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Date: 12 May 2021
Time: 17:00 – 18:00
Location: Online
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Present: Clemens Schreiber, Domenico Ricciuto, Alla Molibog, Robert Lange, Katarzyna Niedzwiecka, Olaf Stolk, Jane Bhairosingh, Thomas Owens
Absent: Rogier Simons, Assamaul Saidi, Zarah Winters, Vincent Loos
Guests:
Secretary: Daniel Kraamwinkel

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

Domenico opens the meeting at 17:03

2. Setting the agenda:

a. Sustainability

Domenico states we have managed to track down the policy on sustainable travel. It turned out that a couple of years ago the CSR tried establish two zones: a green one in which flying was prohibited, and an orange zone in which non-flying options should be considered. The central board however declined because back then travels were not centralized. However, now they are, so Domenico states that he will ask the faculty board about this to try to push the CSR's initial proposal. He adds that he will cooperate with the CSR on this.

b. Council weekend

Alla states that it seems the datumprikker says that the weekend of the 25th of June would be best. Katie states it hasn't been completed yet, so we should wait for a bit. She kindly asks Thomas to fill it in.

Furthermore, Alla proposes to stay two nights, so three days. The first afternoon would be chill with a nice dinner. Then the second day we could have the proper contemplation moment and a 'more active' evening. On the third day we would mostly leave. It would be nice to have some proper reflection on the second day, and have some good /relaxing times for the rest of it. If anyone has good advices, you can always propose it to Alla.

Alla states she found a couple of cute spots and the PR committee is working on that.

c. Elections

Domenico states an email to Oprecht got lost about the funding for the campaign. Alla states that Inter had a similar problem. However, it should not lead to huge funding problems.

d. GOV

Domenico states there will be a sort of premeeting with the OR before the GOV. He asks Assamaual and Rogier to be there because they will bring up our main points. Anyone else is invited as well, it starts 30 minutes before the GOV.

As a recap, the following points will be brought up:

- Exchanges by Assamaual
- Sustainability by Domenico
- Lecture hall shortage by Domenico
- Onsite teaching and testing by Rogier
- Contemplation room by Assamaual

Thomas states he will bring up a point on the study/writing center at WVTTK. Specifically on how the board is planning on getting people there since it is quite unknown. Alla states that the FSR has it on its Instagram and website already, but that she will add it to the brand new canvas page (!) as well.

Domenico states he will also bring up a point on that teachers were told not to post anything on canvas that is not strictly related to studying. This seems strange because some additional discussions actually improve the experience.

e. Photo competition

Robert states the O&F committee has been looking at locations for the photo competition. They will put up 6 A0 photos and A3 sized information signs. He shows the six possible locations. A general consensus is reached on location 2, left after the stairs of the A building, next to the study spaces and lecture hall.

Robert says that the faculty will do the printing and hanging, and that he will be involved in this. He also states that this is something the next council can build on.

3. Other updates

a. Undisclosed voting

The question if the voting in the council should be secret (current) or open. Domenico argues that since the FSR is a democratically elected body, it is inherent that the voting should be public so that members can be held accountable for their voting in relation to their promises. So he proposes to have names next to the votes. Thomas seconds this. Alla does too, and adds that this information should be known, but not necessarily promoted. Katie agrees. Should voting in council be secret (current), or public. It is the practice in most democracies is representative organs (Do) to have open. Domenico states that with secret ballot is there because you do not want people to really to be held accountable or forced to do something. That is kinda against representative stuff, we want to be held accountable to keep election promises. So Domenico sees secret voting as a big problem, it is at the core of this.

Robert states that article 11.6 of our rules of procedure say the meetings are public, and that he interprets that as that the voting should be too. Domenico agrees.

A vote is conducted:

- In favour: Domenico, Alla, Katie, Robert, Thomas, Jane and finally Rogier and Assamaual through mandates.
- Against: Olaf
- Abstained: Vincent and Zarah

Olaf elaborates on his vote that he does not see the added value. He says that the council must act as one voice, and that if our votes are public this might undermine this. Furthermore, it can be used by parties for sort of populist campaigning by taking votes out of contexts.

Katie states she understands, but that the minutes will explain the reasoning. Olaf states that it is too easy to leave the minutes out of it. He adds that students could instead read the minutes and fill in the blanks form there.

Thomas says he shares Olaf's concerns, but thinks they are being outweighed by the pros of open voting. He adds that he believes there should be a sort of gentlemen's agreement against abuse. Robert adds that this would be something for the parties, since the council should not be regulating this. Domenico agrees.

A general consensus is reached that the open-vote policy includes the vote on this topic.

General consensus on that the vote on this was already open.

b. Kwaliteitsafspraken

The Kwaliteitsafspraken meeting will take place on the 20th of May at 1pm. Domenico, Robert, and Thomas will join this. Domenico states that for further information on the contents of this meeting he will talk to Jan Dijk.

c. PPLE Alumni network ft. AIM

Robert states that the plan is to set up an online alumni network for PPLE students with AIM. It will exist of a sort of board, that will be an AIM institution. The current plan is to have three people on it: one from the AIM board, one student representative (this would be someone from the FSR), and one general PPLE student.

Domenico asks who will elect this board? Robert states that since it will be an AIM institution, it will be installed by AIM's GA, but representatives can be proposed by us as well. Domenico proposes to say that one person is elected by the FSR, and asks if this could be a problem. Robert states he likes this idea and that he will discuss this.

Robert states on funding, PPLE will handle this since the Alumni network will be something of PPLE itself, but run by the students through AIM and the FSR.

4. WVTTK

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5. Closing of the meeting

Domenico closes the meeting at 17:58.

6. Action list

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