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Date: 31 March 2021
Time: 17:00 – 18:00
Location: Online
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Present: Clemens Schreiber, Domenico Ricciuto, Alla Molibog, Robert Lange, Katarzyna Niedzwiecka, Vincent Loos, Thomas Owens, Olaf Stolk, Jane Bhairosingh, and Rogier Simons
Absent: Assamaual Saidi, Zarah Winters
Guests:
Secretary: Daniel Kraamwinkel

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

Domenico opens the meeting at 17:02

2. Setting the agenda:

a) OV (Domenico)

Domenico states the agenda has three main points. The first is the usual covid update, including a discussion on the possibilities of onsite teaching with testing. Domenico states that Brugman indicated this is something for the central board, but the council should still push for it because then the faculty board could push for it at a central level. Robert states that he would be interested in a detailed plan on this, because that is the only way this will get off the ground. Domenico states he agrees, but it will be difficult to obtain because the faculty board will again deflect this matter to the central level. The council has consensus on this point.

The second agenda point will be an update on the additional covid budget as discussed at the previous OV.

The third agenda point will be on PPLE's role in the FSR. Domenico states the board has indicated they are in favour of the status quo. Rogier asks if the meeting with the faculty board specifically for this topic can still be scheduled. Robert states that since this is such a complicated topic with so many implications, it is important that this meeting is held in a more open way, to just look at the pros and cons. Domenico states that he understands this, but that he also does not see many problems with the status quo. He also states he will send Nollkaemper an email about this meeting.

3. Other updates

a) Olaf states he experienced some issues with proctorio last week at an exam. His picture on that day was compared to a saved picture of him at an earlier exam (possibly from a couple of weeks before) to check

his identity. This system stated he was not the same person, which was incorrect. Despite this only taking a couple of minutes it cost him valuable time and he also states it is not good for the nerves. He states he thinks these kind of privacy matters are discussed in the general terms and conditions (which probably very little people read) and therefore he trusts this issue to be handled by the CSR, who are discussing the general use of proctorio. He also states this is still a bad thing to occur during a stressful exam.

Clemens asks if other students are known to have similar issues. Olaf states he does not know about peers having the same issue. Katie states that if she remembers correctly, Nina (CSR) told her that proctorio can indeed save pictures up to 30 days.

Robert states that he thinks the general proctorio issues should be handed to the CSR indeed, but specific issues could be raised by the FSR. Rogier states that the protocol for determining if proctorio is necessary was lost. Olaf states teachers propose their exams and surveillance to the exam board, and they then have to approve. In this process, proctorio is not used as the final option anymore and there are big differences between courses and studies. Robert states that proctorio should only be used for courses that really need it, such as economics, and not for more legal or political exams. Rogier states that another problem which is exams are being shortened by teachers to say it is open book, but simply not give students enough time because of fraud concerns of the exam board. Robert and Katie have similar stories of this happening at PPLE – teachers shortening exams to call them open book to simply avoid proctorio. Katie also raises the issue that due to the shorter exam times, the times are being extended, and then shortened again during exams which creates a very uncertain and bad environment for students. Robert also states the problem of exam terms being changed during the course, Rogier has experienced similar problems, and that he believes according to the OER changing exam terms is prohibited from 7 weeks to the exam onwards.

Rogier states that this list of specific problems is something that should be brought to the faculty board. That is because these problems have been around for over a year now and that is too long and course/faculty specific problems can be solved at a decentralized level. Domenico states we should come up with a general plan to raise these more specific issues to the board by next PV. Rogier states he will look at the OER to hold the board accountable for potential violations. There is general consensus on coming up with a specific list of problems by next PV to bring to the board at the OV of 12 April.

4. WVTTK

- a) Domenico asks Thomas if he can forward the update on social safety. He also states this will be discussed next PV.
- b) Rogier states the council received an invitation to a (Dutch) meeting on innovations in education (onderwijsvernieuwing). He asks who wants to join Domenico and himself. Vincent states he will join. The meeting will be held at 7 April 14:00-15:30.
- c) Rogier raises the topic of the FSR borrel.

5. Closing of the meeting

Domenico closes the meeting at 17:48

6. Action list

- Create a plan to bring up specific proctorio issues at the OV, and discuss this next PV.
- Set a meeting with Nollkaemper and others from the faculty board for an open discussion on the role of PPLE in the FSR and the current structure.
- Look at the social safety memo/update by Dijk as forwarded by Thomas to discuss next PV.