

Date Wednesday 6 February 2019  
Time 17:00 – 19:00 uur  
Location A7.65  
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Present: Anne van den Bergh, Anna Schröder, Anna de Koning, Ginger Mooren, Guillano Payne, Alexander Gritsay, Minh Quan Bao Nguyen, Latif Sleibi, Vanessa Romeijn, Svedha Krishnaraj, Felix Wolthuis Scheeres.  
Absent: Jinane Araqi.  
Guests:  
Secretary: Myron Warta.

### **Agenda**

#### **1. Opening of the meeting**

Anne opens the meeting at 17:05h.

#### **2. Setting the agenda:**

##### **a. February 11, 2019 OV:**

##### **Social safety;**

Anne asks Quan and Latif how their meeting with the board about social safety went. Latif states that the document is in line with what was said during the meeting. Anne states that she has several questions that she would like to be answered by the board during the OV. Anne states that she would like to know who would take the interview if the workshops for staff are compulsory. Anna de Koning asks what these workshops will entail. Anne states that she does not know the details, but that these could be asked during the OV. Latif states that the FSR should ask where the money is taken from that is used on the workshops. Anne states that she would like to address this matter during the OV. Latif states that he will back up Anne.

##### **Study advisors;**

Anne states that this point will be a matter for a unsolicited advice, because she has heard many complaints from students about them not being helpful. Anne states that she would like to know how the study advisors are trained. Guilliano asks what the students can expected from study advisors. Vanessa states that study advisors could help students with guidance on courses and the changed curriculum. Guilliano states that he as a student had good experiences with the study advisors. Guilliano asks if the expectations of students are higher than in

previous years. Alex states that the FSR should ask the job description to know what can be expected. Svedha states that study advisors can be expected to be aware with the changing curriculum, management issues and have plans ready to help students. Anna de Koning states that it should be asked if study advisors are trained for different problems as changing curriculum and management issues.

Latif states that the procedure could change to enable the study advisor prepare their conversations with students. Anne states that this is already the case, but that it is quite broad.

Guilliano states that this broadness of issues, that the study advisors have to help with, creates high expectations. Anna Schröder states that a feedback system through email could be a good idea. Ginger states that study advisors often do not know where to send a student.

Svedha states that if this problem is solved the boundary issue could be solved. Alex asks if the FSR should ask questions during the OV or write the unsolicited advice.

Anne states that for now the FSR should ask questions during the OV. Anne asks who would like to be responsible for this matter during the OV. Alex states that the FSR could ask for a working group on the study advisors.

Svedha states that the FSR could ask for a better communication between the board and the study advisors.

Felix states that before a student can make an appointment he or she should email the study advisor and explain the issue.

Quan states that the walk-in-hours should stay and it is mentioned which issues can be addressed during that time. Vanessa states that the website mentions this. Anna de Koning states, that the FSR did not receive any complains from other students beside the council members. Anne states that the FSR could ask about the study advisors through social media and gather the opinion of students.

Svedha states that she would like to address this point during the OV and Alex will back her up.

### **Course application;**

Guilliano states that the course application is too complicated. Guilliano states that a queue of more than 30 minutes is not acceptable. Svedha states that the queue is needed to prevent the computer system from crashing. Anna de Koning states that the course application is for five faculties at the same time and that this system is needed.

Alex states that this is a central issue and that the impact of addressing this matter could be better done in the CSR.

Anna Schröder states that there is a division between ALF and Honours students and normal students, because the first groups will be automatically enrolled in courses and if students are late there are no courses to enroll in. Anne states that this issue could be addressed briefly during the OV.

Guilliano asks if the council would like to raise this point during the OV. Quan asks if students are late for enrollment they will not have a place in the working groups. Anna Schröder states that this is the case.

Alex states that this should be addressed during the OV. Anne asks who would like to address this during the OV.

Quan states that he would like to do that and Anna de Koning will back him up.

**Pilot flexstudereren;**

Anne states that the board is not too eager to apply this form of studying. Anna de Koning states that the biggest issue could be that the university will receive less money. Anna de Koning states that this system is used for students that only have to do two or three courses. There was a pilot in other studies and universities and from these pilots the FSR can gather information. Alex states that he could possibly get this information. Quan states that the FSR should know what the requirements are for flexstudereren. Anna de Koning states that these requirements are known.

