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Present: Anne van den Bergh, Anna de Koning, Ginger Mooren Guillano Payne, Alexander Gritsay, Minh Quan Bao Nguyen, Latif Sleibi, Jinane Araqi, Svedha Krishnaraj, Felix Wolthuis Scheeres.
Absent: Anna Schröder, Vanessa Romeijn
Guests:
Secretary: Myron Warta

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

Anne opens the meeting at 09:08.

2. Setting the agenda:

a. OER Amendment Process in Retrospect (updates from respective OER teams)

English masters

Quan states that questions relating to the OER amendments for English masters were sent to José, but that these were not answered yet. Quan states that the main amendment for the English masters will be a longer time period between the last lecture/seminar and the exam. Quan states that this time period should be at least four days. Guilliano states that he got several points for amendments in the English masters. Guilliano states that the time for registering for an exam should be shortened to three days before the exam instead of a week. Guilliano states that the educational material that it used should not be too expensive. Anne states that in her opinion a book should be used extensively if it is part of the material. Guilliano states that the exam dates should be known and fixed. Guilliano states that the compulsory participation should not be present in the master (and bachelor program).

OER PPLE

Jinane states that there are six to eight amendments.

1. Four days between the last lecture/seminar and the exam date.
2. The date and the format of the exam have to be established 6 weeks prior to the exam instead of four.

3. A possibility of an extra exam if all the exams are made and the last exam was graded with a minimum of a four. Jinane states that she would like to have no minimum of a four.
4. Minimum passing grades should be rephrased.
5. Absence in 8-week course; students should get an extra assignment to make up for an absence.
6. Courses: mandatory participation at lecture, but the recording is made available the same day. Jinane states that the mandatory participation in this system does not make sense. Quan states that if the lecture is not participated you cannot make the exam. Jinane states that she would like to change the mandatory participation.
7. Honours part in the OER of PPLE needs clarification because it contains only one sentence, which is not clear.
8. Online lecture recordings should be published two weeks before the exam and not one.

Svedha asks how the students can use the OER if they encounter problems. Svedha states that several students have complained about the reaction from the university when there is an issue and students use the OER in their advantage.

b. FSR Advice on the Budget (Quan & Felix)

Anne states that the discussion about the budget has been a burden for her because it is not clear. Quan states that he thought that the board would send a date to submit the advice, but this is not send yet. Quan states that the deadline to submit the advice is on the 16th of November. Anne states that Jan Dijk stated that the protocol was followed, but the actual actions from the board do not show this. Anne asks Quan and Felix what their views are on the budget. Felix states that the most important part is from the allocation model. It states that budget of the Faculty will increase. Felix states that this increase in budget will entail in total 3.6 million. Quan states that the research budget will increase with 1.3 million, because it is part of the education budget. Quan states that there will be more students enrolled. Anne states that that the increase of enrollment of students could affect the budget rise negatively.

Quan states that the staff will have increasing loans, but that there will be hired more lecturers. Felix states that the budget for the research is not too bad, because the new allocation model shows a decrease that is less than under the old model. Felix states that there is an amount left in the budget and this can be used on hiring new staff, more trainingsessions for teachers that are in line with the quality agreements. Anne states that the only part of the budget that is decreasing is research, but the rest will increase.

Anne asks about the budget that will be used on diversity. Quan states that the FSR of last year was involved in the process of hiring the diversity officer. Anne states that Zieck is now on a sabbatical. Anne asks how Zieck can do her work if she is not at the university. Anne states that she also would like to know if Zieck is receiving payment during her sabbatical. Ginger states that normally teachers on a sabbatical still receive payment. Quan states that he does not know that, but that the FTE indicates that Zick is working. Latif states that the FTE is for full time employment and that Zieck is not working fulltime. Quan states that the FTE of Zieck is 0.1 FTE.

Anne states that the job and tasks of Zieck should be an agenda point for the next OV.

Quan states that in the PPLE budget will increase with one million on education, but that there will be a research-budget of 700 000 euros. Quan states that he does not understand the research-budget, because there is not a lot of research conducted within PPLE. Latif asks Quan if the money is allocated to AIM. Latif states that the budget of AIM can get to 12 000 euros. Quan states that he does not know that, but will look into this matter. Quan states that PPLE will have increasing payment to FEB. Anne asks how much international students are paying for tuition. Quans states that the tuition is 11 000 euros and that this is solely for education.

Anne asks if there is any cause for concern. Felix and Quan state that there are no concerns, because the budget will increase in the coming years. Quan states that the rise of students at UvA can cause problems for the budget. Felix states that the student problem will only cause concern for the studyspaces in the building. Anne states that there will be a new lecture hall next to JK building. Anne asks what will be send to the board. Anne states that there also needs to be made a point of clarification on the faculty diversity officer. Felix asks Anne if she thinks the 0.1 FTE could be used on something else instead of the diversity officer. Anne states that she would like to have clarification because the money could be used differently to benefit the diversity. Anne states that the FTE of Zieck should increase to 0.2.

c. Vote on Repeal of Research Masters.

