

BETREFT

Notulen Meeting FB / ODC / FSR BETA

DATUM

18 juni 2024

LOCATIE

Forum 2 en Teams

Tijd

10.30 – 12.00

GENODIGDEN / AANWEZIGEN

*ODC Bèta:*

Ivo van Stokkum (vz), Anton Feenstra, Els Ufkes, Yves Bollen, Paul Jennings, Ad van Dommelen, Gwenn van den Brink, Christian Bick, 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, Iwan de 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	Confirmed
2	Minutes and announcements	
2.1	Notulen / Minutes FGOV	Confirmed
2.2	Notulen / Minutes FB	<p>The ODC expressed their disbelief in the report especially in the Earth Sciences department. The report cost EUR 8000,-.</p> <p>The ODC mentions the atmosphere is deteriorated in the department.</p>
2.3	Notulen / Minutes AHO	
2.4	Mededelingen / announcements	<p>Event farewell W&amp;N gebouw The FB explains the building is set to be demolished in 2025 and they want to organise a workgroup, to say goodbye to the building. if anybody has any suggestions feel free to bring them up.</p> <p>Update protests The FB informs the ODC that the encampments were removed last week following a decision by the mayor. This action was also taken at other universities. Despite this, the students have announced that they will continue to protest. At the Déjà Vu event, they interrupted a speaker. The FB expects some interruptions to continue.</p> <p>The board of the VU is attempting to engage in a dialogue with the organization behind the actions. The rectors of all the universities have issued a statement declaring their intent to remain neutral and not sever ties. They are currently working on a plan to address collaboration concerning human rights issues.</p> <p>The FB has received numerous concerns from people in response to this letter.</p> <p>The FSR brings up the fact that they get questions by students about the topic. Further the FSR signed the open letter to have better communication with the students.</p>
3	Strategie	Bijlagen/Attachments
3.1	Bijsturingsmaatregelen	<p>The FB mentioned they just finished all the spring 'Bestuurlijke Overleggen'. The adjustment measures to become financially healthy were discussed. The FB received as feedback to be more realistic. They are now busy with the final calculations.</p> <p>The FB shows their appreciation to the management teams for their efforts and seeking creative solutions. Furthermore, the FB expects an increase in the already existing budgetcuts due to the new government plans and the decrease student applications.</p> <p>The ODC is wondering about the decision-making process: "Where will we cut costs and why?" and "What kind of faculty do we want to be?"</p> <p>The FB explains this will be the next steps in the process. Now that all</p>

		<p>the adjustments plans are received the FB can make a start. The departments also received these guidelines and are informed they must try and come up with a null budget. Furthermore, the FB explains they will also work with a solidarity principle, i.e. a compensation for the departments who are hit harder.</p> <p>The FB further elaborates they also had meetings with the course directors. In these meetings plans to move courses to different departments was suggested. Driven by content reasons not budget reasoning.</p> <p>The ODC raises their concern about what will happen if we must face another budget cut and explain people are doing their best to survive. Additionally, is the VUSAM model still appropriate especially with the decrease of student applications?</p> <p>The FB questioned whether the VU can afford the beta with such high fixed costs, stating that the VU has to make choices. They acknowledged that they are fortunate with the new buildings, but it is difficult to address this with the CvB because it raises the question of how much will be taken away from other faculties.</p> <p>The ODC asks if we are going to end up in the red again this year?</p> <p>The FB responded that in the forecast, they have seen a deficit of 6 million despite all efforts to reach a zero budget. They expect this situation to remain for the coming years.</p> <p>The ODC wonders if there are an enormous number of orders being placed. Why?</p> <p>The FB explained that this is one of the points raised at the BO's. They have observed that departments are stockpiling, which is a signal they clearly addressed in the spring BO's. They informed the departments that by doing so, they are hurting themselves.</p>
3.2	Beëindigen samenwerking BETAparters Ter advisering	<p>FB is looking very critically to expenditures which are not going to education immediately, they are looking into the decision to stop the participation with this network for students to find universities.</p> <p>The UvA is discussing whether they want to take the penholder ship.</p> <p>The ODC and FSR will draft a positive advise for the FB.</p>
3.3	Jaarplan 2025	<p>The FB tells the ODC they will on a concept over the summer and will send the ODC a link to review the document. They are planning on making it more compact and as short as possible. The link will be available after 25<sup>th</sup> of June.</p>
4	<b>Onderwijs / Education</b>	<b>Bijlagen/Attachments</b>
4.1	Onderwijs / Education	<p>The FB highlights that the most important development is the series of meetings with clusters of programs. These systematic discussions aim to identify areas for improvement and explore opportunities for collaboration or merging programs. The FB describes these discussions as very fruitful and notes that an evaluation of these meetings will take place in July.</p> <p>The ODC wants to bring up there were some signals of interference of program directors and departments managements team.</p> <p>The FB will take note of all these situations and put it on the agenda of the 'heidag'.</p> <p>The ODC feel like there is some communication needed in the AHO to make clear what the role of the management team is and how far they can go.</p>

