nicolai in the Supervisory Board will be discussed in this meeting.

Peter van Baalen states that there have been discussions on the pre-investments and the role of student councils. He notes that the budget and the implementation of Blended Learning will be discussed with the council.

From the Faculty Student Council:

Nickardo and Victor are absent with notice.

Mourad will be late.

4. Reorganization of the Education Service Centre

10.10

Peter van Baalen gives an update on the reorganization of the Education Service Centre and the possible changes for students.

The meetings with the OR regarding the reorganization of the Education Service Centre have resulted in a negative advice. This is because there are various concerns, such as firing and hiring employees, etc. There are no agreements yet.

The council would like to know the time plan of the reorganization. Peter van Baalen states that the council will receive the plan and will have the opportunity to give an advice. **(160428-01 Action: send the plans to the FSR)**

5. Bachelor Split

10.20

The council would like to hear an update on the current status of the Bachelor Split.

Peter van Baalen states that there have been meetings with the implementation committee.

Currently, there are no discussions on the curriculum anymore. The focus is now on the content.

The first steps will be made before the summer.

Questions from the council:

- What will the workgroup sizes be?

Peter van Baalen explains that there will be mass classes (lecture) , workgroups (large) and discussion groups (small 20-30). Furthermore, the Academic Skills groups will be far more connected to the content. The council would like to know the weekly schedule for a student. Peter van Baalen states that the contact hours will increase. **(160428-02 Action: Peter van Baalen will send a weekly schedule with the amount of contact hours).**

- What will the requirements be for the workgroups? Will there be mandatory attendance?

Peter van Baalen explains that there will be four different forms of teaching: Mass lectures, response lectures, academic skills classes, and Blended Learning. Mandatory attendance can be implemented for the smaller groups, not for the lectures as the university needs to provide the





means of control for teachers. He hopes to improve students' commitment and performance by having increased attendance.

- Some courses will be taught at the same time in order to create more cohesion, such as Mathematics and Microeconomics. To what extent can combining two courses be integrated?

Peter van Baalen explains that the main idea of combining workgroups is to use it as support. For instance, a Mathematics tutorial in which Microeconomics is supported. However, they still need to find out how that would work in practice. The Lint courses will also be integrated.

- What is the time plan?

Peter van Baalen states that committees are working with schedules that can be shared. Therefore, the council can ask for it from the committees. The schedules are not detailed to the extent of which course will be discussed when, but there will be time for giving advice. The course planning will start in May.

- There are multiple FSR members in several committees, however the council still feels like it is hard to get information. Which committee is responsible for discussing the above topics?

Peter van Baalen states that committee 3 is taking care of the whole process including the content of the curriculum. Furthermore, he mentions that the council can always contact him for more information.

6. OER

10.50

Peter van Baalen states that the council has to give a formal consent on the OER. The concept OER's have been sent and he is now waiting for comments from the council.

Peter van Baalen adds that not all remarks can be discussed thoroughly. This is because the list of remarks are very long and involves rights of consent with several different parties: OC, workers council, FSR.

The council is working on the advice letters for the OER's.

7. Debate

11.00

The council is organizing a debate next Monday (02-05-2016) about the upcoming elections. The participants will be prospective council members. The council is currently thinking of topics to debate on such as the Kieskompas or community building. The council would like to know what the board wants to know from the candidates.

The board suggests topics such as diversity, flex-study, decentralization, allocation model, "small within big", and inclusion. The latter concerns the participation of International students with Dutch students.





Mourad mentions that he has heard complaints from International students regarding high pressure on the study load. He suggests that the 8-8-4 system might be the problem. Peter van Baalen states that he would like to be informed about these complaints. Mourad will formalize the complaints and follow up.

The Dean wants the council to involve as many students to use their rights to vote.

8. Strengthening Faculty Student Council participation 11.10

Mink explains that the CSR has written a report on the participation of the faculty student councils. The council would like to discuss the problems that concerns the FEB and the possible solutions. The Dean states that the stated problems in the report are very recognizable such as asking for information/documents and receiving them on time. The council would like to have a clear and formalized schedule for each file, so that they know when to give input.

Jan Dijk explains that for certain topics it is easy to make a planning, but for others such as Blended Learning it is not. The council suggests that they could do more in the beginning of the year in order to get an overview of all the projects.

Concerning the transfer of the new council, the current council would like to improve the transfer and recommends a training. For instance, planning an OV during the transfer. The board agrees. The council would also like to have a 'guidebook' of who is responsible for what with the direct contact person for a certain topic. The board states that such a file already exists (**160428-03 Action**: Board send 'guidebook' to FSR).

The council states that another problem is not knowing their rights and certain agreements that were made with the previous councils. The board explains that there is a statue of rights with explanation and a file with all the previous agreements which José is keeping track of.

9. Questions and Closure 11.20

- Regarding the reassignment of Atzo Nicolai in the Supervisory Board: The council would like to know whether the faculty board was involved in the process.

The Dean explains that the law does not recognize reappointments and therefore the faculty board was not involved.

- The council heard that the second year Microeconomics course (E&B) is partly financed by the coordinator of that course. The council was wondering if the board knows about this and whether this happens more often.

The board states that they are surprised to hear this because they have never heard about such a case and did not receive any request for extra funding for Microeconomics.

- Regarding the Transition minor Business Administration: The council would like to know why students that pass the transition minor still need to fulfil extra requirements.

The council received a complaint from a Sociology student who completed the transition minor and got rejected for the Master in Business Administration program. The council is concerned about the



selectivity and is surprised that the 7.0 GPA requirement is already implemented. Moreover, the deadline for Master applications is 1 May which does not give the rejected student a chance to apply for another program. The dean suggests Mourad to write him a letter concerning the rejected student.

Closing 11.40

Action points

160428-01 The board will send the reorganization plans to the council.

160428-02 Peter van Baalen will send a schedule of contact hours to the council.

160428-03 The board will send the guidebook (who is responsible for what) to the council.