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

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

Domenico opens the meeting at 17:32

2. Setting the agenda:

a. GOV

Domenico states Assamaual will discuss the exchanges at the GOV.

Domenico states that the point of a sustainable travel policy was not received with too much excitement. That is because there already is a policy on this. Katie states the policy is now that if the entire trip takes less than five hours, you do not take a plane. General consensus is reached that if we already have a decent policy, it is okay not to revisit it.

Domenico states that the points of renting lecture halls for first years, whilst having cancelled the plans to build an extra one. This seems like a waste. Domenico will bring this up.

Rogier states that he will handle the covid points, specifically the possibility of onsite exams and onsite teaching.

Domenico states that the OR has questions about the contemplation room, Assamaual will handle that point for the council.

Domenico states that the board will provide the council with an update on Onderwijsvernieuwing.

Domenico states they were not eager to discuss the kwaliteitsgelden because of the OR, but we can try that at the WVTTK.

Domenico states he will bring up the point of what happened with the rechtsfilosofie teacher last week as well at the WVTTK.

b. PPLE meeting with prof Winkels

Katie states several topics were discussed.

Robert states that he presented the alumni-network proposal. The first responses were positive, they are now working on a concrete and sustainable proposal.

Katie states the graduation ceremony, which will take place on 15 July, was also discussed. It would take place in two groups, without guests. Katie states she is thinking about proposing to allow vaccinated parents.

Domenico states that there is no way to check this, also the 1.5 metre rule would still apply, so more shifts would have to be added. Robert also states that we are bound by EU/NL regulation. Alla and Clemens second this, and also state that there are just general feasibility issues. Domenico states that before we would try to bring this into practice, we should ask Winkels about this. Katie will do that.

Katie states that education has been resumed onsite for first and second years. Onsite studying is being brought back at PPLE, and there are talks about reserving floors for people to work on their thesis.

Katie also states that from what Winkels was saying, it appeared that something could still change if students would take action.

Finally, Alla states that for the math-proficiency test to get into the econ-major, there was an idea to set up a proper course, but nothing was done. Now there is an idea to set up a summer course for those who have failed the test. Winkels said maybe we could do something before people come to PPLE, but when they are there and fail the math test that should be final, also for practical reasons. Alla however stresses that the test then only tests what you have learned at school, and not what your actual abilities are. Daniel seconds this and explains that the difficulty for many is in the fact that the test focuses on one specific part of maths, at Dutch high schools known as 'Wiskunde B', which means that people who took the other kinds of math and were good at that (such as 'Wiskunde A') have a significantly lower chance of passing it, this seems wrong. Alla seconds this by stating that this is similar for different systems. Clemens states it would be a good idea to push a formal proposal now, to hopefully get the ball rolling as soon as possible. Alla states that she will start on that.

c. Kwaliteitsgelden

Domenico states that he did not really understand what they wanted from us with this. He sent an email about this, and then the appointment was cancelled 'due to covid'. This seems a bit ridiculous because covid was already a factor, and now they wasted our time. Robert agrees on this and states we should ask why this happened. There is general consensus on this. Domenico also adds that we should still look into this since we could provide some critical feedback still.

d. Council weekend

Alla talked to a couple of people from different councils about an idea to go away with the council to end the year on a high. Others have been doing this safely with testing and we have budget for it. Therefore, she proposes a date in the final block. Katie will send a doodle for this and we hope as many as people can join, but it could happen that not everyone can. The doodle will span from the final weekend of May till the first weekend of July. Olaf will help Alla with the budget and Assamaual will bring her into touch with the person of the CSR who took care of this for them.

3. Other updates

Katie asks about several things that were discussed at the CSR PV today. Assamaual will forward her the meeting pieces and the minutes.

4. WTTK

Robert received concerns by a student from the law faculty about that the cum laude requirements were too high in comparison to other faculties. Especially the rule that one cannot get any grade under a 7 is deemed too hard. Rogier states that he has been in discussion with the honours director (Soeharno) about this before, and that we can bring this complaint to him but that they are not likely to change anything. That is because they want to keep their high standards, also because there are too many honours students already.

Assamaual brings up the cancellation of the exchanges. The other options that have been offered are not great, but the FSR is not even offering them. He states that the council is working on a letter about this. Furthermore, the CSR has written a letter that asks the board to reconsider. Assamaual restates the point of Alla above; student action is vital here and we should try to activate this. He also says he is hoping to add pressure by media attention. Furthermore, they will try to pressure the central board to reconsider by showing that other universities are in fact still continuing with the exchange plans.

Next week's meeting is moved from Wednesday the 5th to Thursday the 6th at 17:00 because the 5th is ``liberation day`` after the issue was raised by Rogier.

5. Closing of the meeting

Domenico closes the meeting at 18:33

6. Action list

- Fill in the doodle for our council weekend