Anna Schröder states that flexstudereren is a great way for students to do an internship. Ginger states that this could be an issue for the board. Svedha states that if the lack of fees is an issue then there should be a limited amount of places in this program.

Quan states that less money or research money from the government should not be a valid excuse. Anne states that the FSR should ask the opinion of the board about this matter during the OV before writing an advice.

Svedha states that opinions, limitations, scenarios, examples should be asked. Quan states that flexstudereren could increase the diversity at the UvA.

Anna de Koning states that she will address this matter during the OV and Quan will back her up.

**Numerus fixus for English masters;**

Alex states that the English masters should be changed to bachelors, because a Numerus Fixus is not needed in the English masters. Anne states that a Numerus Fixus scares off students and it did in previous years when it was in use. Alex states that this is needed to solve other problems in the faculty. Anna de Koning states that naming it 'Numerus Fixus' is not good. Anna de Koning states that the FSR should address this by stating the problems that the amount of students causes.

Quan states that when the Numerus Fixus was in use during 13/14 only 500 students applied for doing Law and that this was a big blow for the faculty. Alex states that the financial objection is a false scare and that a compromise should be made with the board on the amount of students that should be admitted to the university. Svedha states that the FSR should not go for a Numerus Fixus and that the FSR would like to see more students in the faculty that fit the description of the board for the ideal student. Svedha states that the FSR should avoid using the term Numerus Fixus.

Alex states that he can address this issue by explaining that selection is accompanied by several requirements.

Anna Schröder states that the board is in favor of selection criteria as used in the United States and that this could be used for introducing the FSR's plan for selection of students. Anne states that she is conflicted with this matter because she sees the benefits of selection, but also the conflicting aspect with the Dutch culture.

Guilliano states that Psychology has selection criteria and that he is in favor of Alex's plan. Svedha states that the number of admissions in PPLE is 200, but that the actual number is higher

Alex asks the council if this point should be raised during the OV. The council is in favor. Alex states that he will address this point and Ginger will be his back up.

## **FSR room**

Anne states that the ground floor will be redesigned and that the council room will be moved. Anna Schröder states that this is great news and that a new room will increase awareness amongst student about the FSR. Anne will address this point during the OV.

### **b. Brainstorm Unsolicited Advices** (web lectures; flexstudereren; study advisors; exam halls; more green in REC A)

Ginger states that she is going to write the unsolicited advice on web lectures. Vanessa states that she will help Ginger with the advice.

Anne states that the unsolicited advices on flexstudereren and study advisors will be written after the OV.

Anne asks when the advice on exam halls should be written. Felix states that he does not have a problem with the current exam halls. Alex states that this is an issue and an unsolicited advice should be written on it. Vanessa states that this is a luxurious problem in her opinion an unsolicited advice is not needed. Anne states that there will not be an unsolicited advice on this topic.

Anne asks if there should be an unsolicited advice on more green in REC A. Anna Schröder states that it was promised that REC A would be green. Svedha states that it can take a lot of work to maintain the plants in REC A. Anna de Koning states that there are alternatives like plant leasing. Anna Schröder states that fake plants can be used to decorate REC A. Quan states that he is not in favor of fake plants, but more sustainable alternatives. Anne states that this will be an unsolicited advice. Quan states that this could be brought up in the working group with Jan Dijk.

### **c. Brainstorm WG Vaardigheden**

Anne states that this WG was established to strengthen the skills within the bachelor. Anne states that the FSR should examine what students think about skills education and how they feel about the low NSE score. Anne asks if the FSR should post something about this on social media. Alex states that it can be dangerous to post this, because it can turn into negative publicity. Svedha states that if this is done, words need to be carefully chosen. Anna de Koning states that the pool of opinions gathered from the FSR Facebook is too small to get a fair number. Alex states that the FSR could post on Facebook to stop by the council room and talk about this matter.

