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Date: Monday 17 February 2020
Time: 15:00 – 17:00
Location: REC A, Room A1.04
Contact person: Tara Olsen
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Present: Rogier Simons, Fabian van Hal, Emma Verhulp, Nina Hol, Yoav Weinberg, Tara Olsen,
Sebastiaan Saelman, Katarynza Niedzwicka, Samir Bougrina, Aashish Pradeep
Absent: Roos Creyghton, Guido Bakker
Guests:
Secretary: Jeyanth Sithamparappillai

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

Tara opens the meeting at 15.16.

2. Setting the agenda:

a. To do's

i. PR

b. CSR update

Tara states that the CSR has given the budget for website designing. She also states that the CSR discussed the issue on the coronavirus and discrimination. The CSR would like to stop such happenings, like the Folia video where only Asian students were asked about the coronavirus. Tara states that the CSR is discussing a letter to discuss this issue.

The internet protocol is also going to be changed due to security reasons. This protocol is about the websites from the UvA.

Tara also states that in the week off next year there might be deadlines for assignments. She states this is not fully a lecture-free-week.

c. PR

i. Deaner

Fabian states that there are a date and time for the deaner. He states that it will be on March 10, 2020, from 6 PM. He also states that the promotion of this event will start shortly. Nina states that a Facebook event is necessary to promote it with the students. Yoav states that due to the financial aspects it is important to know how much the faculty board will pay for this event. Emma and Fabian will be in charge of this event.

ii. Roeterseiland festival

Tara states that she and Nina went to a meeting with FSR-FEB to discuss the Roeterseiland festival. Tara states that the marketing department needs to know about this event. This is important due to legal reasons. This event will be an event for recreative reasons and students and employees of the UvA. Guido will contact the FdR marketing department.

iii. List of things to do and who will do what by when

Bonding event → Emma states that she has some ideas to do with the council.

WC-krant → Fabian states that the next issue is almost done. Emma states that promotion of the student parties will be placed in the WC-krant as well due to the coming elections in May.

Inwerkweekend → Tara states that there will be no inwerkweekend this year and something alternative needs to be organised.

d. O&O

i. OER advices

Tara states that she would like to have all the advices before the next PV. She states that the templates should be used which were sent by the Secretary.

Nina states that she will be writing the advice on the 'taaltoets'. She asks the opinion of the council of this issue. Rogier states that the taaltoets is a good idea but should be improved. He states that it is disturbing that FdR is the only faculty which has not a taaltoets. He also states that some students have a very low level of language skills in the third year during the bachelor thesis. Yoav agrees with Rogier to keep the taaltoets in the first year of the bachelor. Yoav also states an alternative would be better than a negative BSA when the student did not pass the taaltoets. He states that the consequences as it is, for now, might be too harsh. Rogier states that something must be found on the middle ground with the faculty board. Nina states that alternatives are better for students, such as following an extra course. Rogier states that the council can advise on this topic. Emma states that it is important for the students to learn how to write instead of passing a multiple-choice test. She states that such a test will not improve much

the writing skills of the students. Rogier states that ideas are very well but the taaltoets is designed compared with the tests on other law faculties in The Netherlands. Samir states that there should lectures before the taaltoets is taken by the students. Rogier states that there are already lectures for students to learn for the taaltoets. Nina states that on the University of Leiden there are lectures for students to improve their language skills. The council will write an advice on this topic and send it to the faculty board. Nina states that the taaltoets should not be during the exam weeks.

Tara states that Emma and Nina will email the Exam Committee on the issue of the one decimal grading and rounding up.

e. O&F

- i. Photo competition update**

f. GOV breakdown

g. Topics for the next OV

3. To Dos

- O&F has to plan a meeting with the diversity officer.
- Working agreements amendments.
- PR: Create a Facebook event for the Deaner.
- Guido will contact the Marketing Department about the Roeterseiland festival.
- O&O: write the OER-advice.

4. Other updates

5. WVTTK

Tara states the issue of Guido as a PR-chair. She states that the committee did not function as expected. She also states that Guido needs to give a reactions before the council votes. Guido commented in the WhatsApp chat on the issue of voting him out of his position of PR-chair. Tara states that this voting is only about the position of the PR-chair. Nina states that there is also an issue with the payment of the committee-chair. She states that it is important to get a new PR-chair as soon as possible. Samir would like to give Guido another chance to state his opinion. Katie states that she agrees with Samir and she would like to give Guido another chance to explain himself but she has not seen him during the meetings in the last period.

Emma states that there is no reason to give Guido a second chance if he does not improve and show this to the council. Tara states that it is important to have a productive and functional council. She states that this

cannot happen when the PR-chair is not fulfilling his job as a PR-chair. Tara states that the members should email their vote to the Secretary whether they would like to have Guido as PR-chair or not.

Voting results: 4 yes, 6 no, 1 abstain. Because there is no majority (2/3 votes), Guido will stay on as the PR-chair.

6. Closing of the meeting

Tara closes the meeting at 17.00.