

Minutes of the meeting of the Programme Committee ME/VU



Date: **Wednesday September 15, 2021**

Time: **08:45 – 10:30 hour**

Room: **Home office**

Present:

Chairman:

PC-members:

M.B. de Rooij

B.R. van Eijk, H. Steenstra, I.T. van der Veen, M. Shahi, A.H. Vuuregge (absent), S. Wilcox (absent), M.E. Toxopeus, E.E.G. Hekman, J. van Asselt (absent), M.I. Abdul Rasheed, E.T.A van der Weide (absent), T. Tankink, D. de Jong, P.C. Roos (absent), C.L.B. Geuß, M.T. Khan

Permanent guests:

E.M. Gommer, A.F. Heutink (absent), G.G.M. Stoffels.(absent)

Evaluation committee

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Minute maker:

S. de Groot

Guests

B.G.F. Pol

Absent:

<mentioned above>

1. Opening + Introduction

The chairman opens the meeting at 8:45.



2. Announcements

ET. Van der Weide will not be part of the Program Committee anymore, because he has another job. The UT is looking for a replacement.

There are 278 first year students currently. This module will be hybrid as scheduled. An option is to have more people in the room after 25 September. E.M. Gommer says there will be looked at what we can do about these large numbers of students, for example a temporarily numerous fixes for the upcoming years.

There is a problem with the laptops that are ordered. Some students have not received a laptop and will get it end of September. In the meantime some have to buy something else. This problem occurs every year. Maybe there are solutions to solve this, such as renting a laptop temporary.

The housing problem seems to be less severe than was thought. There are around 5 students that really have a problem. Also, staff members from the UT offer rooms temporarily.

3. Minutes last meeting May 12, 2021 / Minutes FC (annex)

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Results from the student questionnaire are still not available.

AC: M.B. de Rooij ask Broenink for results of the questionnaire.

The letter from the last meeting is send.

Action points:

149: can be removed.

The questionnaire is send to Chantal and the students. For the supervisor questionnaire, the corrections are almost done. So it will be send soon.

4. ~~Statistics 1st year students (Domingo Paquaij)~~ Next PC meeting

5. UT/VU evaluation year 1+2 (Pieter Roos/ Bernadette Pol)

B.G.F. Pol prepared some information about the UT/VU evaluation of year 1 and 2 (2019 and 2020).

There are aiming at around 75 students. This year Dutch/International students are 50/50, which was not the aim. They are not marketing on the international market. So there will be extra attention to bring in more Dutch students (especially Amsterdam/Flevoland area).

Last year there was a higher dropout rate than the first year, but overall satisfied with this number, also taking Corona into account.

There was a questionnaire about students satisfaction. The response rate is quite low.

Semester 3 scores lower than others, it is experienced more difficult than other courses.

Sometimes there was a hard start in a course for the students and teacher due to online teaching.

For the continuous assessment test, some second year students build an escape room where the students applied all the learned knowledge. So, this was assessed very well.

For the fourth semester, there was no escape room. And the preparation for the students was harder, and they had to go to Twente for exams, which resulted in a lower satisfaction rate of the students.

We are now also working on an escape room for the fourth semester, so probably the next time it is higher (and around the same as the second semester).

The preparation for the continuous assessment test is approximately 3 double lecture hours.

For the National Student questionnaire the most important things are that overall students are satisfied. And that there is no big difference between VU and UT students.

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The last slide shows the study success from Osiris. Most of the students got their BSA. Most students that drop out leave during the first semester, otherwise later in the first year.

The dropouts rate is similar to the UT rates.

The third year is now enrolled for the first time.

B.G.F. Pol leaves the meeting at 9:40.

6. **Hybrid education how (Ilse)?**

A discussion takes place about the experience of hybrid education and how it can be improved.

It is mentioned that it is hard to set it all up (with cameras and the chat etc.), many things are going on at the same time.

It works out if there is help from someone with for example the chat, and setting up. It is mentioned that this help is already an option.

Some teacher streamed and recorded the lecture at the same time.

M.E. Toxopeus mentions that student are also always able to ask questions after the lecture. A good option is to do this in a fixed question hour. And if we consider the hybrid teaching as a consequence of capacity of the UT (and not Corona) then he prefers to have a lecture one time on campus with all the students and the other one fully online. Recordings can also be an opportunity to offer the same course twice a year, one time live and the other time showing the recorded lectures, without having a double workload.

For lot of students as well the hybrid education does not work well. It can be a distraction if the teacher needs to answer a question online. Maybe it only works if there is another person in charge of the chat.

7. **Any other business**

M.E. Toxopeus mentions that graduated master students never receive their evaluation from their master exam that the committee fills out on the exam card. Maybe the Faculty board needs to look in to this, because it would be nice to share the feedback with the student as well. Could also be up to the Exam Committee to discuss this.

8. **Subjects next meeting**

9. **Closure**

The chairman closes the meeting at 10:09.

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	Action: (Agenda point)	Introduced on:	To be completed on:	To be completed by:
1	Let the evaluation committee discuss the course evaluations (in response to PC-377)	01-11-2001		
150	Ask Broenink for results of the questionnaire	15-09-2021		M.B. de Rooij