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Date: 1 October 2020
Time: 17:00 – 19:00
Location: Online
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Present: Thomas Owens, Domenico Ricciuto, Assamaual Saidi, Rober Lange, Olaf Stolk, Vincent Loos, Katarynza Niedzwiecka, Clemens Schreiber, Alla Molibog, Jane Bhairosingh, Rogier Simons
Absent: Zarah Winter
Guests:
Secretary: Jeyanth Sithamparappillai

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

Domenico opens the meeting at 17.03.

2. Setting the agenda:

a. Online exams

Domenico states that all the exams of this block will be online. He asks the input from the council. Clemens asks what backtracking is. Olaf states that backtracking is that you cannot go back to the next question. Rogier explains to the council the backtracking and proctoring on (bachelor) exams. Olaf states that he would like to have an alternative form of exams to the exams that are proctored. Rogier states that he agrees with Olaf his point and he would like to have alternatives. Assamaual states that he also agrees with this and he also states that the council should on the decision of the court. Jane asks what the alternative forms should be. Robert states that PPLE does for example open books. Rogier states that there are many alternative forms that could be proposed, such as an essay. Domenico states that a document on this issue will be drafted. Assamaual states that there should be compensation for students for the use of backtracking. Olaf states that it is childish. He also states that he agrees with Assamaual his points. Alla also states that she agrees with the points made. She also states that this no valid way to prevent that students will cheat. Katie states that students should have more time to answer. Olaf states that group or individual assignments could be an alternative form of exams as well. Robert states that due to some studies of proctoring the effects of it can be discussed as well. Rogier states that old positive studies of proctoring are also used to back the use of proctoring with exams.

b. IRL teaching prospects

Domenico states that teaching on campus will be the same as now. He also states that the board told Rogier that the FSR could campaign on the safety issues and rules on covid. Rogier states that the university wishes to stay open but the students on campus tend to break the rules. He also states that the distance rule is not followed enough. Alla asks what the PR can do concretely. Rogier states that encouragement posts on social media can help. He also states that the promotion of the FSR might help to get in contact with them. Alla states that the O&F committee worked on the issue of accessibility to the campus buildings. She states that they discussed why there are empty spaces and why some spaces are not open. She also states that there is a limited amount of people allowed on campus. She also states that students might have to wear a mask if they want to access the buildings. Clemens states that students in Switzerland wear masks and everything was open on its campus. Rogier states that this should be discussed on the central level by the delegate Assamaual. He also states that the university is not a public place, so the advice from the government does not apply on campus. Assamaual states that he heard from the central level that a director stated that students walking by each other cannot infect each other. Alla states that there are different opinions on this point. The council discusses the different stances on the rules and use of face masks.

c. Photo competition

Robert states that last year's O&F committee organised a photo competition. He states that students could participate with photos which could be hung up on campus. He explains to the council the procedure and shows the photos. The council voted on the photos. Six votes against photo 4. Three votes against photo 6. One photo against. 5.

d. Office supplies

Olaf states that some councilmembers asked if home/office supplies can be declared by the UvA. He also states that it is unclear what exactly can be declared. He asks what the council thinks of that. Rogier states that he discussed this with some UvA employees about supplies. Alla states that she is in favour of using the budget for office/home supplies. Rogier states that he agrees with Alla. Assamaual states that all the costs should be discussed and voted within the council first. The council discusses the way of declaring supplies. The council agrees on emailing the (invoices of the) supplies to the treasurer (Olaf).

3. Other updates

a. Kern-team

Rogier states that Zarah and Vincent will be the new members of the kern-team. He also states that he will email Salomons to give the update.

b. ASVA demonstration

Domenico states that there will be a demonstration by students this Friday. He explains to the council the purpose of this demonstration.

4. WTTK

Domenico states that the chair and vice-chair will meet with the ASVA board.

Alla gives the council an update on the photos. She states that everyone should choose one or the PR committee will choose it for you. She also states that some posts on Instagram will follow.

Katie states that about the planning of PV's and the absence of Zarah.

Olaf asks what the official stance of the FSR is on backtracking. Rogier states that O&O will reply to that specific email.

5. Closing of the meeting

Domenico closes the meeting at 18.20.

6. Action list

- **20201008 Email the supplies that need to be bought to the treasurer.**
- **20201008 Write a proposal to the board on alternative exam forms.**