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Time: 18:00 – 19:00
Location: Online
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Present: Clemens Schreiber, Domenico Ricciuto, Alla Molibog, Robert Lange, Rogier Simons, Katarzyna Niedzwiecka, Vincent Loos, Thomas Owens, Zarah Winter, Assamaual Saidi, Olaf Stolk, and Jane Bhairosingh

Absent:

Guests: Tessa Trapp, Hollando, and Louisa Schreiter
Secretary: Daniel Kraamwinkel

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

Domenico opens the meeting at 18:11

2. Setting the agenda:

a) CSR Update (Assamaual)

Assamaual states that the CSR had a meeting this morning. He also states that they discussed the government measures on cutting next year's tuition fees in half. He also states they then discussed the profile for the ombudsperson after which they also discussed the quality agreements. He also states that they have an OV tomorrow where the reactivation of the ethical committee will be discussed, including broadening their competences.

Robert asks if Assamaual knows whether the tuition fees for non-EU residents will be cut in half as well. Assamaual states that he heard it is also for internationals, but he is not sure for people outside of the EU. Vincent asks if for internationals their tuition will also be cut in half, or that it will be a roughly 1000 euro reduction as it is in absolute terms for the Dutch students. Assamaual states that he believes all reductions will be the same amount, but that he is not sure about this.

Rogier asks what Assamaual knows about an article that was just published on the council-elections being postponed. Assamaual states he just read the article. He also states that it has been discussed, but that to the best of his knowledge no agreement on this was reached. He also states that the motivation to push it back

would be to make the elections last only five instead of eight days because some national holidays were included in the original planning. Rogier states that it would not be a disadvantage to push it back for this reason. Alla asks whether this concerns the party lists dates as well. Rogier states that he thinks it will go hand in hand. Assamaual asks whether the council would be okay with pushing the elections back. Domenico states that the council must look into this and discuss it over WhatsApp, and if there is more time vote on it at the next PV.

b) Working agreement (Domenico)

Domenico states that there was a word missing in art 12 ('present'). He also states he did not receive any other amendments.

A vote on the working agreement as proposed with the aforementioned amendment to article 12 is held. The working agreement is passed by an unanimous vote.

Domenico states he will send the final agreement to everyone after the meeting.

c) OER advice (Rogier)

Rogier states that he will start with the PPLE OER advice, and therefore gives the floor to Clemens. Clemens states that not much was changed. He also states that consent was given when asked because it was mostly formalities, and not content based.. He also states both solicited and unsolicited was given. He also states one time negative advice, about a psych course, was given because the name is too long. He also states that this is just an advice, so the board does not have to follow it. Katie states that everything seems to be concise and in line with what was discussed between the FSR and PPLE beforehand. Rogier states that it will be send tonight, since the deadline is today. The PPLE OER advice is passed by an unanimous vote.

Rogier states that the second OER is the Dutch bachelor OER (rechtsgeleerdheid). He also states there is not much conflict about it this year. Rogier gives the floor to Vincent. Vincent states that most changes were in the way articles were formulated, such as exam resists, and the name change of an honours programme. He also states there was one real problem considering the post-exam Q&A session for students to reflect on their exam, discussed in A-4.8 (3). He states that the proposal states this will be abolished for small courses. He states that the first problem is that it is not made clear what is determined as 'small'. He also states this Q&A is a vital part of the educational experience for students; to learn from your mistakes. Rogier states that for this reason consent will not be given on this point. He also states that the board will therefore have to come up with a counter-proposal. Jane asks if a one-on-one set up would work for these smaller courses. Rogier states that it is up to the board to bring such proposals. He also states that he thinks this is a good idea, and that he understands the board's proposal, but that this is too strict of a requirement to lay down in the OER. He also states that he will keep the council updated on how this unfolds. He also states that many of the (minor) changes in this OER are the same for the Dutch and English masters'. The Dutch Bachelor (rechtsgeleerdheid) OER advice is passed by an unanimous vote.

Rogier states that the English Masters OER is similar to the bachelor's. He states it has the same problem with A-4.8 (3). He also state that quite some things have changed because the programme changed last year,

and that had not been adopted into the OER as of yet. He also states that content and motivation wise not much has changed. The English Masters OER advice is passed by an unanimous vote.

