



Consultative meeting (OV)

Date: 11-10-2016

Location: REC E2.52

14.00 – 16.00

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):

Mourad Farahat – Chair FSR FEB

Toma Cerniauskaite – Vice Chair FSR FEB

Atma Jyoti Mahapatra – Chair Education and Research

Aleksandr Tikhonov – Chair Organisation and Media

Davey Noijens – CSR-representative

Rinus van Grunsven – General council member

Eline Keemink – General council member

Tufan Kiziltekin – General council member

Raffaele Di Carlo – Council assistant

Melissa Wijngaarden – Council assistant

Secretary: Yirong Lo

Minutes

1. Opening 14.00

Mourad opens the meeting and the agenda is determined as follow:

1. Opening and determine agenda	6. Allocation model
2. Determine minutes previous meeting	7. Flex study pilot
3. Announcements	8. Selectivity of Masters
4. BSc Split	9. Questions and closure
5. Budget	

2. Minutes previous meeting 14.05

The minutes of the meeting on 16-06-2016 are approved with a minor adjustment.



3. Announcements

14.07

From the Faculty Board:

- Jan Dijk has to leave the meeting at 14:45.
- Jan Dijk updates the FSR on the reorganization of the Education Service Centre (ESC). There are plans to improve student support services, team structures, and more. Current employees will hear whether they can stay or transfer to another job. Peter van Baalen adds that there will be employees leaving, which is a sensitive topic and they are trying to make that a smooth transition. Furthermore, the goal is to improve effectiveness and quality, especially for teachers. Mourad asks whether the changes will be internal or external. The Dean answers that the changes will be mostly internal, in order to make processes more transparent and easier.
- Han van Dissel announces that there will be a new campus caterer starting in January 2017. A food court concept will be implemented.
- Han van Dissel announces that Anne Keegan (OC director) is leaving due to personal reasons and the board is currently looking for a replacement.

From the Faculty Student Council:

- Mourad states the piano issue in the E-hall. The Student Service Desk is complaining and keeps placing notes on it. The Dean states that he has been notified about it and does not agree with the Service Desk that it is a big problem, no agreements are made.

4. BSc Split

14.14

Mourad explains that there have been many meetings about the Bachelor Split, however things are not clear and wants an explanation of the process.

Peter van Baalen explains that there are a few processes running. There is an administrative part which is going well. They also command that the course description must be ready by the end of this year. Florian Wagener is in contact with the different sections. He tries to make sure that criticism will be heard so that the model can be adapted accordingly. There is a small delay in that sense, we need to speed up a few processes.

Mourad explains that the FSR and other students share a lot of concerns about the new Bachelors in terms of structure and curriculum. Peter van Baalen asks whether the concerns are about Business Administration (BA) or Economics and Business Economics (E&BE). Mourad states that the concerns are more about the E&BE program since there are major changes in the teaching style of E&BE, e.g. response lectures, while BA does not have these changes. Peter van Baalen responds that the BA program is more simple compared to Economics, therefore easier to accept.

Mourad states that the FSR likes the idea of having more contact hours but in a different way. Adding response lectures in the schedule does not improve the teaching as would smaller tutorial groups for example.

Peter van Baalen suggests the FSR to write their criticism down, so that the concerns can be properly looked at. **(Action 161011-01)**



Mourad asks how the faculty is promoting the new Bachelor programs since the Bachelordag is coming up and the programs are actually not fully designed yet.

Peter van Baalen and the dean state that there is an approach to solve this issue.

Mourad explains that the curriculum of the first year is designed now. The following 2nd and 3rd year curriculum will be designed in the upcoming 2 years. Mourad asks for confirmation.

Peter van Baalen explains that that is correct. They have the big picture now, and indeed the curriculum of the following years will be looked at starting next year.

-Regarding the board's response to FSR's BSA advice letter.

Mourad explains that the FSR has written a negative advice letter concerning an adjustment to the BSA to exclude current first year students who fail to obtain a positive BSA to be allowed to enrol in the new Bachelor programs next year.

