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Present: Anne van den Bergh, Anna Schröder, Guillano Payne, Alexander Gritsay, Minh Quan Bao Nguyen, Latif Sleibi, Jinane Araqi, Vanessa Romeijn, Svedha Krishnaraj, Felix Wolthuis Scheeres.
Absent: Ginger Mooren and Anna de Koning.
Guests:
Secretary: Myron Warta

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

Anne opens the meeting at 17:06h.

2. Setting the agenda:

a. Working agreements (Latif)

i. Working agreements document

Latif states that according to his opinion the rules and punishments from last year are not needed. However there should exist a checklist for the council to have a quick overview on matters as a quorum. Felix states he would like to help with creating this document. Latif states that this document should be in the archives for future councils. Latif asks the council members to make comments about the working agreements. Anna Schröder asks if the quorum is already in the documents. Latif states that it is in the documents. Anna Schröder asks that how the document should be used. Latif states that the document should give a quick overview of the work in the council. Latif states that there should be a list on how to handle situations during OV's and GOV's. Anne asks what kind of situations Latif is referring to. Latif states that this could be clear agenda points or extra documents that need to be send to the board. Latif states that these are points that are picked up while working in the council, but that this document can help future councils. Anna Schröder states that this could be a good idea for the inwerkweekend. Alex states that he would like to plan the trainings for the inwerkweekend.

Anne asks if there are trainings to prepare the next council. Latif states that this year the FSR had Anna Schröder from the last council, but that it is now unclear if that will be the case for next year.

ii. (G)OV preparation checklist idea

b. FMG Sustainable Travel Policy Letter (Vanessa)

Vanessa states that a date has been set for the meeting and that the CSR is attending this. Therefore Vanessa would like to know if the council still feels the same way as last PV about the Travel Policy letter. Alex states that the CSR has to continue the commitment that has been made and to prevent to send another letter. Alex states that the letter that was made should not be send independently from the CSR. Anna Schröder asks if the FSR should pressure the faculty boards to apply the travel policy. Alex states that it could be possible and discussed during the meeting. Anne states that the whole council agreed upon the points in the letter. Anna Schröder states that when the meeting comes up the council can talk about this matter again.

c. Pubquiz JFAS (Felix)

Felix states that JFAS would like to host a pub quiz and has invited the FSR to co-host this event. Felix states that this is a good moment to be in contact with the students. Felix states that if the FSR would participate it will cost 200 to 250 euros. Anne asks what the benefits are if the FSR participates. Anna states that last year the FSR participated, but that it was not sure if the impact on students was sufficient. Anna Schröder states that it would be good to give a presentation before the pub quiz starts about the coming elections and FSR. Anna Schröder states that the FSR could collect the emails from the participating students and send them a message regarding the FSR the next day. Quan states that there is room to spend a part of the budget on this event. Quan states that it would be wise to do this and make the FSR more visible. Guilliano asks what Felix's opinion is on the sponsoring from the FSR. Anna Schröder states that the FSR last year sponsored the same amount of money. Felix states that it will be good to make the FSR more visible, because there are many students attending the event. Anna Schröder states that she would like to volunteer for the presentation. Anna Schröder asks who would like to make questions for the pub quiz. Anne states that every council member can send a question to Felix. Felix asks what amount of money would be fair to spend on the event. Anne states that if it is 50/50 then the name of the FSR needs to be on the event page and question slide.

d. Zuidas in the Bachelor (Anne)

Anne states that she was at the OC Bachelor meeting and Maartje Steen brought up this point. The Zuidas is pretentiously advertised in the bachelor and it is worrisome for students that this is what they need to do when they get their degree. Anne states that government is not represented as well as the Zuidas. Anne states that within Honours and ALF de Brauw is actively presented. Anne states that she would like to discuss this point with the FSR to look for alternatives.

Svedha states that it can be looked at as a lack of diversity and because they sponsor the university it can be

seen as unfair. Guilliano states that he does not agree to the view of the zuidas as a player with interest. However he sees the concern about the promotion of the zuidas. Guilliano states that he would like to see more diversity. Felix states that students can look for themselves in what type of area of law they would want to work. Vanessa states that at Honours and ALF the promotion of internships at the zuidas firms is big. Anne states that it is strange to take exams at these offices, because a student is estranged from the university setting. Quan states that he agrees it can give the feeling that corporate law firms are shoved in the student's throats. However the government, the city and other areas of law do not choose to promote at the UvA as these firms do. Guilliano states that he agrees with Quan, because it can feel, as the university is not neutral. Jinane states that this matter might not be a university problem, but one from the society. Anna Schröder states that only the bigger firms are promoted at the UvA and that the smaller firms also need attention. Felix states that this matter can be drawn broader, because there are teachers that state that everyone that studies law will become a lawyer. Anna Schröder asks if this would be a good point to for the OV. Anne states that it would be a good point to rise in regards to Honours. Anna Schröder asks Anne if this topic should be further discussed during another PV or OV. Anne states that she wanted to inform the council on what is going on.

e. BSA research (Anne)

Anne states that there is a study being done about the functioning of the BSA. Next week there will be interviews with the OC, board and students. Anne states that she is not sure what questions will be asked. Anna Schröder states that the researchers are from outside the university. Anna Schröder asks how the council members feel about the BSA.

