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Present: Anne van den Bergh, Anna Schröder, Anna de Koning, Ginger Mooren Guillano Payne, Alexander Gritsay, Minh Quan Bao Nguyen, Latif Sleibi, Jinane Araqi, Vanessa Romeijn, Svedva Krishnaraj.
Absent: Felix Wolthuis Scheeres.
Guests: Binka Lubica Hamarova, Mariia Lisova, Sofiia Alforova, Ivanna Slipets.
Secretary: Myron Warta.

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

Anne opens the meeting at 15:09.

Anne asks the council members to share their thoughts of the kick-off event on the 10th of September.

Alex states that he was not comfortable with the event being mainly in Dutch. Guilliano states that he feels the same way about the event. Alex asks Anne if this point can be raised at an OV. Anne states that she will discuss this with José during the pre-OV meeting on Thursday.

2. Setting the agenda:

a. Streamline our list of FSR priorities: 5-7 bullet points with concrete ideas (for first OV)

Anne states that the FSR needs to specify priorities to bring to the OV meeting. Anne asks if the FSR needs to come up with the points during this PV? Anna de Koning states that if there is time that the FSR could do that. Alex states that the FSR can look at the emails send by each member containing their thoughts on points for the OV. Anne states that there are some points that could be of value in these emails. Anna de Koning states that some points are already made concrete, but that they need to be more elaborated. Ginger states that a Google document could maybe help stating the priorities of the FSR by each member. Anna Schröder states that the priorities should fall under different themes. Anna de Koning asks if the priorities should be made on basis of the dossiers. Anne states that the FSR should link the email with points to the dossiers. Alex states that student-involvement is quite broad and could be made into several bullet points. Svedva states that she agrees with this. Anna states that there should be an evaluation on the student elections and why the turn out at PPLE was higher

than at Law. Ginger states that there should be more awareness created in person, during lectures and classes. Quan states that students should engage with the councils and student parties earlier on in the year, instead of several weeks before the actual elections. Anna de Koning states that the main goals should be clearer to students and that the FSR should be aware of framing it as involvement with student politics. These points will fall under democratization. Anna Schröder states that transparency from the board and vice versa should be a point. Anne states that the dossier accessibility and diversity should contain more points. Alex states that the flexibility of education should be a point that the FSR could bring forward within this dossier. Quan states that he is concerned about the enrollment of the UvA on the point of diversity in connection to the problem with the lecture recordings. These points together could be problematic to talk about with the board. Anna de Koning states that diversity is broader than race and gender, but also age and older people fall under it. There are a lot of students of older age who have jobs besides their study. The new measure of not making the lecture recordings online available discriminates this group and goes against the diversity policy of the UvA. This could be an advice. Guilliano states that the evening lectures can be a solution to the problem.

REC-A dossier. Alex states that students who suffer from reduced mobility should have more access to the building. Svedva states that there should be a field day to test the buildings of the UvA on accessibility. Anna de Koning states that this should be great for PR if the FSR makes a video of the 'field day'.

Anna Schröder asks the FSR if there are things about the building that the FSR could bring up at the OV. Guilliano states that the opening hours of the law library are not sufficient and that there should be more computers. Jinane states that the study spaces on the second floor (A2) were completely full and that there were seats left. Anna de Koning states that the couches that are placed are not made for studying, because it is not possible to place books on a table in front of you. Latif states that the UvA has raised the budget on personnel and that they are probably not willing to raise it again for more personnel to work in the library.

Jinane states that there should be a separation between high intensity and lower intensity study rooms. If there is a clear separation it could benefit these spaces. Alex states that there is discrimination between the study spaces. Alex states that there are plans of UCO of making rooms available for students to study. Jinane states that it will not solve the problem completely, because there are too many students than available seats in the study spaces. Svedva states that booking the rooms is a problem. Alex states that there will be an app coming in the year 2019 or 2020 to book a room and find spots in the library. Quan states that placing gates at the law library could solve the problem of non-law students entering the library.

