

Date: 5 November 2019
Time: 17:00 – 19:00
Location: REC A, Room A2.15
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Present: Tara Olsen, Roos Creyghton, Samir Bougrina, Yoav Weinberg, Nina Hol, Rogier Simons, Fabian van Hal, Emma Verhulp, Aashish Pradeep, Sebastiaan Saelman,
Absent: Guido Bakker, Kataryzna Niedzwiecka
Guests: Nadia Amoah
Secretary: Jeyanth Sithamparappillai

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

Tara opens the meeting at 17.06. She welcomes Nadia Amoah to the meeting.

2. Setting the agenda:

a. Last weeks To Dos

i. PR – weekly meeting set?

The PR-committee is still planning on their weekly meetings. Tara states that this will happen as soon as possible.

b. Next steps from yesterday's OV

Tara asks the council what the following steps are for the topic on web lectures. Fabian states that as Nollkaemper said we should look into it after the evaluation of the web lectures policy in PPLE. Roos states that the UvA is going to evaluate the policy on web lectures of all the faculties. This is a meta-analyses research. Tara states that proposing the policy in PPLE could be proposed in the next semester to implement this in law courses. Emma states that in the OC meeting teachers expressed their stance on the current policy of web lectures. She states that some teachers have the same point of view of the FSR. Tara states that the FSR should keep bringing this topic up during the coming meetings. She also states that the researches on web lectures could be used in this progress. Emma states that there is no point of discussing this topic anymore and she would like to write a formal proposal to the board.

Yoav asks the FSR if the 'kennisclips' is a good alternative for students. The council likes this idea but would like to have the web lectures back. Samir asks if voting is a good idea during the GOV. Fabian states that this is not a good idea and this will have bad consequences for this issue. Tara states that this topic will mainly be brought up during the OV meetings and not during the GOV meetings.

Yoav states that the question on subsidies was answered after the OV meeting with Jan Dijk. Yoav asks the consent of the FSR for the faculty budget. Tara shows the letter of consent to the FSR. Tara states that this letter will be sent to the CSR and a final consent letter will be sent next week to the board. The faculty budget will be divided within the faculty departments. Tara asks for the consent of the FSR. The whole council votes in favour of the letter of consent. Rogier states about a little mistake in the letter. Tara will correct this.

Nina states on the role of the student contact person in the core team. She states that the FSR still has not received detailed information from Salomons. Rogier states that he would like to be a part of this core team with Nina and he would like to have a detailed description of this job. Rogier states that it is important to have an email account to contact the core team. Tara states that the O&O committee should be the representatives of the FSR for the core team. Some of the committee members will attend the core team meetings. Tara states that the common email account is a good idea and also effective for the next FSR.

Tara informs the FSR that it is important that when the FSR discusses issues during the meeting it's important that everyone speaks in the we-form. She also states that the FSR should discuss topics that are discussed before the meetings.

c. CSR update

Roos gives an update on what the CSR is doing. She states that some members are currently not working due to burnouts. Roos states about model OERs and that the CSR is working on that topic. Rogier asks on the new student portal and what the goal of the meetings is. Roos states that the goal of these meetings for the new student portal is that all the resources for students (grades, schedules, courses, etc.) are available in one place.

Rogier states that a place for student associations on this new portal should be a good idea. Roos will get more information on this new student portal. Yoav brings in the issue of the master students in connection with this new student portal. He states that the new student portal should also have better resources for international students.

d. Honours meeting summary

Rogier informs the FSR on the honours meeting. He states that there are a lot of students who would like to join the honours program. The board of the honours would like to change the enrollment criteria from 7,5 to 8,0. They would like to change this in the OER. Rogier states that there will be an 'instapwerkgroep'. This will be a werkgroep for students who are not in the honours program but students who are participating to see how the honours program works. Rogier also states that there are plans to decrease the honours program. This means that fewer students can enroll in the honours program. Samir states that Salomons will argue that there will be no budget left for the 'instapwerkgroep'. Nina states that she does not agree on this topic.

Samir states that the FSR should discuss this topic and proposal on the honours program should be discussed first individually with Salomons.

Rogier states that more students are signing up for the honours program than the actual places there are for the students. He also states that there is a program on the enrollment criteria of the minimum of 7,5 and changing this to 8,0 would have consequences for the students. Rogier also states that the image of the honours program is not as good as must be. He proposes that the honours program should be more involved with the students. He states that this could be possible through student associations. Rogier also states that there will be more meetings with the board of the honours program.

e. Web lectures – next steps

→ b. next steps from yesterday's OV

f. Dutch Bachelor OER

Rogier states that in the courses of the Dutch bachelors marks can be rounded up from ,1 to ,9 and ,0 and ,5. He would like to propose that marks can be graded from ,1 to ,9. Yoav states that ,0 could also be possible. Rogier states that this is a good proposal. The FSR agrees on this topic.

Fabian states that all the students should have minimum one test exam available. The FSR agrees on this amendment. He also states that under personal circumstances should not be non-exhaustive. The FSR agrees on this amendment.

g. Dutch Masters OER

Nina states that exams with the answers and explanations should be published after the exams. She also states that the topic of decimals should be the same as in the Dutch bachelors and English masters.

Nina states that students who are at the end of their bachelor and want an extra retake of the exam, won't need to have a minimum 4 as a grade. Tara states that she also discussed this topic during the PPLE OC meetings and asks what the main goal is. Nina states that it is important in the interest of the student it is important to have this article changed.

h. English Masters OER

Emma states that students should have minimum one practice exam in their courses. The FSR agrees on this amendment. Nina states that part A of the English Masters OER is the same as the Dutch Masters OER.

Emma and Nina state that the marks are given should be with a maximum of 1 decimal from 0,1 to 0,9. Decimals will not be round up to ,0 or ,5. Tara states that this should be also for the final marks. Tara states that this should be added to the amendment. She also states that this should not be decided by the course coordinator but this should be a rule in the OER.

3. To Dos

- Contact Hinke Nijman on the whiteboard in the council room.
- O&O will write a proposal on the web lectures.
- O&O will send Salomons an email on the core team.

4. Other updates

Nina informs the FSR about an issue of two master students from the master International Trade and Investment Law. They had complaints on the grading of courses and communication problems. These students will contact the respective committees (OC). After this, the FSR will look into the issue and discuss what the following steps will be. Nina explains to the council what the issue was and what the students already have done to try to solve this issue. Yoav states that after this a meeting with Mireille van Eechoud (program director of the masters) would be a good idea.

5. WTTK

6. Closing of the meeting

Tara closes the meeting at 18.51.