### **d. Elections**

Anna Schröder states that this was a big topic in last year's FSR. Anna Schröder states that she would like to know how the new elections were received and if there are new developments. Latif states that the elections will be done in separate districts and students that run for PPLE cannot run for Law and the other way around. Alex states that this system can politicize the working of the FSR and risk separation between PPLE and Law.

Anna Schröder states that this system should stay in place for the remainder of this year and see how it will work. Svedha asks Anna how this will be monitored and what will happen when it is decided to abandon the current system. Anna Schröder states that she would like to create a working group on democratizing. Latif and Alex state that they would like to join this group.

Alex states that the student political bodies should come out and organize an event to inform students about their points. Ginger states that students should get into contact with the political parties face to face. Quan states that there should be more debates. Anna Schröder asks if the student parties should involve JFAS in the elections. Anna de Koning states that the JFAS can be involved in what the FSR does, but not with the student political parties. Anne states that the FSR should go to lectures and raise awareness for the elections. Anna de Koning states that the organization during the elections should be done with transparency. Ginger states that informing the students on the elections should be done from the FSR body and let the students go to the political parties.

**e. FMG Sustainable Travel Policy Letter (Vanessa)**

Vanessa states that FMG needs delegates for this letter and she will be one for the FSR FDR. Vanessa asks if there are more points that she should raise during the meeting with FMG. Anna de Koning states that if the letter is not adopted as the FSR made it in the last session, then she should not support it. Alex states that there will be a university wide travel policy and that FMG has crossed the territory of the CSR by making their own letter. Alex states that the delegate should push for the FSR's working together with the CSR and not sending a separate letter. Anna Schröder states that she does not agree with Alex, because the FSR is stronger on a faculty level. Svedha states that if FMG had asked CSR about this matter and then written a letter it would have been different. Alex states that opening up collaboration with CSR should be stressed during the meeting with FMG. Quan states that he agrees with Alex and that a discussion with the CSR on this matter would be better. Anna Schröder states that Vanessa should propose the idea of getting into contact with the CSR about this matter.

The FSR FdR decides to attend the meeting to urge opening discussion with the CSR on the travel policy letter.

in favor: 8

against:

abstaining: 1

blanco: 1

The FSR FdR has adopted to attend the meeting to urge opening discussion with the CSR on the travel policy letter.

**3. To Dos**

TD's:

- 190206: Alex will get in touch with ASVA to discuss the termination of the research masters
- 190206: Latif will establish a quorum for the voting procedure
- 190206: Quan and Felix will set up a committee to organize the inwerkweekend
- 190206: Two-three council members will get the Google Drive in order
- 190206: All council members will send in PV agenda points

#### 4. Other updates

Anna de Koning asks Alex if he spoke with ASVA about the matter in regards to the Research Masters.

Alex states that he still needs to talk to ASVA, but that first wants consent on this from the FSR before he will do that.

#### **Inwerkweekend**

Quan asks who would like to be in the committee for the inwerkweekend. Svedha and Guilliano both state that they would like to be part of the committee.

#### 5. WTTK

Felix and Guilliano had a meeting with Cynthia of the OC about the study places. Guilliano states that OC will change a part of JB regulations on occupying the computer places. If students have left their computer place for more than 30 minutes their belongings can be taken away to make room for another student.

Guilliano states that he and Felix have stressed that this rule should also apply to non-computer places.

Guilliano states that he would like to know where the FSR has to send an advice to about this matter and if this is a CSR or FSR issue. Anne states that this issue could be raised during the OV.

Alex states that he would like to check with Radboud on an update on the PPLE lecture recordings. Alex states that he also would like to raise the point on the OC PPLE because their advise was not sufficient, they do not post their minutes and do not attend their trainings. Anna Schröder states that this point should be raised during the OV. Anne states that this could be raised during the OV and updates and actions can be asked from the board.

Anna Schröder states that she would like to reaffirm the actions on the Elections.

#### 6. Closing of the meeting

Anna Schröder closes the meeting at 18:55h.

**TD Quan will bring up the matter more green in REC A during the working group with Jan Dijk.**  
**TD PR will create a small post on FB about Skill education.**  
**TD Invite Alaa and Valentine to the PV.**