

**BETREFT**

Minutes Meeting FB / ODC / FSR BETA

**DATUM**

16 mei 2024

**LOCATIE**

Teams

**Tijd**

9.00 – 10.00

**GENODIGDEN / AANWEZIGEN**

*ODC Bèta:*

Ivo van Stokkum (vz), Anton Feenstra, Els Ufkes,  
Yves Bollen, Paul Jennings, Ad van Dommelen,  
Gwenn van den Brink, ChristianBick, Trynke  
Hoekstra, Priyanka Rao-Ruiz, Meike van den  
Beuken

*Toehoorder / auditor:*

Anne Linnartz, Brecht Reintsema

*FB:*

Aletta Kraneveld, Esther van Hengel, Johan Gemser,  
Maaïke Verbree, Judith ten Brink (HRM), Mareanne  
Karssen, Pieter van Beukering, Iwande Esch

*FSR Bèta:*

Anna Wischnewski, Irene Regueiro Zapico, Naila  
Khaichoun, Romy Samsi, Pahal Agrawal, Emma  
Marshall, Lamia Gencol, Marco van de Werken

*Notulist / Minutes:*

Xavier van de Kastele

1	Agenda	Bijlagen/Attachments
	Opening and adopting agenda	1. Agenda FGOV 16 May 2024
2	Minutes and announcements	
2.1	Notulen / Minutes FGOV	No comments
2.2	Notulen / Minutes FB	<p>The ODC is wondering if there has been a follow up from the meeting in March on the “KDM” projects?</p> <p>Yes. The FB explains they are discussing it with the heads of departments but also on a central level of the VU. There have been ongoing discussions with the financial director, it’s unclear if this will affect the budget of 2025.</p>
2.3	Notulen / Minutes AHO	<p>The ODC indicates they haven’t received the unapproved minutes of the AHO, reviewing 2-month-old minutes is not ideal.</p> <p>The FB clarifies they can’t send the unapproved minutes, but will send the latest approved minutes.</p>
2.4	Mededelingen / announcements	<p>The FB brings to light the situation at the UvA, regarding the ongoing protest. It’s also on the agenda of the CvB, there is a website of the VU how the VU is anticipating on the situation in Gaza.</p> <p>Furthermore, the FB announces they found a new head of department for Computer sciences through “open sollicitatie”.</p>
3	Strategie	Bijlagen/Attachments
3.1	Bijsturingsmaatregelen en Terugkoppeling heidag 16 april2024	<p>The ODC is again raising their concerns for the department of earth sciences, the uncertainty is affecting people and making them feel insecure. The ODC requests a more transparent communication, the website that is created for questions has not been updated anymore. People want more clarity on what and when is going to happen.</p> <p>The FB is aware of the uncertainty, especially the situation in the earth sciences department. That is why they are in close communication with them. The FB further elaborates they are for transparency, but they also don’t want to create unnecessary worries. They hope to have a clearer plan by the summer.</p> <p>The ODC raises their concerns regarding the meetings in June, because of fieldwork people can’t attend these meetings.</p> <p>The ODC explains they had a long meeting with the works council about the atmosphere in different departments regarding the “bijsturingsmaatregelen”. They noticed totally different perspectives for the different departments. They think the FB needs to create as much optimism in all the departments, which will be key to get through the troubles we are facing.</p> <p>The FB highlights, they are struggling between being optimistic and realistic, they want to avoid being optimistic and at the end still letting people down. They are as a board trying to be as positive as possible, but they also must be honest and realistic.</p> <p>The ODC closes the point being indicating that people would appreciate realism, even when the future doesn’t look hopeful.</p>

<b>4</b>	<b>Onderwijs / Education</b>	<b>Bijlagen/Attachments</b>
4.1	Onderwijs / Education	<p>The FB gives an update in relation to the “heidag”, they explained there are serious challenges in teaching. They predict a decline of new students in the coming years. Actions must be taken at curriculum and programme level. They asked programmes to indicate if they can improve within the programmes and to what extent they can merge and share courses. This includes Bachelor and Master programmes.</p> <p>The ODC asks what the consequences will be for master’s if we demand a size of at least 25 students for specialisations. The FB indicates this will be discussed in the coming weeks.</p> <p>The ODC asks the FB if they will support the programme directors in reducing the teachers who are hired from outside the VU. The FB explains there are meetings regarding this, however there is an exception for people who are co-owners. This is a different process. In addition, recently there has been a CAO change for students with an internship in the medical field. They have the right to be compensated, this will have financial consequences. We already noticed they are being hesitant in creating new positions.</p> <p>The FB updates the ODC on the process of the Honours programme, the plan is now discussed with the UvA. They indicate the current way it is organised is not what fits the faculty best, we want to look for an alternative way to stimulate students to do extracurricular activities. But not necessarily through the honour’s programmes.</p> <p>The ODC and the FSR indicate, they haven’t set out a survey to find out what the opinion is of students. Through small conversation with students, they think they won’t miss it that much. One thing that could discourage removing the programme is students not being able to add the honours title to their resume and diploma.</p> <p>The ODC asks how many courses are not approved due to a lack of students. The FB tells the ODC it will be around 10-15 students, this will be discussed further with the different programmes.</p>
<b>5</b>	<b>Bedrijfsvoering / Business</b>	<b>Bijlagen/Attachments</b>
5.1	Housing (small) update	The FB was in the process of creating work groups, but the student associations are not joining and they refuse to communicate with the FB. The FB hopes the students will get back in communication to work out the plans. Otherwise the FB has to continue without them.
5.2	VUture proces update	No update.
<b>6</b>	<b>Onderzoek / Research</b>	<b>Bijlagen/Attachments</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Valorisatie / Valorization</b>	<b>Bijlagen/Attachments</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Overig, rondvraag en sluiting</b>	<b>Bijlagen/Attachments</b>