Finance dossier.

Latif states that for 2019 there will be a deficit for Law and that PPLE will make a small profit. Although there is no explanation where this profit will be used on. There is a budget rise on personnel,

but what 'personnel' entails is not clear. Also, there has been a raise on sustainability. The prediction is that the faculty will break even in 2020. Quan asks if he could head the internal finance and finance dossier. Anne states that Latif can head another dossier. Anne asks who is going to the finance training. Alex states that he will go there although it is in Dutch. Latif states that there is an English training too.

PR

Anna Schroder states that this is already been discussed under transparency.

Jinane states that she wants to meet with central student council and that she would like to create a guide for first year students. Anne asks what will be in the booklet. Jinane states that there will be study and finance tips. Alex states that the student guidelines will be helpful for this. Anna de Koning states that the student guidelines are not easy accessible and that canvas could be a great platform for providing the booklet. Anna Schroder states that it is not up to the FSR to make the booklet, but to make the Board aware that this is needed and they will start the progress of making it.

Extra curricular

Anne states that she talked with Alex about the extra curricular and it was decided that there should be more contracts with the public sector for internships. Quan states that the programs like ALF and rechtswinkel should be expanding to English speaking students. Anna de Koning states that it should be made easier for students to know about these programs. Jinane asks about the ALF and what the requirements are. Anna Schroder states that this is a 6.5 and higher, but that it is still a Dutch spoken program and not accessible for students outside the Law track.

Jinane states that extra curricular could also be helpful for the mental health of students. Jinane states that a social activity such as a book club can be helpful. It would be a smoother approach to mental health problems and would be more approachable for students. Alex asks that extra curricular should be more a job of student associations and pitch this to them. Anna de Koning states that the organizing of these activities is up to the student association and the board.

Digitalization

Anne states that there are several options, such as selling secondhand books, but this should go through canvas or have its own website. Alex states that there is already a website starting in October where students can sell their books called UvA books.

Sustainability

Vanessa states that the paper cup problem was a point, which was raised last year, but there was no solution found. Latif states that in the cafeteria there is a special pick up for cups. Anne states that the

packages of food are also problematic, because these consist of both paper and plastic. Svedva states that no student is separating this.

OER

Anna Schroder states that she would like to see the FSR to be involved earlier on in the OER process.

b. Updates re lecture recordings developments?

Alex states that he was in contact with the former head of the CSR and that the best thing to do right now is contacting the OC. Ginger states that the OC has written a piece on this matter. Alex states that the FSR should ask if the OC was involved in this matter.

Vanessa states she went into the archives of the FSR and the online lectures. On the 7th of September there was a talk about the recordings and during a PV it was said that there would not be measures on the lecture recordings, but these would not be too drastic. Only for first year students it would be a possibility that the lectures would not be available online. Vanessa states that there was material on the PPLE lecture recordings in the archives. These stated that if it is possible to record and the speaker approves, that these will be made available a week before the exams. There are more principal stances against making all lectures available. Alex asks if Vanessa looked at PV and OV meetings prior to 2017. Vanessa states that she has not looked prior to 2017. Anna de Koning states that the email of Salomons shows that there are professors that oppose the new rule of the faculty.

c. Change of grading system PPLE (Anna, Quan)

Quan states that the final grades are not rounded to the 0.5, but to decimal points. The information on this new system consisted of three sentences and a lot of professors at PPLE did not know about the new system. Quan states that this system will lead to a lot more inconsistency and hurts chances to apply to universities in other countries. Anna de Koning states that it will hurt a student's GPA. Anne states that the new system could also be beneficial to other students, because the grade will not be rounded down. Guilliano states that rules on this can be changed during the year. Alex states that there will be a meeting with Radboud and that he will bring the matter to his attention. Jinane states that she does not see a problem with this grading system. Jinane states that it shows the student's ability. Alex states that the PPLE students for the first two years are graded through a system and suddenly it is changed.

