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Location: REC A, Room A7.23  
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Present: Tara Olsen, Fabian van Hal, Nina Hol, Samir Bougrina, Emma Verhulp, Yoav Weinberg, Sebastiaan Saelman, Guido Bakker (FSR)  
Mireille van Eechoud, Arthur Salomons, Jan Dijk, José Brugman-Augustijn, André Nollkaemper (Faculty Board)

Absent: Aashish Pradeep, Rogier Simons, Kataryzna Niedzwiecka, Roos Creyghton (FSR)  
Radboud Winkels, Benjanmin van Rooij (Faculty Board)

Guests:  
Secretary: Jeyanth Sithamparappillai

## **Agenda**

### **1. Opening of the meeting**

Councilmember Olsen opens the meeting at 10.36. Councilmember Olsen asks the board for any updates from the board side. The board has no updates.

### **2. Evaluation Report on the law library doors**

Councilmember Van Hal states that students are happy with the law library doors. He also states that there are still students coming from other faculties in the law library. There are also too few places for students. Councilmember Van Hal asks if this could be changed and if there could be more study spaces. Nollkaemper states that this project is too early to extend. There is some time left to evaluate. Dijk states that there are no extra spaces available on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor to extend the law library. He also states that there are more study spaces on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Councilmember Olsen states that at the end of the second semester another evaluation will follow.

### **3. Follow-up heidag**

Salomons states that participating in the core team is too extensive. On the short term, one member of the FSR would be fine. But in the long term, a delegation of the FSR is better regularly. Every two months there will be a meeting with the core team. Salomons states that meeting periodically with the FSR would be fine. The contact person of the FSR should be available more than the delegation. Councilmember Weinberg states it's important to have updates from the core team. Salomons states FSR-members from Rechtsgeleerdheid would be ideal. Councilmember Bougrina asks if a permanent member of O&O could have a voice in the core team. Salomon states that a delegation of the FSR is good and one contact person for the contact between the core team and the FSR. The FSR is free to decide how big the delegation is.

### **4. Final budget/kwaliteitsafspraken explanation**

Councilmember Weinberg states that the FSR received the final budget. He also states that there is a difference in the kwaliteitsafspraken (FdR excl. PPLE). Dijk states that € 714.000,- is the last number the board got. This depends on the amount of students. Councilmember Weinberg asks if this number is the definitive number. Dijk states that this will be the final number and this can be found in the final budget in December. Councilmember Weinberg asks how much money is planned to save from the kwaliteitsafspraken. Dijk states that budget which is not spent this year will be spent next year. Dijk also states that an amount of money was given in 2019, and this amount was moved to the next year. It takes time to plan what the final goal is for all the money. Councilmember Weinberg states that he understands that but he would like to know how much money is being saved for next year. Dijk states with the extra money from last year the faculty has around one million euros for kwaliteitsafspraken for the coming year.

Councilmember Weinberg states that the FSR has another question on the 'intergrale notitie/kwaliteitsafspraken'. Councilmember Weinberg asks if the board has an idea of how large the small scale classes will be. Nollkaemper states that it's not just small scale, but it's small scale and intensive. Nollkaemper states that these small scale classes will be in the bachelor classes. Salomons states that this was not decided by the faculty board but by the board on the central level. Nollkaemper states that the groups will be more intensive than small scale. Councilmember Weinberg states that he understood from the document from UvA central that everyone wants small scale classes. Nollkaemper asks if he means groups smaller than 25 students. Salomons states that average groups are 28 students. Nollkaemper asks if the FSR would like to have smaller groups. Dijk states that for every student there is €15.000,- available, this includes the teaching and other costs but smaller groups would not be possible with the current budget. Salomons asks the FSR what their experiences are with smaller groups. Councilmember Bougrina states that students would like to have smaller and more intensive groups. He also states that students would also like to have more contact hours. Salomons asks if he prefers workgroups over lectures. Councilmember Bougrina confirms this question. Salomons states that he would also like to increase the number of contact hours, even if that means larger groups.

Nollkaemper states that more intensive does not necessarily mean more contact hours, it also has to do with the context of the classes. Nollkaemper states that the goal is that students are actively involved during the werkgroepen/tutorials. Councilmember Weinberg states that the more hours needed is also a point because students are less prepared for the classes. Salomons states that active learning only works when students are fully prepared. Nollkaemper states that intensive teaching could be increased but something else would be cut off the budget instead.

Councilmember Weinberg states that in the UvA central budget there is a post on 'subsidies & overdachten' (three million euros). He asks what this is for and why it's not on the faculty budget. Dijk states that he does not exactly know about the three million euros on subsidies. Dijk also states that the board checked the faculty budget with the central budget. Councilmember Weinberg would like to know what the goal is of the budget. Dijk states that he will look into this.

