



Overleg Vergadering (OV) Minutes

Date:

30th of April 2018

Place:

Roeterseiland B2.52, Amsterdam

Time:

1500-1630

Minutes by:

Eline Keemink

Chair of meeting:

Koen van Leeuwen

Present FSR members

Toma Cerniauskaite (Chair), Christof Bischofberger (Chair E&R), Marcin Muchowicz (Chair O&M), Jelle Turkenburg (E&R), Momo Komatsu (Treasurer, O&M), Deval Raj (CSR representative E&R), Atma Jyoti Mahapatra (E&R), Maxim Tudor (E&R)

Absent FSR Members:

Marcelo Pira Beckerling (Vice-Chair), Muzzammill Hassan (O&M)

Present board members and faculty employees:

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

Absent board members:

None

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*)**3. Announcements****3.1. From the FEB Board**

Beta Gamma Sigma: the reply of the FSR is agreeing with joining this to give students this opportunity. The dean is happy with our opinion. The faculty does not have to actually do anything except for announcing they will become member of Beta Gamma Sigma. The FSR will write a reply to the dean (action point 180430 01).

4. Review action points

180313 01 *The FSR will send a copy of the similarity in exams to the board*
 DONE

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for the next year's student council DONE

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the part of the OER that is being determined by the examination
 Has been done, the FSR is currently in discussion with the examination board.



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5. Numerus Fixus

5.1. Numerus Fixus Advice (att: 180430 Numerus Fixus Advice_FSR)

The FSR has decided to give a negative advice due to a various number of reasons.

The dean informs the council that there have to be preparations so that they can apply for the numerus fixus when the deadline is there. The dean claims that there is very little substance behind the claims made. The points made in the advice will be discussed.

- *Implementing a fixus for only the BSc of BA might result in a higher influx of rejected BA applicants into the BSc of EBE.*

Peter van Baalen tells the council that the steering group would like a separate UvA Matching for students which have been rejected for the BA programme who want to apply for EBE. He will have a meeting with the CvB to discuss the possibilities for a separate procedure for students rejected for the BA programme, it might be a legal issue. The dean agrees with the FSR that the risk of overspill exists. Peter van Baalen will keep the FSR updated about the discussion (action point 180430 02).

- *A fixus limits the switch possibilities for students from other programmes such as BSc in Fiscal Economics and BSc in Econometrics.*

The dean tells that this is a legally complex issue. If students have entered a non-fixus programme but want to switch to a fixus programme, the shift has to be done in the second year but it is possible for which students would not have to go through selection procedures. In switching to fiscal economics there should be no problem, as there is no fixus on the EBE. Information regarding this will be send to the FSR (action point 180430 03).

- *While the number of international applications is rising by the year, applications of Dutch students remain fairly constant. With the Introduction of a fixus, Dutch applicants will be exposed to more competition and sufficient study places for Dutch students cannot be ensured. We believe this is also our obligation as a Dutch university.*

Peter van Baalen agrees that this is a good point. The faculty is not allowed to select on nationality. The faculty is looking to the options of using an international classroom, where the ministry makes exceptions on selecting. The dean does not think it is an interesting point to look at Dutch students and fairness. He informs the council that there is no proof that those



students cannot find a place in the Netherlands to study at all. Peter van Baalen suggests to first see if this Dutch outflow is really happening when the fixus will be implemented in 2019/2020. The dean says that the goal of this faculty is to attract more international students. Christoff asks about the implementations of the international classroom. Peter van Baalen explains that the idea is diversity in the classroom. He thinks they are more or less allowed to apply selection criteria on the diversity. The concept is in the making because even if there is no fixus implemented, the university still wants to work with the international classroom. Then, it can perhaps be applied as a selection mechanism. The dean concludes that Dutch students can also go to the VU.

- *Drop-out rates in the BSc of Economics and Business are usually very high when compared to universities that have very high selection and entry requirements (for example in the UK). Therefore, when altering for a 600 student cap, the faculty might end up with far less graduating students than initially intended.*

The council is afraid that the fixus will result in a lower number of students who are graduating. The dean informs the council that with selections there are worries about false negatives as well as false positives. Toma asks if there is any data available on the effectiveness of UvA matching yet. Peter van Baalen replies that there are no results yet on the effectiveness, and students who get a negative advice do not de-enroll after the matching, which troubles the numbers on how many students start the programme. Peter van Baalen also tells that students who did very well on the UvA matching, score more ECTS. The FSR asks about the report on Dutch UvA matching. It was published in December, they can check with Evelien Rauws, project leader UvA matching.

- *Drop in the number of applicants due to a fixus*

The dean agrees that this is a documented effect in the Netherlands. This is why the faculty wanted to wait with applying a selection until the number is significantly above the number of students that can be accepted.

- *Burden on the administration staff's.*

The faculty is legally forced to rank all students.