d. CSR goals/objectives – What is Alex pitching? (Alex)

Alex states that the CSR is setting its goals and will make these public. Alex states that the vision of education is a crucial point. Alex proposes that over the coming year the university as a whole will be nurturing a new system that will have a heavier selection of students and will benefit the education. At all faculties there is a run on students, but this comes with a negative effect. This effect appears in a rising amount of negative BSA's, less space to study, too few teachers to teach the tutorials. Alex states that he is not proposing a numerous fixus, but it will get more rigorous than now. UvA has dropped two places on the ranking list. The UvA is 57th in the world, but the only points that let the UvA stay

at this spot are not the points such as education. The pressure on teachers has grown and they have no available time to do research.

Latif states that there is more budget for research. Alex states that his proposal will be advocating for a broader selection process through motivation letters, prioritize teachers, monitor their workload and research abilities, intensifying the student program, ensuring that study spaces are available, stop chasing money from students and providing for the next intake of students. Latif states that Alex is using the budget cuts wrongly. Alex states that the tendency of when the budget cuts began, the amount of students going to university grew.

Anna Schroder asks Alex if the selection is coming to close to a numerous fixus. Alex states that this is not the case, but that at Humanities the hardest classes are taught in the first year to let the better students stay. Anna de Koning states that the money that universities get is based on the amount of students that enroll each year. Anna de Koning states that alternative versions of education, like pre-recorded lectures by the best professors will improve the education. Alex asks the council if this proposal will be good to propose to the CSR. Anne states that there need to be more concrete ideas. Anna Schroder states that Soeharno asked the FSR to have a meeting with him and she thinks that the honours program is similar to the proposal of Alex. Anna Schroder states that Soeharno could be of use for this proposal. Alex states that on a CSR level the honours program is abolished.

e. Sweaters FSR

Jinane states that the hoodies and sweaters are the same price, but they will cost 30 euros a piece plus the costs of printing the logo. In total it will be 526 euros. Jinane states that she wants to know what colors the FSR want to have for the hoodies and sweaters. Vanessa states that last year it was a burgundy red. Anna de Koning asks if the sweaters have a special purpose and if the costs are coming from the budget. Anne states that the UVA logo should be on the back and the names and position on the front embroidered instead of printed. Jinane states that for every word costs will cost money.

TD – Alex will send his proposal to the other council members.

f. Annual budget takeaways (Latif, Felix)

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g. Maagdenhuis Trainingday, Training voor medezeggenschap – Who is participating?

Anne asks if everyone who can enroll has registered to this. The council states that they have done this.

3. To Dos

TD's:

- 180912: Anne will set up a meeting with the honours program representatives
- 180912: Anna will send out a funtime activity doodle
- 180912: Anna will update council on how to use printer
- 180912: Quan will get in touch with Selena (and possibly Benjamin van Rooij) to set up a discussion panel with the visiting student
- 180912: Jinane will update council on Dutch language class options (?)
- 180912: Ginger, Guilliano, and Quan will set up a date/time for our constitutie borrel
- 180912: All dossier chairs will set up a meeting with their respective dossier committees to come up with possible initiatives
- 180912: 2-3 council members will need to work on our advice re: lecture recordings to the board
- 180912: the council will need to clean out the FSR room.

FSR-FIB

Maria states that there should not be so many cobo's, but that all the FSR's should organize one big event for all the FSR's. In that way it could be a better event and costs can be split. Anna Schröder asks what the budget is for a cobo at FIB. Maria states that it is around 500. Maria states that contact for making this event will go through email. Maria states that she would like to finalize everything around end of September beginning of October.

4. Other updates

Action point diversity: make an advice for the age discrimination with the not making the recorded lectures online available.

5. WVTTK

6. Closing of the meeting

Anne closes the meeting at 17:01.