

BETREFT

Agenda Meeting FB / ODC / FSR BETA

DATUM

13 oktober 2022

LOCATIE

NU-02A54 and Zoom meeting

TIJD

13.30 – 15.00

GENODIGDEN / AANWEZIGEN

ODC Bèta:

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

FB:

Jacqueline van Muijlwijk-Koezen, Johan Gemser,
Maaïke Verbree, Guus Schreiber
Afwezig: Esther van den Hengel, Iwan de Esch,
Monique van de Raapkamp (HRM) en Mareanne
Karssen

Notulist / Minutes:

Quirien Bedaux

Toehoorder / auditor:

FSR Bèta:

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

1	Agenda
	Opening en vaststellen agenda / Opening and adopting agenda Patricia Fierro-Hernández is chairing the meeting. Meeting is being recorded, agenda is adopted.
2	Verslagen en mededelingen / Minutes and announcements
2.1	Notulen / Minutes FGOV No comments.
2.2	Notulen / Minutes FB No comments.
2.3	Notulen / Minutes AHO No comments.
2.4	Mededelingen / Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Werving vertrouwenspersoon Wetenschappelijke Integriteit (for your information)
3	Onderwijs / Education
3.1	Onderwijs / Education <p>The government asked universities to implement a Corona policy. This will be discussed with the USR and OR.</p> <p>The governmental Corona policy consists of 5 different phases. Only in the last 2 phases, there will be measures for education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 4: 50% of the students can come to campus. The schedule of education will not change. Stage 5 (total lock-down): all teaching online, except for practical location-bound education. Fieldwork is not clear yet, because of potential international measures. <p>The exams will stay on campus, except for stage 5. Then the university will look into online proctoring.</p> <p>FB: There was a complaint of a student regarding Proctorio. The FB emphasizes that equal (to every person) software is a highest priority.</p> <p>The ODC indicates that they do not agree with the current interpretation of the “red” scenario and suggests to give freedom of decisions to the program directors.</p> <p>The FB indicates that the current interpretation diminishes the work load and provide an equal distribution of benefits for all students. This discussion will be held in another meeting.</p>
4	Bedrijfsvoering / Business operations
4.1	Huisvesting Stand van zaken / Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building of SWT is on schedule. We will get the key in 2024, but might encounter some delay. Ecology is moving to O2. W&N building: goal is to minimize movements (some departments have to move twice). The eat/meet/work place at O2 is transformed into a working space for master students.

	<p>Current situation is that we have not enough space to house all education and staff of the faculty; this will also be the case in the future. The faculty has to look for alternatives. This is a major topic for the faculty (and at the BO with the CvB).</p> <p>ODC: several groups have moved to O2. Now they have to reshuffle again or loose space, because ecology is moving into O2. This was not communicated well.</p> <p>According to the FB this sensitive topic was discussed well with the staff.</p>
4.3	<p>Update measures/policy regarding the incident (prevention)</p> <p>FCO is working on the prevention and care policy is . There are no extra measures at this moment, they do not want to take precipitate actions.</p> <p>The ODC objects. There is an advice (from A. Kerkhof) to take measures within a particular amount of time, to avoid similar incidents. The ODC will send the advice to the FB. The situation is still worrying students and staff, the impact was high.</p> <p>The FSR indicates that there was false information spread about the incident and suggests to take this into account when accidents occur.</p>
4.4	<p>VUture Proof</p> <p>FB: The evaluation report of Capgemini regarding MARS has exposed weaknesses of the VU; in particular at the services (support system of the VU). The VU needs to change. If changes will not be made, the students will suffer when the student support system will be revised.</p> <p>ODC: The works councils are worried about the future of the VU regarding which direction the changes will lead and what the consequences will be. The good thing is that the CvB announced there will be no budget cuts.</p> <p>The problem is that the basic structure of IT is bad. This leads to enormous problems. The people are working very hard; that is not the problem.</p>
5	<p>Onderzoek / Research</p> <p>Announcement of the dean:</p> <p>We get additional funds for research (rolling grants and sectorplan money). This budget is also available for education, thanks to our education ministry. A part of these grants are going to computer sciences. Because the computer science has an enormous amount of students (the student/teacher population is out of reach).</p> <p>The FSR suggests the possibility to ask bachelor/master students as teaching assistants.</p>
6	<p>Strategie / Strategy</p>
6.1	<p>Jaarplan en begroting / Annual plan and budget 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met terugkoppeling BO met CvB <p>FB: they were happy with our plan and budget. We expect them to approve formally later this year. We do not expect major adjustments.</p> <p>The financial FGOV had a meeting where the details were discussed. The ODC and FSR are confident with the budget for 2023.</p> <p>FB: the difficulty is that we had to save a lot in the past. Now, we have to spend a lot more money.</p> <p>ODC: A-LIFE is getting more budget. They might need assistance/stimulation with spending the budget.</p>
6.2	<p>Policy plan FSR (concept version)</p> <p>2 Main objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue the transition to hybrid education. We want to facilitate the access of students to online education when they need it. This also means better IT equipment

	<p>at the VU and voluntary training for educational staff. Still, we want to stress we share the importance of education on VU campus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broaden the diversity term at VU. <p>Mental health is also in our policy. We are now gathering information, there are no specific plans yet.</p> <p>ODC: we are a bit worried about the transition to hybrid education. For several departments it is a useful addition. But at several departments hybrid education is not necessary and not useful for students and teachers. Regarding mental health, we encourage on campus education.</p> <p>FSR: we don't want to implement hybrid education in every program. We want a sufficient plan for (online) access for students when they are not able to come to the campus. We prioritize campus education.</p> <p>ODC: it is important to make clear the definitions of when students are not able to come to campus. The ODC suggests to talk about this further with the FSR.</p> <p>FB: thank you for the policy plan, it looks good. Related to this is Education without restrictions (for students with disabilities). We will share the document.</p>
7.	Valorisatie / Valorization
7.1	<p>Nevenwerkzaamheden / Ancillary activities</p> <p>FB: There is an increasing awareness of ancillary / third party activities in society. With our policy we try to make the ancillary activities transparent.</p> <p>ODC: Page 6 of the Valorization strategy: <i>'The policy will be aimed at stimulating researchers to engage ancillary activities, while protecting them from the risk of reputation damage and preserving their full commitment to their institutional tasks.'</i></p> <p>We do not agree; it should not be our policy that we stimulate ancillary activities.</p> <p>FB will come back to this.</p>
8	Overig / Any other business
	<p>The FB and FSR discuss the assessor. At the moment the minutes were finalized; the assessor was found.</p>
9	Rondvraag en sluiting