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Betreft **Aangepast Advies Begrotingsplan 2021 |
Amended Advice Budget Plan 2021**

Dear dean, dear Fred,

With this letter the FSR FGw reacts to the advice request regarding the *begrotingsplan* 2021 and *meerjarenbegroting*, which we received on October 6th 2020 (*uw kenmerk*: fgw20u0321). The FSR FGw has had the opportunity to discuss the budget with Youssef Achahbar and Gerard Nijsten. After we initially advised negatively, the fDB replied on November 12th 2020 (*uw kenmerk*: fgw20u0354), which, although it cleared up some of our questions, did not change the council stance on the Faculty Budget 2021. A set of agreements were the result of a meeting held December 18th 2020 between the FSR and fDB *begrotingsplan* file holders. After receiving a formal letter from the fDB on December 21st 2020 (*uw kenmerk*: fgw20u0419) the FSR decides the following: The FSR FGw advises **positively** on the budget 2021.

In this letter, we will reply to the points mentioned in your letter of December 21st 2020 (fgw20u0419). Nonetheless, we do request that we receive a plan for the spending of the Sustainable Humanities budget post. Finally, we would like to address the, in our opinion, insufficient communication of the fDB regarding the *begrotingsplan* 2021.

Study Spaces

The FSR FGw is pleased to hear that vulnerable students can still use the study spaces of the university. We are happy to hear that the university is communicating this to students and we would like to inform you that we have spread the word as well via our social media. However, we would like to urge the UBA and the

fDB to be lenient with the classification 'vulnerable'; even if on paper a student's situation may give the impression that they are able to study at home, this is not always the case.

Knelpuntenbudget (Bottleneck Corona)

We are happy to hear that the fDB has decided to expand budgeted FTE's for student assistants. Moreover, we are grateful to receive a clarification about the extra initiatives and their effects on the total faculty budget. The FSR FGw will contact the CSR to inquire about the budget for student mental health support.

Addition to final Budget Plan 2021

The FSR FGw is satisfied with the final version of paragraph 4.9 and thanks the fDB for including our comments.

Sustainable Humanities

The FSR FGw would like to receive a more detailed plan of the spending of the Sustainable Humanities budget. Even if this budget has not yet been spent, we would like to know what the fDB is planning to use it for.

The FSR FGw would like to attend the fDB that the communication regarding the budget has proven inadequate: only on December 22nd 2020 did we receive note that, unless we advised positively, the budget year 2021 could not start. Because this was communicated the day before the Christmas break, the council was unable to vote on changing its stance until after January 1st 2020. We would appreciate it if the fDB communicated with us more clearly in the future, especially regarding advices that have a hard deadline such as this. In order for the FSR FGw to do its work properly transparency is necessary.

In conclusion, the FSR FGw is content with the final budget and advises positively on the *Begrotingsplan 2021*. We look forward to further discussing the points mentioned in this letter.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of the FSR FGw,



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