4.2	Pilots aangepaste inrichting MTR BETA For information	<p>The FB is planning on setting out pilots for courses to without midterms, because this is not always necessary.</p> <p>The ODC welcomes the intention to reduce workloads.</p>
4.3	Kader afstudeerrichtingen BETA opleidingen For information	<p>The FB explained that the terminology for specialisation tracks is currently confusing within the faculty. They aim to streamline the terminology to clearly define what is meant by specialisation, moving away from the term "tracks" and ensuring that specialisation is reflected on the diploma. A pilot has been started and discussed at the central level, where it was well received.</p> <p>The ODC mentions in the joined degrees the word is used and on the diplomas. That's not going to change.</p> <p>They are discussing this on a central level, but nationally it will change to specialisations, and they are also discussing it for the joint degrees.</p>
4.4	Notitie FB onderwijsnormen BETA For information	<p>The FB dove into what standards should be held, "how much time should a teacher prepare for teaching?", "What is an acceptable number of students?"</p> <p>The FB explains if over multiple years courses have less students, then the minimal set amount they could be cancelled.</p> <p>If it's a special course and the number of the students is too low you can file a request. The time guidelines to spend on education is something that can't be monitored.</p> <p>The ODC wonders if acquisition of students strategies is also highlighted?</p> <p>The FB continues if some bachelor programmes are bachelors close to each other they can create a minor together in these programmes.</p> <p>The ODC explains that in section 2, the standard for teacher workload hours per contact hour found support from others but is not being considered. The creation and grading of assignments are the most time-intensive tasks and are currently grouped under "na werk," which does not proportionately reflect the number of students. For example, grading 80 exams at 10 minutes each does not fit within the current standards. The ODC feels that there has been insufficient listening to their concerns and that the current standards do not accurately represent reality.</p> <p>The FB acknowledges the point of the ODC, agreeing that there were multiple forms of practical's possible. They explained that although this has been discussed, it is not yet reflected in the current document because it was tabled for further consultation after the ODC deliberations. The FB will clearly indicate that the identified standards are available and that if a different standard is needed for a specific program, it should be used. At the end of the year, there will be a thorough evaluation to determine if this is an appropriate standard.</p> <p>Further, the ODC raises a suggestion if this document will be adapted in the future, it would be nice to pay attention to the type of testing, because this relates to the time teachers are spending on this. It's very broad in the amount of time.</p> <p>The FB explains they don't want to go to a document with 20 different standards. But if they want to make other agreements between themselves that's okay.</p> <p>44b. Out of the 270 courses, a quarter has less than 20 students.</p>
4.5	Education Guidelines PhD candidates For information	<p>The FB indicates they refreshed the guidelines for 2018 and they want to make them more accessible.</p> <p>The ODC is wondering if the final document will be integrated with the other documents about PhD's?</p>

		<p>The FB is working on a website to find all the information.</p> <p>The ODC also would like to see incorporated in the document, the document in relation to the criteria of the other graduate schools. The time of trajectories of the PhD.</p>
4.6	OER en Stage richtlijnen For information	<p>The FB hopes to send the 2024-2025 internship regulation before the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July and there will be a Q&amp;A for your input.</p> <p>The ODC is wondering if the word stage could be dropped due to the new regulations of the new government.</p> <p>The FB explains hospitals will pay for the money of the stages of this year. Further they indicate changing the word won't change anything.</p>
<b>5</b>	<b>Bedrijfsvoering / Business operations</b>	<b>Bijlagen/Attachments</b>
5.1	Housing (small) update	The move to the new building is delayed by one month, now in February.
<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>



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