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Date: Monday, 24 February, 2020
Time: 15:00 – 17:00
Location: REC A, Room A1.04
Contact person: Tara Olsen
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Present: Emma Verhulp, Samir Bougrina, Rogier Simons, Fabian van Hal, Nina Hol, Guido Bakker, Yoav Weinberg
Absent: Aashish Pradeep, Katarynza Niedzwicka, Roos Creyghton, Tara Olsen, Sebastiaan Saelman
Guests:
Secretary: Jeyanth Sithamparappillai

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

Nina opens the meeting at 15.15.

2. Setting the agenda:

a. To-dos

i. O&F sets up a meeting with Diversity officer and PPLE diversity board

Nina states that there will be a meeting with the Diversity Officer. She asks the council to give questions to O&O, if they have any.

b. CSR update

i. FSR chair meeting

Nina states that she had a meeting with all the chairs of the FSR (UvA). She states that the meeting was with all the vice-chairs. She also states that the discussion of the results is at FNWI. At this faculty, the discussion was accepted by the faculty board.

c. PR

i. Deaner update

Guido states that the Deaner is on March 10, 2020, at 6 PM. He states that there is room for 30 students. Guido states that he will go to the Deaner as a delegate from PR. Nina asks when the registration will start for the Deaner. Guido states that tomorrow, Tuesday, February 25, the registration will start. The council agrees to close the registration on Friday, March 6.

Guido states that the detailed overview on the dinner will follow due to allergies, etc. Emma will create a Google Form for the registration.

ii. Roerterseiland festival – think of ideas before PV of what we think students would want

Guido states that PR is still working on this event. He states that it is not yet clear what the purpose of the event is for the FSR. Nina states that the council will work together with the other faculties on REC. She also states that the council needs to participate actively to get the event organised from the FdR side. She states that the marketing department from FdR will follow up as soon as possible with further information. Guido will e-mail Facility Services for more and extra information.

d. O&O

i. Dutch Bachelor OER

Yoav is very pleased with the advice written by Rogier and Fabian. He complements the members for their work on the advice. Yoav asks for the alternative option of essays on the issue of the taaltoets. Fabian states that with writing essays to prevent students to be kicked out of the study in their third year (final bachelor year). Rogier states that the essays are more as a conclusive function to pass the taaltoets.

Yoav also asks what could be done with language lectures. Rogier states that sooner or later you need to pass the taaltoets. Yoav states that a negative BSA is an option he does not like. He states that the way the Vrije Universiteit (VU) works with the taaltoets is more efficient for students. Nina states that the procedure on the VU is graded with AVV. Guido states that there some conflict in the way the BSA and taaltoets go together. Yoav agrees with this point of view. Yoav states that a negative BSA could be done but only if the students will get an early start on the language courses. Samir states that the taaltoets is a good thing for the bachelor but he states that there must a solution for students who are not fully capable of the Dutch language. Fabian states that the taaltoets, as it is for now, too heavy on the bachelor of the students. Emma states that the main goal of the taaltoets is missed. She states that learning the language happens by writing and not taking a taaltoets to test your language skills.

Nina states that discussions due to other issues regarding this advice can be brought up on a later moment with the faculty board. Nina also states that the alternatives for the taaltoets must be described more detailed in the advice. Rogier and Nina discuss the options for extra lectures to pass the taaltoets. The council discusses the option of AVV for the taaltoets. Samir states that an option of mandatory lectures is important to pass the taaltoets after not passing it for the first time. Emma suggests that an 8 of higher received could free you from the taaltoets.

Yoav asks about the one decimal advice. Nina states that the FSR has no right to consent on this topic of the OER. She also states that written advice will be sent to the Exam Committee due to the reason that the advice of the council is not followed by the faculty board. Emma and Nina will write this letter.

ii. Dutch Masters OER

iii. English Masters OER

Guido states that the Law and Finance master has a requirement to have passed the Corporate Law course. He states that this is a Dutch course. Nina states that the Program Director of the Masters already agreed to get this requirement off.

Guido states that the requirement of passing the English language test for higher marks should be on secondary level. He also states that the validation period of the marks should be five years instead of two years.

iv. PPLE OER

This advice will be discussed later due to the absence of the PPLE-members.

e. O&F

i. Diversity officer meeting 25/02 at 11:00

f. Regeling Campagnefinanciering Studentenraadsverkiezingen (mail we received 22/02)

Nina states that the members who are leading the campaign should read this email very seriously. It is important that the campaign managers from the respective parties know what is in the rules and they need to message the CSR if they want something changed. The consent of the FSR needs to be given before March 1, 2020.

g. OV topics

i. Mater student letter updates

ii. Informing them of our associations day plans and the final deaner plans

iii. Photo competition – show the 5 pictures we chose (we will choose them next PV)

iv. Importance of student wellbeing and how to get them to go to the student counsellor (maybe ask for current stats, e.g. how long does a student need to wait to get an appointment, how visible are they, etc)

v. Taaltoets? To explain the advice we gave?

vi. Web lecture survey

3. To Dos

- Next PV: photo competition, working agreements amendments, OV topics

4. Other updates

5. WVTTK

Nina and Rogier give an update on the Coronavirus in Italy. Rogier states that the study association MP Vrij has planned to go to Italy. As for now, it is not a problem to go due to the specific region where the students are going. Rogiers states that he will keep the students updated.

6. Closing of the meeting

Nina closes the meeting at 17.00.