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Date: 9 June 2021
Time: 17:00 – 18:00
Location: Online
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Present: Clemens Schreiber, Domenico Ricciuto, Robert Lange, Katarzyna Niedzwiecka, Vincent Loos, Jane Bhairosingh, Zarah Winters, Thomas Owens, and Rogier Simons
Absent: Olaf Stolk, Assamaual Saidi, Alla Molibog, and Clemens Schreiber
Guests:
Secretary: Daniel Kraamwinkel

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

Domenico opens the meeting at 17:03

2. Setting the agenda

a. OV (General)

Rogier states that one problem arose from the OV. It being that there is no policy on how positive tests should be handled when going back to onsite exams. Domenico states that Maex said today that this will be their own responsibility, which was mentioned by Salomons as well during the OV. Rogier adds that we should write an advice on this to bring to the final OV of the year (5 July) to avoid angry students and general confusion. We need clarity on this ASAP and it must happen on faculty level. There is general consensus on that Covid should not just be handled as a normal disease because that would be dangerous for students due to the high level of contagion.

Rogier's proposal is to have a third time slot to make the exam. Zarah seconds this. Rogier also states that it is possible to bring multiple options to the board, and ask them make a decision.

Katie proposes to have a proctored exam at the same time. Rogier states that he is still against proctorio.

Thomas adds these exams are different in comparison to onsite as stated by the FSR at a previous PV.

Robert states that it might be that the self-tests will stop coming, which would create an ever bigger problem and more responsibility to the students. Rogier states that he expects the policy to be extended and that we can simply ask Salomons about his expectations, because he seemed to be thinking that the policy would indeed be extended.

In the end a consensus is reached that O&O will work out proposal to bring to the OV, which will be leaning in the direction of a third option.

b. Meeting with rector (Domenico)

Domenico states he had a meeting today with all the chairs of FSRs and Nina (CSR). This meeting's first main point was discussed above. Furthermore, they talked about the future of lectures and the building of lecture halls. Maex stated they will not build large lecture halls and that they are giving this problem back to the faculties to deal with it on themselves. Domenico thinks this means we will be moving away from big in person lectures, and to digitalisation including knowledge clips which is undesirable. Furthermore, adding on this point Maex is not intending on growing the university in numbers which is counterintuitive according to Domenico, because then we should be able to keep lectures etc. in person. He also adds that the council should be ready to bring this point to the next FSR to build on. Rogier seconds this, he also expresses that it is important to have academic freedom and that in person education is vital to this.

There is general consensus on raising our worries at the OV and indeed informing next year's council about this issue.

Rogier elaborates on this point that this is precisely the kind of point we should bring to the new council to ensure a red thread in the progress of the FSR, how do we want to go about that? Katie agrees with Rogier on this. She states she talked to Alla and Alla as PR chair does not think it is a good idea to have a proper weekend, that would be inefficient in terms of working. Now there is the idea of doing something in CREA/at the faculty to combine fun and work, this will have to be discussed with Olaf. Rogier seconds this and elaborates we can contact Dijk & De Reus to reserve rooms and maybe do an entire week with days on specific topics to ensure efficiency and having everyone involved.

A general consensus is reached on the PR committee handling this. Furthermore, a consensus is also reached on doing it before the new year starts, and using a hybrid form to ensure everyone can be present. For now, the final week of August seems the most probable option.

Domenico states that the final relevant point discussed at the meeting was a travel policy. Maex state there is no central policy, but that the CVB does have one. Domenico states we can include this in our advice to the faculty board to make the proposal more solid.

c. Contemplation room (Domenico)

Domenico states that the OR visited the room and that they asked us to do the same. Robert states that Assamaul and Jane or Thomas will do this. Rogier will join as well. Once the council has a good overview it can come up with an advice on the room in cooperation with the OR.

3. Other updates

a. Thomas proposes to have a welcome back event for students, to really restart the social life to deal with the trauma that Covid caused. He adds that it should not just be the case of simply going back to campus, the university should be more active here in the reintegration process. Rogier seconds this, he adds that we could bring a worked out plan to the OV. A general consensus on this plan is reached. Thomas and Rogier will work on this together.

b. Rogier has an update on graduations (BA & MA). He is included in the planning and they are not changing the dates from November, that would be too difficult. They are planning on onsite, but if infections are rising they will opt for the digital option. Rogier will keep us posted on the developments on this, he personally is not a big fan of the current ideas and believes the graduations should be moved up to increase the chance they will be held in person.

Also on graduations, the FSR can choose the graduation card as discussed over WhatsApp today. The two favourites that arose from that discussion will be send to the graduation committee.

c. Jane states that together with the CSR and other FSR file holders, she has been working on a diversity commitment. She will send it soon and would like to discuss it next PV, so she asks the council to read the file before.

Domenico asks Jane to be sure that the document is published in both Dutch and English, since apparently it has happened that the university spread such a document to the staff whilst not the entire staff speaks English.

4. WVTTK

- a. Rogier has been asked to be in a little clip the faculty is making. For this, he will be interviewed at the faculty room this Monday 15:00-16:00 so please take that into account.

5. Closing of the meeting

Domenico closes the meeting at 17:41

6. Action list

- O&O committee: make a proposal to bring to the OV (5 July) on how onsite exams should be dealt with in relation to positive Covid tests.
- PR committee: work on a plan for a transition week(end).
- Thomas & Rogier: work out a proposal for a welcome back event for students at the beginning of next year to bring to next OV.