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Advice – OER Master’s Degree Programmes

Dear Prof. Dr. Giuliodori,
Dear Dr. van der Veen,

Please allow us to begin with expressing our appreciation for your elaborate response to the FSRs MSc OER advice. Below you will find an actual response to the MSc OER.

In regards to Part A of the MSc OER the FSR has carefully considered your response to all points mentioned in the original FSR OER advice. Your response to Articles 4.2.5, 4.4.1 and 4.4.5 sufficiently convinced the FSR to drop its respective suggestions. Rather minor changes to Articles 3.2.6 and 3.2.8 are still outstanding, given your response/changes:

- *Article 3.2.6*

The FSR accepts the fact that electives cannot be pre-approved by the BoE. Therefore the FSR is willing to drop the initial request, but would like to accept the offer to publish “a list of electives...as a guideline”. This link could be included either in this article or in the respective programme specific articles in Part B.

- *Article 3.2.8*

The FSR now understands that the 42 EC maximum applies only to courses at the FEB. In order to make this clear, we suggest to explicitly state this in Article 3.2.8, resulting in the following change: “Students can sign up for a maximum of 42 EC credits per semester. **This maximum only counts for courses at the FEB and** applies for each Bachelor’s degree programme for which the student is registered.”

In regards to Articles 7.1 and 4.52b there are two remarks:

- *Article 6.1*

In the final OER draft it states that: “Hoe de onderwijsevaluatie meer in detail plaatsvindt, is beschreven in het facultaire vakevaluatiebeleid waarvan de basis is vastgelegd in de FEB Education Quality Assurance Manual die is gepubliceerd op de UvA website: a-z>Quality Assurance





of Education.”. However such a Quality Assurance of Education is not available on the UvA a-z list. We refer to the link: <http://student.uva.nl/eco/az/a-z.html> Therefore we kindly ask to upload this document to the a-z list.

- *Article 4.51b*

The FSR agrees to leave this article unchanged upon receiving the mentioned proposal to lower tuition fees for international students having to redo an entire year (when failing one course only), as suggested in the “Issues and Answers” response to the interim OER meeting that was sent with the final OER drafts.

Regarding the part B, we are happy to see elaborate argumentation on the Neuroeconomics track. The FSR wishes all the best to this project!

Also here, the **FSR formally gives a positive consent on Part A and Part B of the MSc OER, conditional on the minor changes outlined above.**

Other unresolved issues:

- In the Dean’s response from the 12. April it states that: “In the meanwhile we will look into better ways to communicate the OER to the students and lecturers”. We would like to ask for insight into proposals from the board and again refer to our original advice where we suggest: “One way this can be done is in the paper format on the introduction day before starting their studies. Another way is an email or Canvas/Blackboard announcement each year or each course with the link to these regulations. In addition, it might be handy to make an “OER for dummies” summarizing the main rights and obligations of students, which could be compiled from the most important articles.”. **We therefore would like to know what initiatives will be taken in the upcoming academic year in order to fulfil our responsibility outlined in Article 7.59 –Studentedstatuut.**
- Moreover, the FSR would like to know **what actions will be taken by the board in response to reoccurring violations of articles 4.2.8, 4.4.1, 4.9.2&3, 4.8.16 (appendix I),** that were referred to in the end of the FSRs original OER advice.
- Lastly, the request for **translation of the appendices of the OER into English** for the English OER version has not been commented on. Please let us know if this is in planning.

In conclusion, the FSR has the deepest and truest intentions of finalising the BSc OER 2018-19 as soon as possible and therefore offers any help in advancing on the final comments made in this advice. We believe that our requests in this advice are very reasonable and easily implementable.



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Furthermore, we have tried to make many compromises in suggestions that were made in our original advice but not integrated in the final OER draft. Therefore we hope this final advice reaches you in a well-intended manner.

The FSR looks forward to your opinion on this advice,

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