



minutes

Meeting Faculty Council (FC)

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Present

FC: Gerd Weitkamp (chair), Roberta Rutigliano, Jodi Sturge (partly), Anthony Simpatico, Bart Folgerts, 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 (only for TER), Nienke Harteveld (only for TER); RECG

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Absent

Claudia Yamu

Minutes taken by
 Eliza van der Ploeg

Last minutes (1 June 2021) approved
 Yes, without changes

1. Actions

Number	Who?	What?	When?	See point
20210713-1	Van der Ploeg	On year planning FC: - Planning of academic year. - Improving communication PC-FC.		2 7

2. Finished actions:

20210126-5: Weitkamp contacted CIT about a better solution for students having problems with GIS. They are working on it. Currently it is not available through the online work environment. Recommendation: keep a good look at it. Hids also named it again in her meeting with CIT.

20210511-3: Weitkamp has answered Lijst Calimero about their memo Effective Vacation. Note 20210601: planning of academic year for discussion on FC agenda next year.

20210601-1: Weitkamp has informed Facility Services with regard to the appointment of the prevention coordinators.

3. Decisions/Advice

Number	Subject	See point
20210713-a	The FC approves the TER PhD.	5
20210713-b	The FC approves the Faculty Regulations.	7

4. For information/received documents

4.1 Ombudsman: Hids informs the FC about the agreement per 1-7-2021 of one 'Ombudsman' per university (0.8 fte Ombudsperson for staff and students). Start date: hopefully 1-9.

4.2 Accreditation Research Master: It was received well. There was one specific item for improvement, so FSS has an additional task to submit an improvement plan on clarifying the extra tasks ReMa-students do (deadline 1-11).

5. Teaching and Examination Regulations PhD

The FC has one comment about the term 'international students' in Art. 2.2.4; whether this is a good distinction or not. This is a returning discussion. The FB keeps forwarding this to the inner city. The admission board decides the level of proficiency, therefore there is not too much detail in this TER.

The FC approves the TER PhD 2021-2022.

Action

6. Covid-19 update and Academic year 2021-2022

There has been no change in the guidelines for preparing the education per September 2021. The Faculty still prepares for in-person education on campus. Several initiatives concerning Covid-responsibility are being developed (help and communicate the principles of one's own responsibility), probably posters/testing/masks etc. Although there are new concerns with regard to the steep rise of infections in Groningen, there is no change in policy yet. There is still the requirement for students to be in Groningen per September. The capacity of lecture halls is sufficient for FSS. Also, the overall capacity calculations for staff are good. Furthermore, FEB will use another building, therefore FSS has more lecture rooms available.

Special attention is paid to incoming students with realistic videos, matching etc.

7. Faculty Regulations

The FC has discussed the Faculty Regulations. It is noted that for all roles a duration is stated except for the Director of Education (DoE). The FC advises to apply this also to the DoE and to specify a length of duration.

In general the FB is in favour of revolving roles. Only the DoE is a job instead of a role (at FSS DoE is a job and role in one. However, in other faculties this is different and DoE is a role). However, it could be a consideration for the longer term.

The FC liked the changes in the chairs of department terms and the extension of who are allowed to fulfil this role. One point to be addressed is when an associate professor is chair of a department: with whom does he/she has the R&D conversation? Still under debate is what happens with current chairs.

About Art 15.1.d. the FC notes that the communication between the Programme Committees and the FC could be improved. No change in this document is needed, but it is more of a practical note that this could be improved. Woltjer suggests that perhaps programme coordinators could be invited by the FC to give updates. To be taken up by the new FC [Action/for year planning FC/Van der Ploeg].

The FC approves the Faculty Regulations.

8. FB Rules of Procedure (for information)

The FC has taken notice of the FB Rules of Procedure and appreciates being informed. The FC comments that it looks like the student assessor seems to be a member of the board, while formally the student assessor is no member of the board. The FC suggests to rephrase this. Hids takes note.

9. Other business and closure

The chair thanks all the FC members for their great effort and valuable input of last year. Next year new staff and student members will form the Faculty Council.

A special thanks from the FC and the FB to Weitkamp for his chairmanship and for the time and energy he devoted to the FC.

Next meeting is Tuesday 21 September 2021.