- Alex states that the enforcement of the BSA is not strong enough, because exceptions are being made fairly easy. Anne states that she would like to see information on this. Guilliano states that the exceptions that are being made for students are hard to control.
- Vanessa states that the BSA can cause a certain amount of stress for students.
- Anne states that last year the BSA was significant lower than in other years and made her curious what factors play into lowering the BSA.
- Guilliano states that the BSA motivated him to push through in the first year. Guilliano states that if he did not pass the BSA he would know that Law would not have be his study.
- Quan states that the BSA is necessary, because it motivates the students and leaves room to slip up. It does not force them to be stressed all the time. Anna Schröder asks if the room to slip up is something that the FSR values. The council states that this is the case.
- Felix states that he agrees with Guilliano.
- Anna Schröder states that check ups with students have to take place and are connected to the BSA.
- Jinane states that she experienced the BSA as stressful and that it felt unnecessary especially after the selection procedure of five steps at PPLE.
- Alex states that he would be in favor for abolishing it when there are selective criteria before the student enters the study. Anne states that doing and studying helps a student to see if he or she belongs in a study. Jinane states that she does not agree to Anne, because the BSA is not necessary to find out if a study fits you or

not. Quan states that selection creates a filter, but that the BSA will help to push the students.

Alex states that the British system would be a good system to adopt. In this system students are admitted after selection and can fail the first year, but have to do better during the second year otherwise they will be removed from the program.

- Latif states that he is neutral.

- Svedha states that she would be in favor to lower it in different programs. Svedha states that she knows that students had high grades in other courses, but because they were two courses short of the BSA, they did not get an exception. Vanessa states that she would be in favor of lowering it in some programs. Vanessa states that for students that come from HBO it can be important that there is a BSA to give them something to hold on to and form their work ethic. Alex

Anne states that there are hardheidsclausules and that the dean can give those. Felix states that the UvAMatching, tutor's advice and courses are taking into account. Alex states that BSA can be expensive when looked at the costs that the university makes in lawsuits against students.

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

Anna Schröder asks how these advices are coming forth. Anne states that the heads of different dossiers should come together with their groups and deadlines need to be set on a well-developed concept for unsolicited advices. Anne states that this has a priority. Anna Schröder states that she is going to email the council members about the dossiers and who are in the groups. Anna Schröder states that she will make a template that shows activities of the dossiers.

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: ~~Felix will set up a committee to organize the inwerkweekend. Jinane would like to be part of the committee.~~ Jinane, Felix, Latif, Svedha and Guilliano.
- 190206: Two-three council members will organize Google Drive. Myron and Vanesssa will do this.
- 190206: All council members will send in PV agenda points
- 190213: Quan will bring up the matter more green in REC A during the working group with Jan Dijk.
- ~~190213: PR will create a small post on FB about Skill education.~~
- 190213: Invite Alaa and Valentine to the PV.

4. Other updates

Alex states that the CSR has made several proposes. First, to abolish the BSA. There is a report on this and the file holders in the CSR are negative towards the BSA. Arguments for this are: that it is arbitrary, not

motivating, causes unnecessary stress, is negative for late bloomers, differences between execution between faculties. Alex states that he is personally against this, but wants to know how the council feels. Alex states that the BSA can be lowered. Anna Schröder asks what the CSR's power is in regards to the BSA. Anne states that in the report that the board sends about the BSA, that if this is not obtained by students the number of graduates is very low. Vanessa states that abolishing the BSA is too extreme, because there are personal exceptions. Felix states that these exceptions are given fairly easy and therefore there is no need to abolish the BSA. Anna Schröder states that the FSR could take a stance in this to send a message to the CSR. Anne states that the BSA should be lowered, but not abolished. Anne states that if the BSA is lowered students will aim for that number and that this is a point that has to be taken in account. Guilliano states that the university of Rotterdam does not have a BSA and students need to get their 60 points. This causes stress, but the system here at UvA does not. Svedha states that the FSR is open for lowering the BSA, but not abolish it. Jinane asks what will happen if the CvB accepts to abolish the BSA. Alex states that if that happens the board could be open to it. Anna Schröder asks Alex what new information will be available next week. Alex states that an extra week can be used.

Honours programs

1. FSR FNW would like to make a separate organ to evaluate the Honours program. Anne asks if this will be elected. Alex states that it could be a possibility. Anna Schroder asks what this organ will mean for the FdR. Alex states that it could make the Honours at Law better.

2. Abolishing Honours. Alex states that the CSR is not in favor of Honours because of the position compared to average students and segregation. Anne states that Soeharno sees this problem and looks for ways to tackle it. Alex states that the view of the board is to make the average program more like the Honours program. Anna Schröder asks if this is a point that could be raised during the GOV. Anne states that this is a good idea. Quan states that the general program should be improved.

{Anna Schröder asks who would like to abolish the Honours program. Felix states that he is open to abolishing it. Guilliano states that he is also open of abolishing it, because of the segregation and the privileges these students get towards the course registration.}

5. **WVTTK**

6. **Closing of the meeting**

Anna Schröder closes the meeting at 18:46h.

TD190213- Felix will take a look at the HUB.

TD190213- council members will make comments on working agreements documents, two weeks.

TD190213 - Send questions for the pub quiz to Felix.

TD190213 – Flyer and asks students what they think about skill education.
TD190213 – Alex sends his piece on selection criteria to the board.

Agenda points next PV: Abolishing Honours and a separate organ to evaluate the Honours program.
Actionpoint: DEANER (diner with the dean)