



minutes

Meeting Faculty Council (FC)

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Present

FC: Gerd Weitkamp (chair), Roberta Rutigliano, Jodi Sturge (partly), Anthony Simpatico, Bart Folgers, Nigel Onwuachu, Fleur Bogema, Martijn Hoekstra; new members Pro Geo
 FB: Johan Woltjer, Tialda Haartsen, Marga Hids (later), Coen Keijzer
 Others: Jelmer de Rijke (Ibn Battuta); Arjan van den Assem (t/m TER), Nienke Harteveld (t/m TER); RECG Niek ...

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Absent

Claudia Yamu, Jodi Sturge (w.n.)

Minutes taken by
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Last minutes (11 May 2021) approved
 Yes, without changes

1. Actions

Number	Who?	What?	When?	See point
20210126-5	Weitkamp/Hids	Check whether new/better solution for problem of students (with regard to laptop requirements in GIS-course in 2B) with CIT is sufficient/enough.	Ongoing. Hopefully next year computers available for all students.	
20210511-3	Weitkamp	Answer Lijst Calimero. [20210601: <i>planning of academic year for discussion on FC agenda next year</i>].		10
20210601-1	Weitkamp	Inform Facility Services with regard to the prevention coordinators.	16-6	

2. Finished actions:

20210309-1: Woltjer would check the comment about the planning of the study load for HGP specifically. Van den Assem informs the FC that the Programme Committee (PC) HGP has discussed the planning of fieldwork in semester 2A. It will be an action point for next year for the PC.

20210309-2: Van den Assem informs the FC that developing a Teaching Academy is still the intention. At the moment the plans are on hold due to Covid-19.

20210511-1: It turned out that an encouragement notification for intranet to vote in the university elections was not necessary anymore.

20210511-2: Weitkamp has written a letter to the Board with the FC's agreement on the university plan 'Ruggesteun'.

3. Decisions/Advice

Number	Subject	See point
20210601-a	The FC approves the TER MSc 2021-2022 and the TER BSc 2021-2022 without changes.	4

4. For information/received documents

4.1 Accreditation of the Research Master: On Monday 7 June a panel meeting has been scheduled. The faculty has prepared well for the sessions. To be continued.

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4.2 Zero tolerance update: In the strategic plan a strong statement about diversion and inclusion has been included. An Active Bystander training has been organized. Furthermore, work on a safe study and working environment is in progress. The Faculty Board has this on their agenda and for next year(s), there are some action points for staff planned. The FB very much appreciates input/advice from the FA, so the new FC is invited to think and work with the FB on this item (suggestions: how to professionalize behavior/interaction; more open discussions; organizing diversity day to celebrate diversity etc).

5. Teaching and Examination Regulations

General comment 1: The Appendix has the same legal status as the Articles.

General comment 2: The TER mentions examinations, final assessments and assessment plan. It looks like everything is an exam, except the thesis is an assessment: the DoE has contacted the judicial department to be sure.

Questions and comments of the FC are answered and discussed. The FC approves the TER MSc 2021-2022 and the TER BSc 2021-2022 without changes. The articles discussed are mentioned below:

BSc

2.6.4.: not distinguished.

2.7.: is it possible to make matching mandatory? Yes, but not for coming year. Good to have this year a discussion about matching and even more selection.

3.6.: final assessment is thesis. This is all part of examination? Mock version exam: discussion what is meant. A student should not be surprised and know what kind of questions will be asked. -> Literal translation of WHD.

7.3.: Open degree programme: does it apply to our programme? Refers to what in the past was called 'vrije variant'. Discussion by parliament and ministry. So now this variant. For us it is new.

9.4.: twice a year vs max two a year in MSc -> perhaps a translation thing? Hartevelde contacted ABJZ about this that it should be matched (in text for TER next year).

9.5.: happens in our faculty? Placement is internship. Examiner is someone from staff here in Groningen.

9.7.: mock version: students should not be surprised. So for an essay: student should know how a lecturer will grade. DoE has asked the PC's to keep eye on this.

9.17.: plagiarism: students should know about ethics etc. and when students enrol, they should know that the faculty uses this scanner. It is not required to inform students beforehand but you could do it. Checked are thesis and written assignments. So this could be an exam? Yes.

10.6.: do we need this kind of detail about the assessment plan in the TER? Yes, according to the model TER. The DoE wants for next year an assessment plan dossier for references. The Honours College has its own TER, so what is needed in this TER to explain about Honours? DoE: FSS has to have it in all the TER. It has to be in the programmes.

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2.6.: mentioning International students and Dutch students -> this is based on Dutch law. The law makes a difference, therefore FSS has to do it too. Article is about origin of person (nationality).

6. Covid-19 update

At the moment the aimed scenario for next academic year is physical education on campus per September. This will require students to be in Groningen or nearby to be present. The

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limit for groups is still 75 people, so for large lectures there should be found a solution. The Board confers with Ibn Battuta about connecting 2nd and 3rd year students (not only 1st year students). For exchange students is a risk assessment plan in place. There are arrangements to make it easier to go abroad, but it is per partner. Students can check with Van Steen.

8. Other business and closure

Next meeting is Tuesday 13 July 2021 and, if possible, will be on campus.