The dean states that they thought the idea was good but they could not find evidence looking at the statistics, therefore they agreed with the advice of the teaching directors to not allow current first year students to re-enrol in the new Bachelor programs next year.

Mourad explains that the reason for a negative advice from the FSR on an adjustment to the current BSA is because the FSR does not agree with banning students from the FEB for 3 years after receiving a negative BSA which is currently stated in the OER.

Peter van Baalen states that there have been changes made in the OER last year that the FSR agreed with. The changes were mainly to simplify the OER and make things more clear and strict. The dean adds that the plan for the next OER (2017-2018) is to simplify substantially.

Mourad wants to know what the expectations are.

Peter van Baalen states that he wants the FSR to know exactly what their role is in the process of the OER.

Peter van Baalen leaves the meeting.

5. Budget

14.30

Mourad explains that the FSR has received the preliminary budget and has a few questions.

There will be a slight decrease for the investment in university libraries (UB). The FSR questions if that is a good idea since the FEB is currently experiencing a shortage in study spaces.

Jan Dijk explains that the faculty has been paying the UB a fee per student. Recently the UB has not been able to deliver for what the faculty pays. In other words, the board expects an extra effort from the UB to deliver what they promise.

Rinus asks if there is a way to make a statement. The dean states that there is not much to do about it except for demanding more services from the UB.

Mourad asks what the FSR can tell students when they complain about the lack of study places.

The dean suggests the FSR to tell students to make noise and demand more from the UB.



Jan Dijk states that currently the faculty already opens up more study places in the building during exam weeks. The FSR plans to continue with this pilot.

Action 161011-02: FSR write letter to UB demanding for more study spaces.

Mourad states that the budget in 2013-2014 is left blank. The dean explains that it is because only temporary measures are used.

The dean states that the Dutch elections are in May 2017, so the budget for education is uncertain.

6. Allocation model

14.43

The Dean mentions that the FSR's have a say in the allocation model, and encourages to maximize FSR involvement.

Mourad states that the FSR has several questions regarding the allocation model.

Since Jan Dijk is leading the allocation model discussion for the FEB and is leaving the FEB in January 2017, the FSR wants to know who is replacing Jan Dijk. There will be proposals send to the board, and we will know after assessments.

Mourad states that further questions about the allocation model will be send by e-mail.

The dean states that the FSR has rights on the pre-investments and suggests the FSR to give input on time. Mourad states that the FSR has several ideas and will write a letter soon (**Action 161011-03**).

The Dean encourages ideas for education rather than research.

Mourad asks how far the process is. The dean is not sure, but advices to give input as soon as possible.

Jan Dijk leaves the meeting.

7. Flex Study pilot

14.51

The dean explains that currently the faculty charges students for a full academic year. With the new flex study pilot they will allow students to pay per credit (EC).

The dean asks the FSR to what extent we want to collaborate with this experiment.

The dean suggests to ask for opinions from student representatives, any suggestions are welcome.

The FSR will write a letter regarding the flex study pilot (**Action 161011-04**).

8. Selectivity of Masters

14.56

Mourad states that the selectivity of Master programs has been a discussion last year and wants a clear statement to end this debate.

The Dean explains that the faculty considers its Bachelor programs to be selective for its Master programs. Therefore, students who earned their Bachelor's degree at UvA will be exempted for certain requirements that non-UvA students have to meet. In this way, all Master students will be 'selected', but the procedure will be different depending on the Bachelor.



9. Questions and closure

15.11

- The dean states that there are a few candidates for the student assessor vacancy. Mourad found 1 potential candidate and will follow up on it. The dean is looking forward to the application.
- Dean mentions that there is a presentation of the Diversity Committee tomorrow, and he will be present.

Action points

~~160616-01 The FSR will organize a meeting in September with Peter van Baalen or Joris Marée to discuss the OER process.~~

~~160616-02 The FSR will write a proposal on the Education Vision for the university.~~

161011-01 The FSR will write down all their concerns about the Bachelor Split.

161011-02 The FSR will write a letter to the UB demanding for more services.

161011-03 The FSR will write a letter regarding pre-investments.

161011-04 The FSR will write a letter regarding the flex study pilot.