Councilmember Weinberg states that there is money being spent on the TLC (Teaching Learning Center). He asks if it is a deliberate choice of why there is no money being spent next year on this topic. Brugman-Augustijn states that she will look into this. Dijk also states that the budget for this topic might come from UvA on central level. That might be why the faculty is not spending on this topic.

Councilmember Olsen asks what is meant by 'workshops' in the budget of PPLE. Nollkaemper states that Winkels will answer this on a later moment.

**5. Web lectures: what are the exceptions for students to get access to the web lectures? How many students are getting access to the web lectures?**

Councilmember Verhulp states that the FSR has reason to believe that the exceptions on the policy of web lectures are not followed as they are supposed to be. She also states that the web lectures leaked two weeks before the exam. Councilmember Verhulp asks if the exceptions are followed. Salomons states that these rules are upheld and the student advisors followed them as well. He would like to know why the FSR believes the rules are not followed. Councilmember Verhulp asks if there is someone who is not handicapped or has no topsportstatus who still gets access. Salomons states that this is not the situation and only the student advisors know who is getting access to the web lectures. He also states that 15 bachelor students are an exception.

Councilmember Verhulp asks what the consequences are if the NDA is breached. Salomons states that a leak of the web lectures and sharing this link is a breach of the NDA. Councilmember Verhulp asks how many teachers are against this policy. Salomons states that only a handful of teachers are against this policy. He states that the vast majority of the teachers are happy with the current policy on web lectures and support this policy.

Councilmember Bougrina states that students are dissatisfied with the current situation on web lectures. He asks what the board thinks of this. Salomons states that the change in web lectures was in phases. He also states that it is really important that students are actively participating during the lectures. This is important for the bonding and study success of the students.

Councilmember Bougrina states that the FSR agrees on this. He also states that there is a dissatisfaction under the students with the current policy on web lectures.

Councilmember Bougrina states it is important that students should be there during the lectures but she would also like to know from the board why the students cannot have access to the web lectures directly. Nollkaemper states that it is important to give adequate education to students. Councilmember Bakker states that several teachers are unable to give an adequate lecture to have the full attention of the students during the lectures. He states that the students would have better study success if they could watch the web lectures back on their own time. Nollkaemper states that students should have access to all resources to study successfully, including digital resources. He would like to have shorter digital resources available for students to increase the effectiveness of studying. Councilmember Bakker asks if the board agrees if students will have access due to other exceptions than the exceptions on the current policy. For example, students who follow two studies. Salomons states that students who follow two studies have to make their choice on what their priorities are. Van Eechoud states that the studies in this faculty are full time and she states that she knows about the students and their jobs, extra studies, internships, etc. She states that it's important that students should plan it so that they don't have any delay. Nollkaemper states that in PPLE the intensity is higher compared to other law studies. There is a mandatory presence and the program is really strict. In PPLE students have to give 100% availability for their study. Nollkaemper compared FdR to other faculties and states that FdR has a balanced situation compared to other faculties. He also states that the final goal of FdR is to have a situation where students can use all their time effectively for their studies and that students are present during all the lectures. Nollkaemper states that it must be sorted out how this setting will work out for flexible students.

Councilmember Van Hal asks if there are any concrete plans for short web lectures. Salomons states that there is a mobile studio for teachers to record these short videos. These 'kennisclips' will be more a normal part of the course. Councilmember Weinberg states that this was a good experience. Councilmember Weinberg states that this should be an extra form of lectures.

Councilmember Verhulp asks if the policy will be changed if the web lectures are leaked. Salomons states that he does not know about leaked web lectures. Nollkaemper would like to know the details of this leak. Councilmember Bougrina states that all UvA-students can access the leaked links to web lectures. Salomons is surprised by this and he will look into this. Councilmember Bougrina states that on the current policy the period of a week before the exam is too short. Salomons states with the 'onderwijsvernieuwing' this will not be an issue. Councilmember Bakker states with the transition to the 'onderwijsvernieuwing' this is still an issue. He also states that the freedom of students is limited to the current policy. Salomons states that researches show that the results of students are better with the current policy. Nollkaemper states that the current policy on web lectures will be taken along with 'onderwijsvernieuwing' and there will be no ad hoc solution for the issue that was brought forward by the FSR.

## **6. To Dos**

- **20191115 Brugman-Augustijn will look into TLC (Teaching Learning Center) on the budget and inform the FSR.**
- **20191115 Winkels will inform the FSR on the topic of ‘workshops’ on the PPLE budget.**
- **20191111 FSR will send the advice on the budget to the board.**
- **20191108 FSR will inform the board who the contact person and the delegate of the FSR will be for the core team.**

## **7. Other updates**

## **8. WTTK**

Councilmember Olsen has some topics on PPLE issues. Nollkaemper states that this could be discussed during the next meeting or in a written procedure with Winkels.

## **9. Closing of the meeting**

Councilmember Olsen closes the meeting at 11.34.

### *Attachments*

- **Minutes OV20190923**
- **Memo on web lectures**