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Date: 14 April 2021
Time: 17:00
Location: Online
Contact person: Domenico Ricciuto
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Present:
Absent:
Guests:
Secretary: Daniel Kraamwinkel

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

Mr. Ricciuto opens the meeting at 17.04.

He thinks the board wasn't very eager so we need to come with concrete points about the white papers.

2. Setting the agenda:

1. CSR Update (Assamaual)

Mr. Saidi didn't join the meeting because of the OV. He saw it was a short meeting, if anyone wants to talk about it they can contact Assamaual later.

2. PPLE alumni network (Robert)

Mr. Lange gives an update. There aren't many ways to contact PPLE alumni. Because of the growing number of alumni social media isn't effective. An idea is to instate an alumni network independent with different stakeholders, one of which would come from the student council. Mr. Lange wants to set up a working group, and asks the council for their opinions. Mr. Ricciuto approves of the idea, the council approves in consensus. He asks what the timeframe is. Mr. Lange states that the goal is to set up the working group as soon as possible.

3. Exchanges (Domenico)

Mr. Ricciuto thinks it's problematic that the university is taking a decision cancelling all the exchanges, even though some exchanges could very well go through. He wants to send a brief advice. Mrs. Mollibog notes that the decision is being taken today. According to Mr. Saidi it is being rumoured that the exchanges will be cancelled. On Friday he will have a meeting with the individual who wrote the negative advice. Mr. Ricciuto wants to send a brief email to the board calling for case-by-case decisions. Mrs. Mollibog states that it's problematic that the topic hasn't been brought up to the student

representative bodies earlier than is currently the case, which is two to four weeks in advance of the final decision. Mr. Simons queries if there is a possibility for faculties to take decisions on exchanges by themselves. Mr. Saidi answers that there aren't, but that in the case the exchanges will be cancelled, the board should offer alternatives, especially since at least one student is already planning her own exchange. Mrs. Mollibog thinks we should write up a longer advice. Mr. Owens asks what the main argument for the board was to cancel the exchanges. Mrs. Mollibog says that the Dean was held up on the issue of insurance and housing.

4. COVID tests for on-site courses (Domenico)

Mr. Ricciuto is plaquated (idk man), the tests that are intended to be used at the university are supposed to be reliably. He thinks the change in policy that is aimed at making the (...). Mrs. Mollibog doesn't agree: the issue is that students are scared that there won't be any online education available. Mr. Ricciuto says that as a council we think that on site school is better. He proposes that students could differentiate between workgroups with students who don't mind testing and those who do. Mr. Simons doesn't think it's ethical. Mr. Lange sees the CvB not using testing in their policy. Mr. Schreiber thinks making tests mandatory will cause an administrative challenge that the university doesn't want to engage in. Mr. Simons notes that during the meeting with the communication department, it was said that the university is waiting for government approval. What is confusing is that the government is saying testing will be mandatory and universities saying it's not, yet there hasn't been a decision made yet at the central university level. We should wait until this decision has been made. Mrs. Niedzwiecka asks what will happen if students don't want tests. Mr. Ricciuto says the tests will probably be sent at the request of students. Mr. Simons asks if the Chair can contact the VSNU about this issue.

5. Concrete sustainability proposals (Domenico)

Mr. Simons says the UvA is wasting so much paper on instructions on washing hands. All agree on moving it to CSR. Mr. Loos shows the council how ridiculously big the paper is. It's a way of showing everyone is sitting at the right spot. At science park you can just walk without being checked. The people at the UvA are telling Mr. Lange to leave the building. Mr. Lange would like to hold the board accountable (...). Mr. Owens proposes we write a letter to Mr. Dijk with points

3. Other updates

Katies Point

Mr. Niedzwiecka attended the PPLE program committee meeting. The first point was that students were unhappy about reusing old recordings. Mr. Lange says out that a survey pointed out that most students want "kennis-clips", opposed to live lectures or old recordings. There is some mix-up about PPLE things.

Students think it's unfair that they pay full tuition and get old material that lacks quality. Mr. Simons says he is doing something with diversity!! It's diversity of opinions. Mrs. Mollibog doesn't see a problem with using the old lecture, neither in the way the lecturer handled the situation by asking students for feedback. A lot of lectures are actually live. She is curious to how first year students are

experiencing it. Mr. Lange is offering everyone a paper that an individual made about the quality of tutorials online.

Mrs. Niedzwiecka continues that someone in the meeting brought up releasing recorded lectures only a week before exams. There seems to be a positive response from the board, probably as insights coming from “the rona situation”.

4. WTTK

Mr. Owens brings up the issue that students aren’t being let into some online classes because of strict procedural rules concerning handing in homework and being present in previous tutorials. He thinks the measures are too much and overbearing on students. Mr. Simons replies that he spoke to a teacher about this situation and that the measures, despite being very harsh, are in line with the OER. Mr. Owens will bring the subject to PV at a later stage.

5. Closing of the meeting

6. Action list