



Overleg Vergadering (OV) Minutes

Date:

13th of March 2018

Place:

Roeterseiland B2.52, Amsterdam

Time:

1500-1630

Minutes by:

Eline Keemink

Chair of meeting:

Mourad Farahat

Present FSR members

Toma Cerniauskaite (Chair), Marcelo Pira Beckerling (Vice-Chair), Christof Bischofberger (Chair E&R), Jelle Turkenburg (E&R)

Absent FSR Members:

Marcin Muchowicz (Chair O&M), Momo Komatsu (Treasurer, O&M), Deval Raj (CSR representative E&R), Atma Jyoti Mahapatra (E&R)

Present board members and faculty employees:

Han van Dissel (Faculty dean), Peter van Baalen (College director of Economics & Business), Koen van Leeuwen (Student assessor)

Absent board members:

Wilma de Munck (Director of operations)

1. Opening and determination of agenda

Chair opens the meeting and welcomes all participants.

2. Determine minutes previous meeting (*att: 180117 FSR FEB OV Minutes draft*)

The minutes are determined, including one change: ten-year contracts should be changed to tenure trackers. The dean explains tenure means getting promoted and getting a fixed contract.

The dean asks for the examples of similar exams, which was mentioned in the last OV. Jelle explains that the FSR is working on an extensive and clear file which is not finished yet but when it is will be sent to the board (action point 180313 01).

Numerus Fixus: A request to implement the numerus fixus has been sent to the CvB. Peter van Baalen explains that the faculty has not decided upon implementation of the numerus fixus yet, but to keep the option open a request has been sent for implementing the numerus fixus. Christoff asks for a time schedule of the numerus fixus implementation, they can go for Marieke van Kempen for this (action point 180313 02).

3. Announcements

3.1. From the FEB Board

Wilma de Munck and Eline Keemink are on holiday.

It seems that there will be a larger lecture hall built on the Roeterseilandcampus.

3.2. From the FSR FEB

The dean asks for candidates of the council for next year. Christoff tells that the deadline is the 24th of March and that there is no actual data on people who are running so far. The board offers



their help in finding a diverse number of students who are interested in the council. The FSR will let the dean know if they have any ideas on how the board can help (action point 180313 03).

4. Review action points

171009 04 The FSR will be included in the discussion sessions on the management of discussions about the influx of first year students with regards to the Numerus fixus and/or UVA matching. These discussions will start in January according to the board.

The dean explains once more that this discussion will be held in May/June, as this year international matching will be tried and the results of this will be awaited.

180117 01 The FSR will contact facility services about the extra study places and opening the classrooms and will keep the dean updated.

The FEB is positive about this idea, this is not the case for all the faculties on the REC. Peter van Baalen had a meeting and a proposal was prepared by Paul. If they try to free up rooms in week 7, this might have an impact on current classes, but in two weeks the rooms will be opened in week 8. The discussion with the other faculties and education directors will be continued, for a more structural solution. The position of the FEB is that they want the rooms to be opened. In this block in week 8 there will be more rooms available.

5. Faculty Regulations (att.: 180313 FSR Faculty Regulations)

Article 35: The FSR would like to receive an annual plan in written format, for administrative purposes. The dean believes that everything that was planned was given to the council in the yearly planning and that it is enough that the council receives the quarterly management reports. The dean can ask his staff to design some sort of yearly planning. There is no agreement on this article.

Article 37: The FSR appreciates the improvement of the informal channel between the board and the council. However, for administrative purposes it is vital for the council to receive a written response from the board. The dean however thinks it is unnecessary to keep the responses in a written format. If the article is changed to: any formal written advice from the council should be responded with a formal written response from the dean; the dean could agree with this proposal.

Article 39: The FSR found many flaws in examination procedures this year. The dean informs the council that legally, the examination board is a separate body. The dean understands our position but is not sure if this is legally allowed. The dean will ask the legal department and will ask about the part of the OER that is being determined by the examination board (action point 180313 04).

Central meetings

The council would like to include central meetings between the OC, the education directors and the FSRs into the faculty regulations. The dean does not think this belongs into the faculty regulations.

