Dear Executive Board,

Hereby the Central Student Council (hereafter referred to as “CSR”) responds to request of providing our advice regarding the following (kenmerk: 2020-043778):

- Facultaire regeling selectie bacheloropleiding Geneeskunde AMC-UvA 2021-2022,
- Facultaire regeling selectie bacheloropleiding Biomedische wetenschappen 2021-2022,
- Facultaire regeling selectie bacheloropleiding Psychobiologie 2021-2022,
- Facultaire regeling selectie bacheloropleiding Psychologie 2021-2022,
- Facultaire regeling selectie bacheloropleiding Communicatiwetenschap 2021-2022,

The CSR advises positively to all of the selection procedures stated above, but would like to mention 3 recommendations.

**Handing out of study material**

Firstly, we believe that in the selection procedures of the bachelor Psychology 2021-2022 and the bachelor Communication Science 2021-2022 all materials should be given three weeks in advance instead of the current proposition of one week prior. As we understood, the current decision of only giving the materials 1 week prior to mimic a true study situation. However, in a true situation a student has more than 1 week to prepare for an exam. Rather, a student chooses how to organize their time in the weeks leading up to the exam in order to prepare as they see fit.

This also proposed so that all students applying would get sufficient time to study and prepare for the exams regardless of their schedule. Furthermore, this will be especially helpful for students from different economic backgrounds that might need more time to go through the material due to their personal circumstances. Lastly, we have spoken of this with the FSR FMG and they also support this proposition.

**Recommended preparation time**
Secondly, the CSR recommends that in the AMC Medicine selection procedure 2021-2022 adds in the amount of time a prospective student is recommended to spend preparing for the exams. This is mentioned as we noticed that it is the only program that does not recommend how much time a prospective student should spend studying of the exams. After having contact with FdG, we understood that it is mentioned on canvas later on as being 40-50 hours, so we do not see why it should not be mentioned in the selection procedure. The CSR has also discussed this with the FdG council, and they are in favor of this as well.

Selection methods & evaluation
Thirdly, the CSR would like to suggest a broadening of the selection methods. As is, the selection procedures are decided on two years in advance with barely any time to properly evaluate the procedures as a whole. Every year, the student councils are told that there isn’t sufficient time for a proper in-depth evaluation to be held. We thus ask for one to be planned in the next academic year. This would be to include other ways of evaluating a student’s qualities and motivations and to fully assess whether, in this day and age, motivation can best be tested through x amount of time spent self-studying and taking an exam. An in-depth evaluation could also be used to look into new possible ways of selecting prospective students, such as through motivation letters or an interview.

The CSR hopes to have informed the CvB sufficiently on the subject and is open to answer any questions left unclear.

Met vriendelijke groet,

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