Anne states that that the board is offering good arguments as to why the research masters should be repealed. Guilliano states that he disagrees with Anne because students do not chase after the research skills. Anne states that research skills in the master will be broadened master wide. Therefore there is no use for a separate research master. Alex states that he supports the repeal. Alex states that masters in the Netherlands lack the research skills compared to international masters. Anna de Koning states that the skills are already implemented in the normal masters. Guilliano states that there should be a specific master that only focus on research skills. Guilliano states that PhD positions on certain law sectors are not available. Anna de Koning asks why the research masters are being repealed. Anne states that only four to five students apply for the research masters and that the costs are high. Anna de Koning states that it is understandable to repeal the research masters when looking at the budget. Alex states that with repealing the research masters the budget could be used on more students. Guilliano asks if the research masters have been given a chance and do students know that these masters exist. Anna de Koning states that it is in the student guide and that the repeal cannot be blamed on the lack of knowledge of students. Guilliano states that this repeal will affect students and he would like to know what students think about the repeal of research masters. Anne states how the repeal of the research masters should be communicated to the students. Guilliano states that this could be done through Facebook. Anna de Koning states that the students at UvA are not affected by the repeal because there are not that many Dutch students enrolling in the research masters. Quan states that the repeal of the research masters is not intrusive because students that are enrolled in it can finish it. Felix states that the research masters could be changed entirely. Alex states that this will entail more money and effort. Alex asks if the OC's have input in this and if

the council has knowledge about this. Alex states that the FSR cannot make a decision today, because not all members are present and there are several factors unknown. Guilliano states that the council should look at the research masters from other universities. Anne states that the masters will get more research. Anne states that the proposal also contains a post-graduate position. Alex states that he would like to wait on the view of the OC on this matter before voting on it. Anne states that she would like to do a preliminary voting.

Quan states that he is against the proposal as it is now formulated. Quan states that if the plan would be more research based and concrete, then he would be in favour of it. Quan states that a concrete plan on replacing these programs should be made. Anne states that she agrees to the fact that the proposal is not concrete enough. Anne states that specifying the points raised in the proposal would be better. Alex states that the FSR could send a proposal to the board for giving the council a week to gather the OC's opinion and would like to have more concrete points before voting on the proposal. Anne states that there should be a question raised on the budget that is being used for the masters.

d. Dossier updates (Mental Health, Sustainability, REC A, Diversity, PR?)

Mental health

Jinane states that she had a meeting Chiangling Kwa about Spinoza's theories in philosophy courses. These theories can be helpful for students who suffer from mental health issues. Jinane asks the council how they feel about working together with other faculties on implementing these theories in the existing courses. Alex states that it is a good idea, but that it will take a lot of time to implement it. Anna de Koning states that she agrees with Alex. Jinane states that she believes it will not take so long. Anne states that Jinane should get in touch with the faculty OC about this matter. Alex states that it is more an OC matter to get involved in other faculties. Anna de Koning states that Jinane could get in touch with other FSR's.

Anna de Koning states that the point of a booklet stall should be raised during the next OV because there is enthusiasm about this within the university.

Sustainability

Quan states that the Green Office is in favour to help the FSR on sustainability issues.

REC A

Alex states that in the coming years there will be a new law implemented that will ban smoking on all universities. Alex states that he would like to move the smoking areas or ban it out in general before the new law will be implementing. Svedha states that students that many students smoke in front of the main entrance of REC A. This smoke can be experienced as annoying to other students. Alex states that the UvA would like to be a healthy university and that the image of smoking students in front of the main entrance does not fit into this. Anne states that she would be in favour of relocating a smoking zone, but not the ban. Anna de Koning states that there should be a spot on REC A where students can smoke.

Quan asks if there is an update on the Legal Hub. Anne states that there is no update, but she will ask the board

for an update.

Diversity

Quan states that diversity still does not live amongst students and that it should be promoted more. Alex states that the diversity officer of the Faculty is a concerning problem and that the FSR should work on plans for diversity. Alex states that a clear vision on this topic from the FSR should be made. Quan states that there should be a dossier meeting on diversity.

PR

Quan states the main goal for now is a stronger relationship with study associations. Quan states that students go to JFAS instead of the FSR when they encounter problems. Quan states that the stronger connection with the study associations could help to promote the FSR.

Anna de Koning states that on the committee beroepsloopbaan within NSE advised to incorporate news related topics within courses. This can be done through guest lectures, teachers/professionals, ALF-light courses that give skills and a view of the practice, hiring an alumni officer, more top-lunches and post-lecture calendar with extra-curriculum activities. Anna de Koning states that if council members have suggestions they should send it to her.

Alex states that the teacher problem within PPLE economics should be fixed. There should be a plan made on what to do and to create a complains-committee for PPLE-students.

3. To Dos

TD's:

- 181116: The Finance dossier will complete our advice to the board and update the council
- 181116: All dossier file holders will write a short update on latest developments + ideas for future projects/collaborations
- 181116: All council members will complete the Quality Agreements survey (Jamie's mail)
- 181116: All council members will send in PV agenda points

4. Other updates

Internal budget

Quan states that 800,- euros has already been spend on activities.

Merchandise

Anne asks Jinane what the status on the sweaters is. Jinane states that she needs to find a new printshop. Alex states that Jinane should go to the merchandise shop of UvA at Spui 24 and ask if the FSR and the shop can strike a deal.

5. WVTTK

6. Closing of the meeting

Anne closes the meeting at 10:55.