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Location A7.65
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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, Svedha Krishnaraj.
Absent: Felix Wolthuis Scheeres.
Guests:
Secretary: Myron Warta.

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

Anne opens the meeting at 17:05h.

2. Setting the agenda:

a. Monday April 8, 2019 OV: Agenda Points for Discussion

Web lectures

Anne states that the board would like to discuss the web lecture report during the OV. Anne states that next year web lectures will be available for third year students on the evening of the lecture. Anne states that the web lectures in the week before the exam week will be available on Monday before the exams. Alex states that he would like to propose that the web lectures will be available two weeks prior to the exams. Anne states that she agrees with Alex. Anne states that the OC would also like to make the web lectures available two weeks prior to the exams and for all students.

Anna de Koning states that the FSR should ask what the prognoses would be for the amount of students next year. Anna de Koning states that situations where students have to be in another lecture hall looking at a screen of the actual lecture should not continue. Anne states that this issue was discussed with the OC and that she asked about how this practice can be prevented. Anne states that there will be a new lecture hall, but that it will take a while. Anne states that this should be inquired during the OV. Anne states that REC is still not finished with the functional lecture halls and that this was discussed during the meeting. Not only is there lack of space, but also the acoustics are not good. Anna de Koning states that a pragmatic approach to this topic should be made. Jinane states that the FSR should look at the results that can be made and based upon that should discuss

topics during the OV. Quan states that he agrees with Jinane and Anna de Koning. Anna de Koning states that the FSR should split the topics of lecture halls and web lectures and do not discuss them both during the web lecture discussion. Alex states that the students that attend the lectures should have a good teacher that gives it. Anne asks how the FSR feels about the argument of space in the lecture hall. Quan states that the FSR should discuss the topic on lectures at other locations than at the buildings of UvA, for example De La Mar Theater and Johan Cruijff Arena. Ginger states that an option could be to give a lecture two times a day. Alex states that this would not work, because of loans and working hours of the teachers. Alex states that web lectures will help to reduce the lack of space in the lecture halls. Anne states that there are projects where 60% of the students do attend the lectures it will be put online and that the teacher can decide to make it available. Anne states that a list of arguments should be made and that this should be presented before the weekend. Alex states that the UvAQ evaluation could discuss the attendance level and the quality of the lectures. Anna de Koning states that she would not like to bring that specific subject up under this topic.

Anna de Koning takes up this point and Anna Schröder and Jinane will help her.

English

Anna de Koning states that Folia published an article that students do not have the opportunity to evaluate the level of English of teachers. Alex states that this should be done on a faculty level. Anna de Koning states that many educations have switched from Dutch to English and still have the same teachers, which according to Folia negatively affects the level of English. Alex will take up this point during the OV and Anne will be back up.

Ver-Engelsing van de Nederlandse rechtenopleiding

Guilliano states that many Dutch courses are given in English and that he would like to know what the council feels about that. Guilliano states that a lot of material in Dutch programs is English and that this could be seen as problematic. Anna Schröder states that this could be asked also in relation to the new research masters.

Quality of lectures and lecture facilities

Several points of concern that the FSR would like to bring forward during the OV in regards to the lectures and lecture facilities:

- Level of English at lecturers.
- The lecture hall; spaces and poor acoustics.
- Plugs that do not function well.
- Major recordings

Vanessa and Jinane will take this topic.

Mental Health

Jinane states that she would like to know if the board is going to organize workshops. Anne asks when Jinane will finish her meeting piece on this topic. Anna Schröder states that Nollkaemper stated that for every good

proposal there is budget. Therefore the workshops will be organized when the board believes these benefit the students.

Selection criteria Law bachelors

Alex states that he would like to discuss this topic during the OV. Anne asks Alex had a private meeting with Salomons about this topic. Alex states that he did not have that yet, but that he would like to discuss the topic during the OV. Anne states that Alex should send his documents on this topic to the board in order to have a fruitful discussion.

OC preparations

Svedha states that the OC's in general should be brought to the light of students. Svedha states that at this moment there is an overlap between the OC and the FSR. Svedha and Alex will take up this point during the OV.

Research masters update

Anna de Koning states that an update on this should be asked by the FSR. Anna Schröder will take up this point.

PPLE management regulation

Alex states that the FSR should look at the PPLE management regulation and use the OV to give the final questions. After the OV the FSR can give a reaction once a stance has been finalized during the PV. Anna de Koning states that she feels that this topic will have to be decided sooner upon. Anna de Koning states that the FSR should give consent to this during the OV. Quan states that he agrees with Anna de Koning. Anne states that she proposes that the PPLE council members look at the document that was sent to the FSR and give an advice next Tuesday. Quan states that he had read the document and did not have any questions and he thinks that the FSR should consent to it. Anne states that the FSR should go over this topic one more time. Quan and Anna will read the document.

