



minutes

Meeting Faculty Council

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Present

FC: Gerd Weitkamp (chair), Roberta Rutigliano, Jodi Sturge (online), Anthony Simpatico, Bart Folgerts, Nigel Onwuachu, Fleur Bogema, Martijn Hoekstra

FB: Tialda Haartsen, Marga Hids, Dirk Strijker, Coen Keijzer

Others: Peter-Jan Reinders (RECG), Ibn Battuta

Absent

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Minutes taken by

Eliza van der Ploeg-Bout

Last minutes (22 September 2020) approved

Yes, without changes

1. Actions

Number	Who?	What?	When?	See point
20201103-1	Rutigliano	Contact Huizinga and the DoE about video tutorial and support button in Nestor for students.		
20201103-2	Weitkamp	Answer letter FC Faculty of Arts		

2. Finished actions:

20200922-1: The Board (Graduate School = GS) has communicated to the PhD's the procedure for getting extension due to Corona.

20200922-2: Sturge has notified the PhD Council and the GS that the mandatory sessions for PhDs are now online, but always full and has suggested that more online possibilities should be offered.

3. Decisions/Advice

Number	Subject	See point

4. For information

4.1 Update Housing: The Executive Board has approved of the plans for the Atrium (NL: kas). To be continued.

4.2 Update Research visitation: The visitation has happened. The outcome is expected half December. To be continued.

4.3 Update Zero tolerance policy: Ongoing. HR will adapt the active bystander training for our Faculty. Focus on awareness, culture and integrity. Aim: in January online meeting.

4.4 Update Councils meeting: Weitkamp attended the meeting last week. Subjects: Corona and Van Rijn. Both are on the agenda of this meeting.

5. Corona update

Well-being of students:

Sadly, problems are not so visible. The overall impression (and in comparison with other faculties) is that FSS is doing reasonably well. Also, in general the communication is good.

However, student and staff participation/involvement is a concern. Student members note that even student-student communication is breaking down. The board has tried to improve this and has talked with Ibn Battuta. Ibn Battuta is organizing a workshop for students about how to get positive energy in both study and social context.

Furthermore, Merel Flap has joined the Corona taskforce of the Faculty on behalf of Ibn Battuta.

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Education: Online exam problems -> fraud:

Luckily, in our Faculty this is not a big issue. The Faculty has very good guidelines from the Director of Education (DoE). Compliments from the FC to the Board/DoE for this. Compared to other faculties FSS is doing quite well. Besides, all lecturers have been offered extra support from student assistants and extra staff has been appointed.

Education: Nestor video tutorial

Rutigliano has talked with Rick Huizinga whether a video tutorial about Nestor (about f.e. breakout groups) with students as target audience could be made. Haartsen suggests adding a support button in each course on Nestor with links to video tutorials, FAQ etc. (Action: Rutigliano contacts Huizinga and the DoE about this)

Compliments box (best practices) ProGeo

ProGeo is opening a compliments box on their Instagram for collecting best practices. When this is operational then ProGeo would appreciate an announcement/introduction email from the board to students as a Board notification carries more weight. ProGeo will mail the Board in due time.

Extension for PhDs due to Corona

Four Phds have responded to the call about needing extension because of Corona.

6. Letter of FC of Faculty of Arts about redistribution of University Funds under the Van Rijn recommendations

Weitkamp recounts the information from the Councils meeting. Although the procedure did not go well, the FC understands why the decision has been made. Therefore the FC will not support the petition/letter. Weitkamp answers the FC of the Faculty of Arts.

7. Other business and closing

No other comments.

Next meeting is **15 December 2020**.