English documents

The council would like to have all formal documents and draft versions in English, as a large part of the council has an international background. The dean cannot promise that everything will be



done in English. However, the faculty regulations draft next year can be sent in English. The dean explains that the faculty regulations are not changed every year, only this year because the law changed in September. There is agreement that the OER drafts should be sent in English, not only in Dutch, however the dean does not want this in the faculty regulations.

The FSR asks about the upcoming planning regarding the faculty regulations. The dean will have the final draft of the faculty regulations next week.

6. Bachelor Split

6.1. Live-streamed lectures (*att.: 180313 Advice streamed lectures Statistics I*)

The board explains that the faculty in principle is not intending to provide live-streamed lectures. However, there are cases in which the faculty is forced to use live-stream lectures. There are doubts if this problem will be overcome for a 100% by next year because then the new lecture hall will not be finished. Christoff points out that it is not only a room capacity issue, but a teaching capacity issue. As for live-streamed lectures, there are more classrooms booked but just not enough teaching staff. Peter van Baalen wants to introduce technicalities that makes it easy to teach quantitative courses in large lecture sizes. The FSR is enthusiastic about this idea, however still believes that for quantitative courses smaller lecture sizes are to be preferred. In the short term, Peter van Baalen does not think smaller lecture sizes will be possible. The dean says that there are large lectures to save money to be able to give some smaller lectures.

In summary: The board does not intend to use live-streamed lectures, just as the FSR, but they want the help of the FSR to get a big lecture hall. There will be no new teachers hired to prevent the live-streamed lectures problems. Also, there are no plans for live-streamed lectures next fall.

Hiring new staff

The dean explains that he does not know yet if the people that are being recruited will accept their offer to start in September. He will give the FSR an update in May, then there is a clear view on how many people accepted the contracts (action point 180313 05).

Priority courses

The FSR will send in their list of their priority courses to the board that they would like to see addressed. The board will reply to this with the most recent updates (action point 180313 06).

Lecture hall

The board would like the support for the large lecture hall at the UvA from the FSR. At the moment, the CSR is also having discussions about this. According to the dean, large-scale lectures have to be combined with small seminars to use money efficiently.

6.2. Shift of weekly educational cycle (*att.: 180313 Advice shift of wec*)

The FSR still is critical about the implementation of the weekly educational cycle. If, however, the weekly educational cycle to be implemented the FSR thinks the last seminar should be given in week 7, the seminar sizes should still be 40 and not larger. The last lecture should be given on Monday. The FSR asks for a written response from Silvia Dominguez and Frank Belschak. The board suggests meeting with them.



6.3. Content Overlap (*att.: 180313 Advice Curriculum Overlap*)

The faculty updates the council that Silvia is having discussions with the course coordinators from Economics. Furthermore, they are working on learning trajectories to make all learning lines transparent. This is started in the programme of Econometrics and will also be done in Economics & Business programmes. It will take 2 or 3 months to complete this. The FSR asks if this timeline is not too long to change the study guides for the courses. This could be true, then the changes will be implemented the year after. The FSR asks if it is a good idea to implement a curriculum committee. The board explains that this is what the OC's are for. The board does not want to start with focusing on this right now, as the new courses are now still being designed. The FSR will come up with a new proposal on the curriculum committee, considering the formal role of the OC (action point 180313 07).

7. Remarks

The FSR asks to what extent they can act upon the examination board if, according to the FSR, they are malfunctioning. There are no students in the examination board of this faculty. The dean tells that the examination board is credited and checked by the NVAO. The FSR thinks this is not satisfactory. The examination board states that because of their independence that they cannot take a stand on certain issues. For structural changes, the FSR should contact the dean.

ACTION POINTS

- 180117 01 ~~The FSR will contact facility services about the extra study places and opening up the classrooms and will keep the dean updated.~~
- 180313 01 The FSR will send a copy of the similarity in exams to the board
- 180313 02 The FSR will ask Mariële van Kempen the time schedule of the numerus fixus
- 180313 03 The FSR will let the dean know how and if he can help in finding new students for the next year's student council
- 180313 04 The dean will check with the legal department about the rights of the council on the part of the OER that is being determined by the examination
- 180313 05 In May, dean will give an update about how many additional staff has been recruited
- 180313 06 The FSR will send in their priority courses for next year, based on these priority courses the board will give a response
- 180313 07 The FSR will have contact with the OC and come up with a new proposal for a curriculum committee board

PRO MEMORIA

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