Action point for the FSR to reconsider the numerus fixus and send an updated advice to the Board (action point 180430 04).

5.2. Advice selection criteria and procedure

The FSR wants to change the criteria weights to 50-50%. The dean would like to leave this to the experts. Peter van Baalen has no objections to 50-50 but thinks it can be decided later. His main issue is on the trust that can be placed on the surveillance part. The procedures on the division will be determined later in the process. Peter van Baalen thinks the GPA is a somewhat stronger predictor of academic performance.



6. Bachelor Split

6.1. Examination Structure (*att. 180430 Advice FSR Examination Structure*)

The FSR asks if they can set up these kind of meetings; the dean is fine with this but does not want any additional formalities. If it refers to either BA or EBE, the program managers should be involved as they are supposed to derive quality of the programs.

Action point 180430 05: the FSR will plan a meeting with the FSR, OCs and program managers.

6.2. Curriculum Committee (*att.: 180430 Advice FSR Curriculum Commission*)

The dean likes the idea of deriving quality, but also wants to leave the responsibilities where they should be. The FSR was informed that the OC does not have enough resources to spend time on a curriculum commission. The dean mentions that the OC should then send a request to the dean. There will not be a separate curriculum commission, it will be part of the OC. Peter van Baalen tells that they have been looking into different tools of designing the curriculum, there should be a good overview of different courses and themes in the program. However, it is still in process. The FSR can have a meeting with Annemarie Zand Scholten to receive more information about this. The dean recognizes to a certain extent that there are too many doublures and the faculty is busy solving this issues, but it is also the responsibilities of the program directors..

6.3. 3rd year curriculum BSc E&BE Economics Track (*att.: 180430 Advice FSR 3rd year Curriculum BSc E&BE Economics Track*)

The board is not going to implement the labels the FSR suggested for courses in a more structured way, as they are of opinion that this makes things more complex. Peter van Baalen explains that in the past there have been meetings about the curriculum together with Jeroen Hinloopen and the FSR, which resulted in that students want more freedom in their curriculum in the 3rd year. The philosophy is now as follows: 1st year no choices, 2nd year a few choices, in the 3rd year freedom.

The FSR emphasizes that the proposal does not mention any obligations to follow these labels. They want the courses to be structured, not to force students to follow them. The dean would be in favour for giving students more guidance and informing them on what courses they could follow. Peter van Baalen says that if students want an advice on which program or courses to choose, they should go to the program directors. He prefers information sessions on combining courses over putting information on websites or study guides.

6.4. Advice W.E.C. (*180430 Advice FSR WEC*)

The proposal is adjusted a bit, a feedback lecture will be called a second lecture.

6.5. Live-streamed lectures

The FSR found out that the faculty is still planning on giving live-streamed lectures in the year 2019/2020. To clarify what a live-streamed lecture is: a lecturer is giving the class in one room, and the lecture is being live-streamed into other classrooms (at the same time). The dean asked for global numbers: 5 out of hundreds of courses, and they were hardly used. The policy is that there are no live-streamed lectures, but sometimes there is no other solutions. The FSR thinks that in the beginning of a block, all students should be given the possibility to follow the lecture. If attendance is low, the amount of lectures gives can be decreased and replaced by live-streamed lectures.

Peter van Baalen was not aware of this happening. The Board will update the FSR about the live-streamed lectures (action point 180430 06).



7. Examination Board

The board agrees with the FSR to a large extent. The examples on the re-use of exam questions that were sent by the FSR were very clear, and the board will follow this up. If the examination board needs more capacity, the dean would like to hear it from them and he would be willing to support this. Peter van Baalen tells that a few issues will be addressed in the assessment policy. This will be finished in May, after which discussions will follow.

8. Minor in Sustainability and Economics

The FSR sent out a proposal for the sustainability minor, which involves three faculties: the FEB, FNWI and FMG. The FSR spoke to all involved parties who are all supporting this minor. The FSR asks what the board thinks about this minor.

Peter van Baalen replies that he thinks the minor is a great idea, especially the involvement of other faculties. He would like to work on this with the FSR and to have a small meeting with the FSR itself, and then a more extensive meeting on the minor (action point 180430 07). It will not be possible to start the minor in 2018/2019, due to administrative complexities. The dean remarks that the minor is reasonably complex. His advice would be to make the minor self-contained. He also asks the FSR to look at the economics of common global goods, there is no course on this yet.

9. Study Advisors

The FSR is looking for a feedback mechanism for the study advisors. Any suggestions to improve study advice are welcome (board). The FSR suggests a more concrete approach on feedback, which is right after a session with a study advisor. The dean would be interested in data on how satisfied students are with the study advisors.

Action point 180430 08: the FSR sets up a meeting with the study advisors.

10. Remarks

No remarks, the meeting is closed.

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| 180430 07 | The FSR and Peter van Baalen will have meetings on the sustainability minor |
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