Canvas module

Latif states that there are problems with Canvas within PPLE, because many teachers post material in an inconsistent way. Anna de Koning states that Canvas is not an issue within Law. Anne states that this topic can be raised during the OV.

b. Short Statement on Quality Agreements (in reply to Roeland's email, deadline April 4)

Anne states that the FSR should send a short statement on this topic. Anne states that the FSR was positive about this and that it went well.

c. Removal of the program-specific part of the Students' Charter (in reply to Malou's email, see 'Opleidingsspecifieke Studentenstatuut', deadline April 8)

Anne asks if the removal of the program-specific part of the Students' Charter means that there is no faculty specific students' charter. Alex states he does not know that. Anne asks if the FSR should consent to this. Anna Schröder asks if the FSR can ask the opinion of the board on this topic during the OV.

d. Unsolicited advice proposals: Ecosia as default search engine (Sustainability dossier, Vanessa), others?

Vanessa states she would like to write an unsolicited advice on using Ecosia as a default search engine. Vanessa states that this program uses Microsoft, but that their surplus will go to planting trees. Several universities worldwide are using this default search engine. Anna de Koning states that she would be in favour. Jinane states that this default search engine can create awareness on sustainability amongst students. Jinane states that she would like to see this being the search engine, but that it should go with other sustainability projects. For example pet-trees for faculties. Quan states that this is a good idea, but that there needs to be permission from a central level. Anne states that this could be communicated with the CSR. Anna Schröder states that these topics should be separately drafted. Jinane states that she would like to help Vanessa with making the unsolicited advices. Anne states that she would like to have the advices by next week.

e. OC Cooperation (Svedha)

Svedha states that Nollkaemper wanted the FSR to bring suggestions to make the cooperation between the FSR and OC better. Svedha would like to know suggestions for this. Alex states that he and Svedha can draft a memo for possible amendments to what already exists in regards to the cooperation between the FSR and OC's. Ginger states that a delegate of every OC would help to improve the cooperation between the OC and FSR. Anne states that this is a great idea. Anne states that she is positive about the cooperation between the OC's and the FSR. Anna de Koning states that it could be helpful to look at the statutes of the OC's.

f. Election Preparations (Latif)

Latif states that the parties should start with preparing for the elections. Latif states that information sessions should be set up and a ground plan should be made for the placing of the different student party booths. Latif states that the biggest issue now is Healthweek, because it is in the same week as for now. Jinane states that Healthweek will probably be moved. Jinane states that she will contact the organizers of Healthweek on this. Latif states that the parties need to be asked to be presented in the WC-Krant or on the screens in REC A.

g. PPLE Excessive Examinations (Jinane)

Jinane states that she would like to move this topic to next week.

h. PPLE Continuous Feedback Form (Latif)

Latif states that the Feedback is given after every lecture at PPG2 in PPLE. Latif states that this type of communication is good. However he does not know if this goes directly to the OC or through the tutor and then

to the OC. Anna Schröder states that this is a great idea. Anne states that this point could be used up during the Canvas point at the OV.

i. REC A Wall (AnnadK)

Anna de Koning states that she and Quan looked at options of the REC A Wall and that there should be options made to what students can do with it. Anne states that she is in favour of an art contest. Anna de Koning states that this should be done as soon as possible

Anna de Koning states that the banner with the photo of the OMHP is ready and should be picked up by the FSR.

j. Deaner Updates

Alex asks Anne if she has heard on Cormet. Anne states that she has not heard back yet from Linda. Alex states that he has looked at other catering companies and has made a small selection. Anne states that she would not be in favour of ViaVia. Alex asks for proposals from the council for catering companies.

3. To Dos

TD's:

- 190220: Council members will make comments on working agreements documents
- 190306: Alex will set up an informal meeting with Salomons to discuss selection criteria in the bachelor program
- 190306: All council members will send in PV agenda points
- ~~190313: Guilliano will reply to Sofie's email re: StS~~
- 190313: Deaner team will get preparations in place
- 190402: PR will post the student vacancy in the ALF program council (?)
- 190402: Anne will reply to Roeland and Malou's emails
- 190402: Sustainability will send an advice on Ecosia to the board

4. Other updates

Jinane states that she had a meeting with Spencer on mindfulness in PPLE. This class was an introduction and it was well received by students. Jinane states that these would be several workshops and that it can be a class part of the curriculum in the first year PPLE. Jinane states that this class can give students the skills to keep up with the pressure within the program. Quan states that he agrees to positive effect of the workshop, but that he does not agree to place it in the first year. Quan proposes an elective in the first year. Jinane states that she would rather see it as part of the curriculum in the first year to prepare students. Quan states that there can be a danger that students will experience the workshops in the first year negatively, because they do not see the use of it. Quan states that when students are academically developed they can see the importance of these workshops. Svedha states that there is an issue for these workshops being part of the curriculum with the School of Life. Svedha states that this could be too much for students. Latif states that as a course it is not necessary, but as an elective it could work well. Anne states that this course could be

relevant for second year students. Anne asks if this is part of the curriculum in the second year. Jinane states that it is an elective in the second year. Anne states that this should be brought up in a next PV.

Quan states that this point could be first discussed with Radboud Winkels.

5. WTTK

6. Closing of the meeting

Anne closes the meeting at 18:55h.