Rogier states that the final OER advice is on the Dutch Masters OER. He also states it is very similar to the bachelor/English master. He also states that the most important changes are that some courses have been merged to ensure a more concise and complete course. He also states there was a concern on the new proposal for how HBO (university of applied sciences) students would be admitted, it would negatively impact students. He states that the board has assured that this will not be the case. The Dutch Masters OER advice is passed by an unanimous vote.

Rogier makes sure all the passed advices will be send to the appropriate persons. He also restates that the responses to the A-4.8(3) disapproval will be communicated to the council.

3. Other updates

a) Onderwijsvernieuwing (education innovation)

Rogier states that this has been postponed due to Covid. Vincent states they had a meeting two weeks ago about this. He also states that good major proposals have been done on the Dutch bachelor. He states that critical courses will not be taught anymore in the four week blocks, and that those blocks will focus on society related problems instead (sustainability and digitalisation). He also states that corporate law will remain part of the bachelor, and not become an elective. He also states some courses will be combined for efficiency. He also states that the FSP seems to be incorporated, which he finds very positive and a sign of progress.

Rogier states on the four-week-block-courses a very well written letter was sent to the council, concerning the specifics that the bachelor is bound by on civiel-effect. He also states that we should be wary of these courses becoming too politicized, Vincent seconds this. Vincent states that Salomons requested an advice on this plan, and asks if he may send that on the basis of the above. A general consensus on this is reached. Domenico states that a formal advice will follow later on.

b) FSP advice, onderwijsvernieuwing (Domenico)

Domenico states that as discussed at the previous PV, there is one concern that will be voiced, but in general everything is okay.

c) Contemplation room advice (Domenico)

Domenico states that this will be discussed at the OV and that the letter to the board has been send.

d) OV points (Domenico)

Domenico states the agenda was set today. He also states the council will discuss the backtracking, proctoring and times of the exams, and that Salomons has been asked to prepare for this. He also states the contemplation room will be discussed. He also states that an update on the consequences of the hack has been asked for. He states that he will ask about how difficult it will be for students to change their passwords if they did not

follow the guidelines. Alla states that she does not see the point in this question. Robert states that the process could be the same as every year, and therefore it would not be too hard. He also states the main focus of this point should be on how data was affected and general data safety. A general consensus on this is reached. Domenico states that the board will discuss faculty regulation amendments. He states that this includes the OR's competence to approve the FSP, which will change from consent to advice. He states that he will talk to someone from the OR and that we should think about the impact of this. He also states that the regulations include a change in procedure considering the naming of the chairs of the sections. He states that the amendment that will be discussed concerns the FSR council electoral system. He also states it was agreed upon last year that this would be evaluated this year. Rogier states that there are some difficulties with the English-Dutch barrier with PPLE, and that there is a general problem with PPLE as part of the council because it is not as much part of the faculty. Katie states that she shares this concern. Katie states that as of yet, PPLE is not a faculty of its own because Winkels is not a real dean. She also states that therefore it might be hard to create a separate PPLE-council in the future. Rogier asks how similar programmes do this (PPE VU, AUC). Thomas states that AUC has its own council. About PPE VU, there is no knowledge. A general consensus is reached on that this topic should be further looked into by the council to work on in the future. Domenico states that the second agenda point the board has is the addendum of the OERs. He states that considering this, the board wants to implement the nation-wide BSA standards, and proposes we will accept this by vote coming OV. Rogier states that it is important to focus on this, because the emergency rules should not be used any longer than is strictly necessary. He also states he will resend the addendum to the council.

4. WTTK

Katie thanks everybody for their representation of the council at the open day today.

Vincent asks with the weather getting better, whether we would be able to meet up outside in a corona-proof setting. Thomas states that technically, this is still illegal. Domenico asks the PR committee to first try to organize Clemens' (old) idea to have an online borrel with the council soon, and to organize an IRL borrel when possible. The committee is affirmative.

Rogier would like to thank everyone for being at the TopLunch. He also states it was record breaking in terms of attendance, and that the organisation would like to collaborate again next year because of how well it went.

5. Closing of the meeting

Domenico closes the meeting at 19:12

6. Action list