



Overleg Vergadering (OV) Report

Date:

28TH of November 2017

Place:

Roeterseiland B2.52, Amsterdam

Time:

1500-1700

Report by:

Lieuwe van Hoorn

Chair of meeting:

Tijmen de Vos

Present FSR-FEB 17/18 Members:

Marcelo Pira Beckerling (Vice-Chair), Christof Bischofberger (Chair E&R), Marcin Muchowicz (Chair O&M), Deval Raj (CSR representative E&R), Momo Komatsu (Treasurer, O&M), Nicu Munteanu (E&R), Aleena Rahman (Council assistant, O&M), Lieuwe van Hoorn (Secretary)

Absent FSR-FEB 17/18 Members:

Toma Cerniauskaite (Chair), Atma Jyoti Mahapatra (E&R), Jelle Turkenburg (E&R)

Present board members and faculty employees:

Han van Dissel (Faculty dean), Wilma de Munck (Director of operations), Koen van Leeuwen (Student assessor)

Absent board members and faculty employees:

Peter van Baalen (College director of Economics & Business)

Minutes

1. Opening and determination of agenda

Chair opens the meeting and welcomes all participants.

2. Determine minutes previous meeting (*att: 171009 FSR FEB OV Minutes draft*)

The previous minutes are approved by all parties.

3. Announcements

• From the FEB Board

- The board compliments the FSR-FEB advices sent to the board. It is agreed upon that this discussion will be continued in upcoming meetings where the relevant employees will also be present.

• From the FSR FEB

- FSR-FEB will send a joint advice to the CvB with CSR and FSR FMG on creating more study space through opening up empty rooms.
- The council says they will give a positive advice on the faculty budget soon. It regrets the manner in which the previous negative advice was produced and hopes to improve its procedures

4. Review action points

170619 04 José Terra will find out which teacher evaluations documents are by law accessible for the FSR.

The COR took the position that students should not have access to this kind of evaluations due to violations of Dutch privacy laws. The CvB agrees with this stance at this point in time, therefore the discussion is halted. The board expresses that they therefore are not able to supply this information at this point although the board is of the opinion that more transparency is always to be preferred.





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The board announces that only some technical issues remain at this point.

5. Nationale Studenten Enquête (att: 170910 Rapport NSE 2017 UvA-EB)

60 NSE report

The dean explains that the college directors are expected to deliver action points in order to force improvement on the points that were marked substandard in the NSE report. However, some points have to do with UvA facilities which the board is not able to influence. Nonetheless, a very pivotal point on which the FEB scored low is the preparation for future
65 careers. Academic universities and universities of applied science traditionally differ a lot on this point. Still, the board recognizes that the preparation of students for professional life is not optimal currently. The dean claims its his personal pursuit to improve this issue. Future first could form the solution.

Future first

70 The FSR explains that in the last OV a general outline of FF was discussed. FSR was quite excited about the project and is enthusiastic to hear about the advancements.

Upon request, the dean explains that the goal is to promote students to think about their future life, make all kinds of information about this preparation process available and facilitate for students to participate in internships. Many of these elements already exist at the UvA
75 according to the dean. For instance, currently already a goal setting programme for first years is in place. Also, a wide range of trainings and workshops are all available at the UvA. The FF programme would incorporate all these things in one environment to promote their visibility.

The dean explains that Pepijn van Neerijnen, the responsible employee, recently sent him a proposal which he still has to read. However, a plan will be formed soon. The project will
80 mainly combine projects that are already available at the UvA and it will add new projects to improve the situation.

Internships

The FSR points out the prevalence of internships and sandwich programmes offered at English universities. The dean thinks the FEB should also start offering internships to students and
85 break with the tradition. The board states that if the faculty would actively start offering internships it would want to ensure plenty of positions and make sure that students are guided properly. Additionally, the internships will have to be combined with the thesis to ensure academic value. In the new curriculum, more space will become available for internships in combination with a thesis.

90 Conclusion

The dean points out the lack of action being undertaken by the central level in order to improve the UvA wide NSE results. Therefore, he expresses that improvement should be sought after at





the policy level of the faculty. Upon request, the dean invites the FSR to have a meeting with Pepijn van Neerijnen to get involved with the project. ACTION POINT 171128 01

95 Finally, it is stated that the project will hopefully become available for students at the beginning of the new academic year.

6. Course evaluations

- **Assessing the progress of the project.**

Capacity problems

100 The board explains that the problem at this point is mainly an issue of personnel capacity. Therefore, the faculty is looking for new personnel currently.

Progress of the project

The current transition is mainly focused on promoting a development towards more extensive online evaluation. Upon request, it is explained that the response rate is statistically sufficient.

105 However, it less than through the paper surveys, though it has to be stated that response rates for those were showing a diminishing trend already prior to the initiation of the transition to online evaluations.

However, teachers can start to actively promote filling in the survey (the lecturer for Principles of Economics 1 did this, which turned out to improve response rates).

110 7. **Exam preparation procedures** (*att: 171010 Risk management report*)

- **Evaluate the results for the FEB and points for improvement.**

Results of report

The FSR explains that 60% of programme directors don't think exams are being peer reviewed at the FEB according to the report. The dean thinks that the programme directors did not understand the questionnaire or were agitated by its manner of execution and that the results are therefore biased.

120 The dean explains that the Maagdenhuis organized this risk management research without consultation of the faculties. For instance: 'Assurance of learning' is how the FEB calls 'leerlijnen', therefore the wrong outcome of the questionnaire was that such a thing does not exist at the FEB. The board says that the FSR could opt for a discussion with R. van Hemert in order to try and determine whether the problems put forward by the risk management report are valid.

Peer reviewing exams

125 The dean thinks that operational issues would ensure if we would want to implementation such a system of general peer review.

Upon request, the dean says that there is a lot of informal peer review already happening within sections. Some sections maybe better than other sections, as could be expected. Secondly, the continuous recycling of old exam questions is almost eradicated in the dean's opinion.

130 The dean says that the risk management report is insufficiently reliable to let him believe that the problem of substandard exams actually exists. Nonetheless, he agrees with the pursuit to peer review exams. He thinks it is already happening and his opinion on this is not affected by the report.

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135 R. van Hemert will have an idea of what sections perform better. Koen adds the OCs are also discussing this topic at the moment.





8. Reimbursed Dutch language course

140 The FSR wonders whether the board would agree with promoting the initiative in the FEB
newsletter. The board agrees with this. They are sympathetic with the idea to invite all students
to participate in the course.

FSR mentions that not enough classroom is available at the third party who organizes the course
due to capacity problems. The dean mentions that he is not ultimately responsible or able to
145 alleviate their issues. Raj mentions that the CSR is already discussing this with the CVB which
showed to be willing to alleviate these issues.

9. Remarks

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PRO MEMORIA

210 171009 01 Management planning will be shared with the FSR by the board on an annual basis.

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