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Date: 1 February 2021
Time: 17:00
Location: Online
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Present: Vincent Loos, Clemens Schreiber, Alla Molibog, Robert Lange, Olaf Stolk, Thomas Owens, Rogier Simons, Assamaul Saidi, Jane Bhairosingro, Domenico Ricciuto
Absent: Zarah Winter, Katarynza Niedzwiecka
Guests:
Secretary: Daniel Kraamwinkel

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

- Domenico opens the meeting at 17.03

2. Setting the agenda:

1. GOV points update (Domenico)

a. Proctoring

Domenico states that last week there was a meeting with the rector magnificus (Maex) with the chairs of all FSRs. Domenico states that he asked at the meeting what UvA is doing about the flaws in the proctoring system, which are both human and technical based. He states that Maex answered that there is a capacity issue, and when Domenico asked further questions she stated that she trusts the programmers of proctorio are working on it. Domenico also states that it is important the FSR-fdr stays on top of this even though it is a more central issue, because he thinks not much progress is being made by UvA.

b. OER

Domenico states that Katie and himself will discuss this thoroughly on the 4th with the board, so these points will be shortly touched upon at the GOV.

c. Domenico states that the board will give the council their regular covid update

d. General points of OR:

Domenico states that the OR will address the cancellation of building of a new (big) lecture hall and its implications. Next week the council can discuss if they have an opinion on this and make a general division of tasks for the GOV of February 15th.

Domenico states that the FSP advice will be done tomorrow, and that will be addressed by the OR next week.

2. CSR update (Assamaul)

Assamaual states that the CSR had a meeting this morning. He also states that Olav will forward the documents to him and that these will be distributed to the FSR members. He states that they discussed the “zachte knip” for students who have almost finished their bachelor to already start on their master, the OER, the profile for the new ombudsman (who monitors the situation for students), the open letter on social safety of the faculty of humanities.

Thomas asks if Assamaual if he can reconnect him with Sofia of the CSR so they can continue on their plans addressing mental health.

Domenico asks if Assamaual can ask the other central representatives if they experience the aforementioned proctoring issues as well to see if it is a problem bigger than the FSR. Assamaual states that he will send a text right now asking that question.

3. Social safety (Thomas)

Thomas states that the FSR received a letter from the faculty of humanities on this, the question is whether the council is willing to sign it. Domenico states that last week the council seems to be against signing it, he sent a text to the humanities that the council does agree with the general idea, but that the council is not part of the general, permanent, body of the university and that it is undesirable to commit to actions that we cannot execute. Rogier states he would like the FSR to make a statement instead. He also states that he believes the matter was addressed properly last week, and therefore should not be discussed any further since the decision was already made. Thomas states that he was not present last week, and therefore would like to raise a new opinion. Domenico concludes that no vote has taken place nor has any working agreement been created, and therefore the council should address it but also use working agreements in the future so that the council can act more efficiently. Domenico gives the floor to Thomas. Thomas states that he thinks it would be good to sign the letter because the law faculty is part of the problem, even the symbolic gesture would be good. Rogier restates the argument of objecting to committing to actions the council cannot execute. Robert states that there is a possibility for compromise by making a statement on this topic. Domenico asks the PR committee to make a draft of this for next week’s meeting.

4. LLB test availability in Testvision (Domenico)

Domenico states that he asked Arthur Salomons of the law bachelor if the review period of written exams can be extended. Domenico states that Salomons replied that this will not happen because students should look at their feedback immediately and not when revising for a resit and also because they want to prevent the circulation of old tests. Domenico states that he finds both arguments to be odd because the university provides students with old tests to revise for exams and resits. He also states that he will probably bring this up again at the GOV.

3. Other updates

1. Robert states that he created the FSR green papers, a file with all the sustainable initiatives the FSR is carrying out to keep improving throughout the upcoming years. He also asks the council to add anything if something comes to mind.

4. WVTTK

1. Thomas states the FSR-fdr 20/21 sweaters have arrived and Thomas will make sure they will be distributed

2. Clemens states that he has been looking into a “thuisborrel” with DIY-cocktail sets and that he will find a date for this after a PV. He also states that the council would like to send this to the former-secretary as a thank you gift. Olaf states that there is budget for both of this. tails for people do not join. Lets do this after a PV, Clemens will send a doodle on this.

5. Closing of the meeting

Domenico closes the meeting at. 17.38

6. Action list