

REC A, Room A3.12
Nieuwe Achtergracht 166
(020) 525 3446
fdr@studentenraad.nl
studentenraad.nl/fdr

Date: 8 March 2021
Time: 17:00 – 18:00
Location: Online
Contact person: Domenico Ricciuto
E-mail: fsr-fdr@uva.nl

Present: Clemens Schreiber, Domenico Ricciuto, Alla Molibog, Robert Lange, Katarzyna Niedzwiecka, Vincent Loos, Thomas Owens, Assamaual Saidi, Olaf Stolk, and Jane Bhairosingh
Absent: Rogier Simons and Zarah Winters
Guests:
Secretary: Daniel Kraamwinkel

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

Domenico opens the meeting at 17:03

2. Setting the agenda:

a) CSR Update (Assamaual)

Assamaual states that he attended the FSRs OV instead of the CSRs PV. He also states the only discussion point was the evaluation weekend which is not relevant for the FSR.

b) Faculty Discord server (Robert)

Robert states he addressed this point two weeks ago. He also states he talked about it to FMG. He states that he learned that there are basically two aspects to it. The first is the technical, which is not too hard. The second is the integration to the social life of the students, which takes a lot of effort. He states that several things must be considered, such as daily use and events to really make it catch on amongst the students. He proposes to involve student associations, such as AIM and JFAS. He also states that the council would mainly focus on the social side, since the online library has been launched. He also states it is now up to the council how to implement it. He asks the council to come up with ways to do this.

Clemens asks about how it has been going for FMG. Robert states they started it up before the online library had been launched, so it focused on both study and social. He also states that since the launch, it has been focusing more and more on the social side with all sorts of sub-communities. He also states they are now struggling to really follow through and to actively develop it further.

c) PPLE meeting with Winkels (Katie)

Katie states they are having annual meetings with the dean on what is happening at PPLE. She also states that there are plans to have some second year courses onsite when possible. She also states there are plans to have thesis meetings onsite. She also states that PPLE is looking at implementing study spaces for

vulnerable students similar to how that is done at faculty level, and that the study advisors will be used in this. Robert states that onsite examination might also be used for exams to lower the proctoring for those who do not have the means at home.

Katie states the economics major entrance exam was also discussed. Alla states that she discussed ideas on a course for the resit for this year, and a summer course on the long term to make it so that students who just had a lower level of math in high school can still do economics. She also states that Radboud understood the problem, but is not sure about implementing it.

Katie states that the last point was on the thesis topics. She states that the distribution was delayed and that the themes were disproportionately focused on law and of low quality in general. Domenico states that in the bachelor, you choose a lot of topics and are assigned to one of them, all of them being quite narrow.

Katie states that Radboud still is in favour of the themes despite the problems. She also states that it could be supervisor related, because they have to work with who they have. Domenico states PPLE could try collaborating with other faculties. Katie states that there were similar problems with the thesis preparation course, the topics were assigned before the thesis topics and therefore a lot of people did courses they will not use for their actual thesis.

Domenico states that the council could address these problems at the GOV.

d) Shape and form of OV (Thomas)

Thomas states that the council did not really prepare well for this OV. He proposes we prepare our topics better. He also states that the council should try to check on the board more by really noting down every action point, and revisiting those at the next meeting. Domenico states he will take this into account, and that we will discuss the agenda points next time on the PV before the OV. There is general consensus on this.

Thomas also states about today's OV, where there was one moment with a lack of unity. In this moment, one council member brought up a point and after this was discussed by the board, another council member jumped in and contradicted the first mentioned council member. Thomas states that the council should be more of a collective at the OV, even if such points might be strategical. Robert states that he agrees, and that this again comes down to preparation. Clemens agrees and states he thinks it would be good to write down exactly what the board says that they will do, and hold them accountable if they do not at the next meeting. Assamaual states that it could be an idea to strictly assign persons to the separate agenda points. Domenico states that he has his reservations about this, because the council is a democratic body. Alla states that she agrees and that the council must prepare well, but that we cannot foresee everything and therefore prohibiting people to speak would be a bad idea.

3. Other updates

Alla states that there is good PR news. Herself and Daniel figured out how the website works and the PR committee will now make more use the website for communication.

4. WVTTK

Thomas states that he compared the council's way of handling action points to the CSR. He also states he saw that the CSR used them much more and discussed them at the beginning of each meeting, he thinks it is a good idea to do this for the council as well. There is general consensus on this idea.

5. Closing of the meeting

Domenico closes the meeting at 17:40

6. Action list

- Come up with ideas to implement the FSR-Fdr discord server into the social life of students.