

Date: Tuesday 21 April 2020  
Time: 17:00 – 19:00  
Location: Online, on Zoom  
Contact person: Tara Olsen  
E-mail: [fsr-fdr@uva.nl](mailto:fsr-fdr@uva.nl)

Present: Nina Hol, Tara Olsen, Yoav Weinberg, Samir Bougrina, Aashish Pradeep, Fabian van Hal, Emma Verhulp, Rogier Simons, Guido Bakker  
Absent: Sebastiaan Saelman, Katarynza Niedzwiecka, Roos Creyghton  
Guests:  
Secretary: Jeyanth Sithamparappillai

## Agenda

### 1. Opening of the meeting

Tara opens the meeting at 17.08.

### 2. Setting the agenda:

#### a. To-dos

#### b. CSR update

##### i. Chair meeting

Tara states that she had a meeting with the FSR chairs last Monday. She states that she discussed some topics with the chairs.

##### ii. Secretary hours

Tara states that she discussed the different hours of the secretaries. She states that all the faculties choose their hours instead of having the same hours for all the secretaries. Tara states that the standard hours are 8 hours per week. She would like to know the council is in favour of pushing up the hours. Samir asks how many hours the secretary works. Tara states that the secretary of FdR works more than the six hours he gets paid.

##### iii. Strategy plan consenting rights

Tara states that the CSR discussed the strategy plan. She states that she would like to know what the board is up to and to give any updates. She also states that the council has a voting right on this plan.

The council has consenting rights on this plan. Nina asks if the council needs to inform the faculty board or the CSR inform them. Tara states that the FSR needs to do it individually. Tara asks if there are no objections to this. The council agrees. Rogier states that he would not make too much a point of this. Tara states that she would like to inform the faculty board on this and she would like to know their stance on the councils rights.

**iv.** Policy making for further lockdown situations

Tara states that she discussed the way of policy making due to the current circumstances. She states that the policy should be written on paper. Tara would like to know what the council thinks about this. Rogier states that there might be a chance for a second outbreak. He also states that policy for these situations should be written on paper. Rogier states that the current situation will be still going on in the first period of the next study year. Yoav asks Rogier what the situation is on period 6 of this year. He states that the faculty board was not clear on this period. Nina states that she asked this and she also would like to have more information on the situation for period 6. She states that the faculty board stated that they will wait till further information from the Dutch government. She also states that the faculty board is working on online courses and exams but this will not be announced yet. Rogier states that the faculty board is depended on the stance of the central board. He also states that the central board could be more rational on the current situation. Tara states that the CSR wrote an advice to the central board about period 6 and how the education will be given.

**v.** Proctoring

Tara states that she discussed the pilot of proctoring with the CSR. She states that the issues/concerns were discussed within the CSR. She asks the council if they have some concerns with this to let her know. Samir asks if there will be minutes of this meeting. Tara states that there will be, a week after the meeting. Samir states that it is quite heavy with this program. He states that not all computers can handle this program. Tara states that she had some experiences with this and she states that she would have to increase her RAM on her computer to have access to this program. Samir states that students should know what the rules are and this should be communicated clearly to the students. He also states that there should be some guarantees on privacy. Yoav states that he agrees with Samir. He also would like to know how the exams will be made with this proctoring. Tara states that this program is an extension in your web browser. Yoav states that he would like to know why UvA does not use TestVision, the program that is normally used with exams. Emma states that she made her European Law exam with TestVision. Emma also states that she would not be okay with the fact that proctoring can record you during the exam, even in the current circumstances. Nina states that with this program the whole room can be seen during the exam. Rogier states that he read an update on proctoring on the UvA website and he had a lot of questions on this. He also would like to know what the specific objections are that Emma has. Emma states that this has more to do with principals and the privacy should be guaranteed. Tara states that there issues on the storing of the data as well because this is a American program. Rogier states that this is an emergency situation and the seriousness of taking exams should be guaranteed. He states that this will be done with this program. Samir states that he has a lot of respect for the stance of Emma.

He also states students should be given an extra option on how to take the exam. Tara states that from a legal stance the student should have a second option when the student does not want to use this program. Nina states that there should be a checking/controlling program during the exams but all the measurements taken by this program are too much. Yoav states that he understands the view of Emma but he gets the seriousness of the current situation and agrees with Rogier as well. Emma states that giving the student a second option, taking the exam at the university, is good. She states that this could compensate for the students who do not want to use this program. Rogier understands this point of view. He also states that exams taken by master students are changed to the situation of taking home exams. He states that this should be done with the other exams as well. Tara states that there is some much negativity on this program and asks why the UvA does not consider an alternative option. Guido states that making exams at the university is not an option because the UvA cannot force teachers to come to the university. Nina agrees with Guido.

**c. Coffee talks with the FSR FdR**

Tara states that Samir brought up this idea last PV. Samir explains the concept of coffee talks with the council. He states that the council has built up a network now with the students. He would like to organise meetings with students. Nina states that she thinks this a fun concept. Tara states that PPLE has this concept as well.

**d. Questions to the Dean**

Samir would like to know how the third-year members think about the zachte knip. Rogier states that first he was interested but he has some questions of on the ground of 'corona related'. He states that a lot of students have stress due to the current situation. He would like to know if this a cause of corona related or not. Tara states that this was also the concern of CSR and she states that this will be discussed.

Samir states that not all the students are happy with the way the exams are taken. He states that students should get a shorter evaluation form to have the feedback on how the exams are taken. Tara states that she will aks the board on the feedback from students. Samir would like to send out feedback forms to the students if the faculty board is not going to get any feedback from the students. Tara states that FEB did some test exams to know how the system works.

**3. To Dos**

**PR: organise Coffee Talks with FdR students.**

**4. Other updates**

**5. WTTK**

Samir asks what the stance is on the mental health situation of students. He would like to know what the solutions are for students who have suffered due to the current situation. Tara states that the CSR is working on this topic and there will be a webpage created to inform the students on mental health issues. She states that this will be online within a few weeks.

Emma states that some teachers do not know the current situation of students. She states that some teachers reacted unappropriated students. Nina states that teachers and staff got an email that they should consider the circumstances of students as well.

Emma asks if the council also saw the email on the higher average. Nina does not agree with this email. Emma states that students get higher marks if they have high averages. Emma states that there was a discussion on giving fail/pass as marks as well.

**6. Closing of the meeting**

Tara closes the meeting at 18.12.