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Date: Tuesday 14 April 2020
Time: 17:00 – 19:00
Location: Online, on Zoom
Contact person: Tara Olsen
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Present: Tara Olsen, Rogier Simons, Nina Hol, Katarynza Niedzwiecka, Sebastiaan Saelman, Emma Verhulp, Samir Bougrina, Fabian van Hal
Absent: Yoav Weinberg, Aashish Pradeep, Guido Bakker, Roos Creighton
Guests:
Secretary: Jeyanth Sithamparappillai

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

Tara opens the meeting at 17.33.

2. Setting the agenda:

- a. To-dos
- b. CSR update
Tara gives an update on the OV meeting she had with CSR. She states that she discussed the ‘harde knip’ and the tuition fee. She also states that the student election will be online. She states that there will be an online platform for student parties to promote their members. Nina states that she had a meeting with the bachelor director about the ‘harde knip’. She states that they discussed that the exams will continue. Tara states that this is still discussed one UvA central level.
Tara asks the council to give a representative of each party for the online student elections.
- c. PR
 - i. WC-Krant online!!!
 - ii. Preparing for online elections
- d. Questions to the Dean
- e. Think of whether there is anything you want to achieve before the end of our term

3. To Dos

20200421: PR: set up a meeting to discuss elections.

20200421: Discuss the idea of coffee talks with the FSR.

4. Other updates

5. WTTK

Rogier states that he wrote a letter on the concerns of students due to the coronavirus. He states that he discussed the issues within the council before he discussed this with the Bachelor's Director of FdR. He states that we need to take the seriousness of the students' needs to be taken seriously. He also states that he wrote this letter based on information given by the students. Students from the FdR send their concerns to the email of the council.

Emma asks if Rogier changed the letter after the last three emails sent by students. Rogier states that he filled the letter with the new information from the students.

Rogier states that he will send the letter as soon as possible, as the problems need to be taken care of as soon as possible. Samir states that it is a nice letter. He would like to know what the solution is for the bachelor thesis and its deadline. Rogier states that postponing the first deadline will follow to postpone the second and final date as well. Rogier states that his deadline has been postponed. Samir states that the solution on the deadline should be more specific.

Tara states that students could have issues if the exams will be postponed to the next year. Rogier states that it will not be postponed to the next year but to the month of July.

Rogier states that some OC-members understand the issues which the students are having. He also states that some teachers have organized 'social meetings' on Zoom to help the students in this crisis. Rogier urges the members to share stories from students with the council. Samir states he likes these initiatives but he would also like that the students not only will keep studying hard but that we find a balance between the current circumstances and studying. He states that the focus should not be only on delaying and postponing but also on concrete solutions. Rogier states that the teachers are working hard on keeping the students busy but there are circumstances which make this harder. Katie states that she does not agree with Samir and she states that the personal circumstances of individual students should be taken seriously. Samir states that he understands this and thinks this is important. Fabian states that most of the students have two courses, a bachelor thesis, and two exams. He states this is more than double what students normally have. He also states not to forget the personal situation of some students and the stress they are experiencing. Fabian states that he agrees with Katie, some of us have family or friends who are seriously ill.

Samir would like to know what the UvA is doing on mental health issues. Tara states that the UvA will send a survey to students. Samir states that he would like to have more solutions sooner. Rogier states that some teachers are already working on this issue. He also states that these ideas/initiatives could be used by other teachers as well. Tara states that this could be shared with the OR.

6. Closing of the meeting

Tara closes the meeting at 18.35.