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Live Streamed Lectures

Dear Prof. Dr. van Baalen,

Dear Dr. Dominguez Martinez,

We are writing this advice on behalf of the FSR Faculteit Economie en Bedrijfskunde. The advice concerns the following development:

For the course “Statistics 1 for Economics” in the current block students have the possibility to attend one of three lectures: One being taught by the course coordinator Mr. B.R. Droop, the other two being live streams of the first lecture.

After receiving several complaints about the over-crowded “live” lecture, as well as complaints about the other two “live-streamed” lectures, we decided to express our dissatisfaction with the status quo by means of this advice. The rationale behind our dissatisfaction is explained below:

Generally the FSR’s stance on “live-streamed” lectures is very critical. We believe that every student should have the opportunity to attend a “live” lecture, as this results in the highest quality of education. We see the interaction between students and professor as the most vital factor contributing to an informative, modern lecture. This is unfortunately not given, when lectures are “live-streamed”.

This was also witnessed in the accounting course of the first block, where students were extremely dissatisfied with having to watch “live-streamed” lectures. This stemmed from the very fact that they could not interact with the lecturer and believed this was not fair, given the tuition fees for the new programme. This was also spread over social media channels, which hurts the reputation of our faculty as well as the university.





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We urge the faculty to allocate the necessary financial resources to hire sufficient numbers of teaching staff to avoid “live-streamed” lectures in future. This stance has been communicated by the FSR on numerous occasions, including the informal BSc split meeting, and now that problems arose due to the shortage in teaching staff, we hope to get you on board to taking a big step towards hiring sufficient teaching staff.

If there are any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

On The Behalf of FSR FEB 17-18,

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