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3. Announcements

Board:

FSR directory

45 The dean announces that in the current existing directory only general management information is available. The MEMOs on running discussions are not filed in this folder. Therefore, he emphasizes that Fred Pope will set up this directory as has been agreed upon in the previous OVs.

50 *EQUIS*

The board announces that the accreditation week was a success. Therefore, it is expected that the faculty will receive the desired accreditation.

Joint degree finance/law

55 The board expresses that the law faculty is the leading party in this process. Expected is that the implementation will be executed in the long term.

Diversity

Wilma de Kuiff will become the faculty diversity officer.

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Director of operational management

Wilma de Munck is the present candidate for the position of director of operational management.

65 *Internship/career-services*

Pepijn van Neerijnen has been appointed to improve the coordination of these services.

FSR-FEB:

No announcements.

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4. BSc Split

Seminar class sizes

75 Upon request the board explains that the influx of new students is too high compared to the current capacity of teachers. Therefore, the first year with the new BSc's will be a transitional period where seminar class sizes might become maximum 50. However, the attendance of





students highly fluctuates but does not exceed 60% on average, according to the board. This means that a maximum capacity of 50 might not be problematic in practice, if the FSR-FEB
80 thinks 50 students in one seminar is too crowded.

The FSR puts forward the argument that students will always attend the seminar with the best teacher, therefore these classes will become even more crowded than they are at the moment in the current BSc's. It is agreed upon that both the quality of the teacher and the time of the class
85 are important factors for students to switch tutorials. The board says that obligating students to one tutorial seems not to be effective but that they are willing to implement such rules in a stricter sense if the FSR feels that this would help.

The FSR explains that their basic argument revolves around the fact that it is much better for the quality of education to be in an overcrowded room of 40 instead of 50 students. Even more so,
90 the weekly education cycle in the new BSc structure is based on the interwoven function of the different classes. Therefore, the quality of education in the seminars is vital according to the FSR. This is because it is the most direct form of education in the weekly cycle that does not revolve around skills.

95 The board proposes to prohibit students from switching between seminars. They express that the lack of capacity can not be solved in just a few months. However, the board points out that they are also of the opinion that the situation is not ideal. One of their main endeavours is to aim for smaller classes as well. The board finally adds that the most dramatic outcome is not
100 necessarily to be expected. The vast influx of new students is not definitive yet.

The FSR emphasizes that the new BSc programmes will be constituted of a range of new courses and other factors that will change. This whole process of adaptation will prove to be difficult enough in itself. Therefore, the FSR pleads that it is important to maintain a *ceteris paribus* situation for the benefit of the continued quality of education at the FEB.
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The board maintains the position that these capacity problems are not an issue that can be solved overnight. The student assessor and the FSR respond with the argument that this argument is only valid for the 1st block, since the 2nd block only starts in November. Finally, the
110 board points out that the definitive number of students will only be known at the 1st of September.



The following compromise is agreed upon:

- 115 1st block class sizes of maximum 50, with the provision of tutorials of maximum 25. From 2nd block on tutorial sizes will be diminished to maximum 40.

Board expresses that it is already the case that this will be executed in the case of a restricted influx of new students and agrees to deliver some written consent.

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Smaller BSc's

Upon request, the board explains that currently deliberation is carried out in order to map the preferences of the directors of mentioned programmes.

- 125 ***Planning of the 2nd and 3rd year of new BSc's***

When asked, the board explains that the eventual comprehensive work on programming will start in May. Grand design is there, but the further development will start after the current priorities for the first year of the new BSc's are fulfilled.

- 130 **5. OER discussion**

It is decided to postpone this agenda point, due to the fact that the last deliberations on the OER have already taken place in the morning prior to this OV.

- 135 **6. 884 Academic schedule**

- Board explains that they don't feel objections to expanding the possibilities of course structures to multiples of 3 ECTS. As long as the central level is not thinking about changing the current 884-system the FEB will just comply with it. It is already possible to vary the size of courses in multiples of 6 ECTS. Therefore, the current system is not experienced as being too rigid by the faculty. It is emphasized that within the 884-system there is already enough room for flexibility according to the board. Therefore, a new academic schedule is not needed in their opinion.
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- Upon request, the board explains that already some research is done on possible changes, for now the harmonization and stability of 884 is just more attractive. However, any suggestions for improvement from the FSR are welcomed by the board.
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7. UVA allocation model

The discussion is postponed till next year. Upon request, the board explains that it is not clear yet how and when the next phase in the discussion will take place. The board still aims at pleading for equality among distribution of funds between faculties.

The CvB announced to visit all faculties on April 19th to discuss the ratio of research to education. The board invites the FSR to attend as well.

The FNWI asked for extra money. Board explains that faculties keep their own balance. The FEB has a strong balance but the FNWI does not apparently. The funds that the FNWI will receive is an upfront payment which will be deducted in the future. Therefore, the FEB is prudent to help the FNWI.

8. Q4 2016 management report

Upon request the board emphasize the confidentiality of these documents. However, the board also expresses that the results will end up in the public general UvA annual report as well eventually.

9. Questions and remarks

Board

Upon request the FSR explains that the campaigning for the FSR and CSR has already been initiated quite intensively through the media channels. The FSR has gained more momentum through these actions. A first observation is that international students seem to be more involved.

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The FSR does not have any further questions or remarks.

ACTION POINT

170405 01 A written commitment from the board will be delivered to the FSR regarding the desired maximum class sizes in the new BSc's



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