

BETREFT

Minutes Meeting FB / ODC / FSR BETA

DATUM

17 November 2022

LOCATIE

NU-02A54 and Zoom meeting

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13.00 – 14.30

GENODIGDEN / AANWEZIGEN

*ODC Bèta:*

Yves Bollen, Trynke Hoekstra, Ivo van Stokkum (chair ODC), Chris Vos, Dirk Essink, Anton Feenstra, Christian Bick, Priyanka Rao-Ruiz, Els Ufkes, Paul Jennings

*Toehoorder / auditor:*

Mabel Hoekstra en Hiran Rasi

*FB:*

Jacqueline van Muijlwijk-Koezen, Esther van Hengel, Johan Gemser, Maaike Verbree, Monique van de Raapkamp (HRM), Guus Schreiber, Iwan de Esch, Aletta Kraneveld en Mareanne Karssen

*FSR Bèta:*

Patricia Fierro-Hernández, Davit Darbinyan, Amber Rehman, Christien Xie, Bhakor Arrey, Beatrijs Grotenhuis, Maria Hannah Rosalinda Stivala, Abigail Lume Stead, Yuyu Bai

*Notulist / Minutes:*

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| <b>1</b> | <b>Agenda</b>   |
|          | <b>Opening en vaststellen agenda / Opening and adopting agenda</b><br><br>Ivo van Stokkum is chairing the meeting. Agenda is adopted.   |
| <b>2</b> | <b>Verslagen en mededelingen / Minutes and announcements</b>  |
| 2.1      | <b>Notulen / Minutes FGOV</b><br><br>No comments.   |
| 2.2      | <b>Notulen / Minutes FB</b><br><br>No comments. The key of SWT will be given in 2024.   |
| 2.3      | <b>Notulen / Minutes AHO</b><br><br>No comments.  |
| 2.4      | <b>Mededelingen / Announcements</b><br><br>The progress of VUture proof will be very important in the future of the VU. The future of the VU has high priority at the FB.<br><br>There is progress in solutions for the access of external teachers to the VU systems (f.e. teachers from UvA or Amsterdam UMC).  |
| <b>3</b> | <b>Onderwijs / Education</b>  |
| 3.1      | <b>Onderwijs / Education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparations (lockdown)<br/>The decision of implementing new measurements in case of the 'red phase' rests with the program directors.</li> </ul>   |
| 3.2      | <b>Planning OER 2023-2024</b><br>For information<br><br>FB: this is the schedule for the planning of the OER (especially for the FSR).  |
| <b>4</b> | <b>Bedrijfsvoering / Business operations</b>  |
| 4.1      | <b>Huisvesting Stand van zaken / Housing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• W&amp;N: Who is moving where is getting finalized.</li> <li>• SWT: Still going according to the schedule.</li> <li>• W&amp;N AB: The study associations are in good contact with FCO.</li> </ul> <p>The options we have are limited.</p> <p>The same norm (fte per square metre) has been used for departments that are already moved and will be moved. Almost every department has to squeeze in.</p> <p>ODC: We haven't heard about how many people are coming in O2 (Ecology). The communication about this is not good.</p> <p>The FB indicates that there is sufficient communication with all departments. Please check with your staff.</p> |

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|          | The FB is pleased with the departments working together to fit in.   |
| 4.2      | <p><b>Ratio OBP</b><br/>For information</p> <p>The faculty is growing tremendously, including financially. A lot of extra budget goes to educational staff. The amount of support is lagging behind.<br/>We are now aiming for a certain OBP ratio (between 22 and 30%). OBP concerns support within departments, but also in operations, educational office etc.</p> <p>Departments have been given money for more OBP. The ODC and FB discuss whether all departments have invested in more OBP. The FB indicates that not all departments have energetically worked on this. Hence (again) this call.</p> <p>The ODC indicates to strengthen the support at educational office.<br/>One of the problems of the support staff in departments is that they are very busy with administrative (HR) services.<br/>FB: the amount of HR (administrative) work is still a problem of the VU.</p>  |
| <b>5</b> | <b>Onderzoek / Research</b>  |
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| <b>6</b> | <b>Strategie / Strategy</b>  |
| 6.1      | <p><b>Sectorplannen</b><br/>For information</p> <p>There were thorough discussions between universities about the sectorplans.<br/>Our faculty gets a lot more budget. Departments are able to hire more staff.</p>  |
| 6.2      | <p><b>Thesis and placements regulations part A</b><br/>For discussion</p> <p>FB: we have discussed this with a lot of people of the BETA faculty. These regulations try to solve several problems.<br/>ODC: This is an impressive document, but we have important comments.<br/>For some programs the regulations fit quite well and it would be all right to accommodate. But for other it will not be useful and not possible (f.e. a second assessor is not available) and it will ensure an increasing work load.</p> <p>The general impression is that this will be too labor intensive and will increase the workload.<br/>The ODC gives some examples of the regulations which are unsound:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessors have to meet to decide on the final mark (why not take the average). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The mark 5.5 is suddenly insufficient.</li> <li>The third assessor solely determines the grade (conflict with 4-eyes principle).</li> <li>RDM plan. It looks like a labor-intensive protocol. Let the program directors decide which data will be stored.</li> <li>The memo rightly sees hurdles when it comes to the standard UNL internship contract with respect to IP/confidentiality issues. How exceptions can be granted by whom in which timeframe is unclear. It seems like a huge hassle. It will cost internships if the FB enforces the UNL contract.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

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|           | <p>Advice from the ODC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First have a good round of advice from program directors and OLC (the latter is ongoing).</li> <li>• Do not put too much in the common guidelines, but keep the programs in charge (as is the case now).</li> <li>• Don't fix, what isn't broken.</li> <li>• Please be aware of the implications for the workload.</li> <li>• Thesis and placement regulations - Part A&amp;B for each program is really too much bureaucracy.</li> </ul> <p>FB: The reasons why we have prepared this document is that some programs are doing well, but some programs do not. Another reasons is that we are obliged to include some of the regulations.</p> <p>We can have a template and programs can differ from this when necessary.</p> <p>ODC: why is it necessary to have these separate guidelines?<br/>The ODC suggests to put this as a (important chapter) in the TER.</p> <p>FB: We will look into it.</p> <p>ODC: The diversity of the projects of all our students are too big to maintain a common template. This can not fit in one standard contract. Most of our programs have no issues with legality and quality. Fix where it is needed and not at programs that work well.</p> <p>FB: we want to middle in this. We have to have regulations, but we do not want to fix well working programs. We will look into the suggestions of the ODC.</p> |
| <b>7.</b> | <b>Valorisatie / Valorization</b>   |
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| <b>8</b>  | <b>Overig / Any other business</b>  |
|           | <p>The FSR and FB discuss the printing and coffee credits of the FSR. Member of the policy team will get in touch with the FSR.</p> <p>The ODC suggests the refurbishment of the W&amp;N as a whole and a walkingbridge or something like that to cross De Boelelaan.</p> <p>The FB indicates that if the refurbishment of W&amp;N is an opportunity, this will be discussed. It looks like this will not be an option. Currently FCO is looking at a better crossing for De Boelelaan.</p> <p>The preparations for the demolition will start in 2023. Football fields will come in place.</p> <p>The FGOV agrees that it is a pity the botanical gardens have to go.</p> <p>The ODC thanks Guus for the fruitful collaboration and listening ear.</p> <p>Guus: We are blessed with the collaboration of the FSR and ODC. My thanks goes to you for your discussion and empathy.</p>  |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>Rondvraag en sluiting</b>  |
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