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01 Opening, adaption agenda and minutes

The Chair warmly welcomes those present. Since a year and a half the meeting is again on location, a few council members attend the meeting online.

The minutes of the FC-meeting of 15 June are accepted

02 Written questions following the minutes of 02.01 The meeting of the Faculty Council of 15 June 2021 02.02 The meetings of the Faculty Board of 3, 10, 17 and 24 June; 1, 8 and 15 July; 19 and 26 August 2021

- Nestor: When will the decision on Nestor's successor be made?
Van Veen explains this is not clear yet. The decision will be made on university level, as a faculty we have little influence on it.
- Working group Hybrid Working: The FC would like to have a student member added to this working group. Buigel will contact the student faction.

03 Topics for discussion

Hopman-Student housing shortage:

There is a serious shortage of rooms for students, this is an ongoing problem. In the minutes of August 26th, the faculty board stated that they don't have a role in student housing, but we think it is a bit too short to put it that way. Aarts agrees that the FB can discuss this topic with the University Board and ensure that the subject remains within their attention.

Knot-Dickscheit - Health and safety regarding blended hybrid working environment for both staff and students:

The guidelines what to do when a teacher or student gets Covid are lacking, while there are many practical questions. For example, currently 75 students are allowed at a lecture so the smaller rooms are very crowded, but teachers don't know which students are present.



Buigel: the UG made a new decision tree to help answer this kind of questions. We can publish this in our newsletter. Buigel emphasises that it is important to open windows and doors so that the lecture rooms are properly ventilated. Van Veen expresses his concerns. Currently, there are no problems, but a huge increase in the number of infections is expected this autumn.

- 04 Announcements from the Chair and the Deputy Chair**
The Chair and Deputy Chair thank everyone for the constructive cooperation.
- 05 Announcements from the Faculty Board**
- The FB is monitoring the number of students closely. The influx is not as high as predicted.
- A training for (new) council members will be offered again this year.
- The FB is preparing the annual meeting with the University Board. The University Board is curious how the faculties are coping with the new university strategy and how it is implemented in the faculty strategy.
- It has not been decided yet whether the maximum number of students in the exam halls will change. The faculty policy is to avoid the exam halls as much as possible.
- 06 Quality Agreements (consent)**
The council appreciates the extended information about the quality agreements.
- Van Veen provides the council with the report of the overview of blended teaching (page 8).
- Due to the large Psychology cohort of a few years ago, the group size of the Learning Communities has been changed from 10 to 12. Since the large cohort is not a problem any more, the student faction wants to know if there are plans to decrease the group size back to 10. Van Veen will discuss this with the programme director of psychology.

The FC gives its consent to the progress of the quality agreements.
- 07 Programme TERs PedOn (advise)**
The FC gives positive advise.
- 08 Examination BSS (discussion point DAG)**
Bocca: In the first and second year of the psychology programme, examination is almost entirely restricted to multiple choice testing. Students feel insufficiently prepared for the master or the labour market.
DAG asks the teachers for their comments and input about the current testing and future ideas.
Van Veen: Variation in test forms is important. The test form should be directly related to the educational goals. At our faculty there is support for teachers who want to develop alternative testing methods.

It is agreed that both staff and students will discuss the diversity in testing methods in more detail.
- 09 Annual report Faculty Council (consent)**
The FC gives consent to the annual report.
- 10 Recruitment plan - Ruggesteun middelen (consent)**
The recruitment plan has been discussed in the FC earlier, but now the University Board demands the consent of the FC.
The council agrees with the plans for spending the Ruggesteunmiddelen.
- 11 Discharge of outgoing and installation of new council members**
The outgoing and new members change seats.



- 12 Election of Chair and Deputy Chair**
Brend Hopman becomes Chair (13 votes).
Tassos Sarampalis becomes Deputy Chair (14 votes)
The FC Regulations need to be amended in respect of anonymous voting for online participants.
- 13 AppoinHopman tment Studentassessor Faculty Board**
Hopman thanks Nadia Taha for her great commitment in the past year.
Bauke van der Kooij is appointed assessor of the Faculty Board.
- 14 Questions**
Aarts thanks the outgoing council members. It has been a difficult year, but over the year the cooperation has been good. Aarts expresses his special thanks to Kranenborg and to Akyürek who has been Chair for several years but now leaves the council. And last but not least, the board is very pleased with the good assessors over the past years.
- 15 Closing**
16.30 hrs.

Written questions & discussion points for the FC-meeting of September 14th, 2021

Written questions

Notes FB-meetings

• FB meeting 10-06-2021

- 5.03 Does the board have an update about the successor of Nestor?

Because of the corona and other policy issues, is the decision about the successor of Nestor postponed.

- 6.01 Reseach Support: We would like to know whether we can receive the vision document that was prepared by De Jonge now or maybe at a later date as to provide some input on it?

There is a working paper Werkdocument toekomst afdeling DataLab, already discussed with DOZ's and the Research Support Team. The final version will be shared with the FC.

- 8.01 Is the board also going to examine if any type of sexual intimidation occurs at our faculty?

Could the board tell if the notice for students and staff on what to do in cases of sexual harassment and transgressive behavior is still being prepared or has already been communicated? Further, could the board give the details of what students and staff have to do in the case of such behavior?

The university has collected the relevant regulations and advices on a single website: <https://myuniversity.rug.nl/infonet/medewerkers/melding-ongewenst-gedrag-incident-ongeval/> (also in English). Another webpage is available to students: <https://student.portal.rug.nl/infonet/student/studenten-welzijn/>, which also lists what you can do in such cases. The FB has brought this to the attention of our directors/heads of staff, and the CvB issues a general statement (on September 6).

- 10 Dash 4: Could the FB tell more about the UG broad committee Lesson the work? Who are involved, what are their plans, what are their goals?

Lesson the work is an initiative on university level with members of the UR, Lokaal Overleg, HR. Goal is to think outside the box about solutions to reduce the workload. We have no further concrete information at this time.

• FB meeting 17-06-2021

- 2 Working group hybrid working: Is there a possibility to also add a student member of the faculty council to this working group?

The group has yet to be installed, so yes a student member of the faculty council would be more than welcome.

- 3.01 Could the board share the specific points that the central working group is going to discuss about the pre-masters?

This is about the financial aspects of the pre-masters: the students pay their annual fee, but the faculty does not receive any money for organizing the pre-masters; the money remains at the central level. The aim of the working group is to come up with a solution for this problem that all faculties have.

- **FB meeting 01-07-2021**

8.01 On what grounds was the YAG subsidy rejected by DOZ and FB?

We felt it was more logical that this initiative be supported by CvB because of its overarching, interdisciplinary focus, instead of the proposed procedure in which all faculties are involved. In addition, just a few weeks earlier, we did accept a grant initiative by the YES BSS. There would have been a significant overlap in goals if both initiatives would have been supported.

- **FB meeting 08-07-2021**

5.01 It states that the board is supporting the initiative of the Faculty of Arts and Law to accomplish a building for education in the city centre. Is our faculty also going to participate in this project?

We are in discussion with VGI where the replacement of Bloemstraat will eventually be: Healthy Ageing Campus or the City Centre.

- **FB meeting 26-08-2021**

4.01 Here the FB states that it is unclear how many PhD students will have an appointment as an employed PhD student. Could the FB explain what this means, and how they plan to act upon this expectation?

The scholarship student program allowed the faculties to increase the number of phd's. When this program ends, we have to move to employee PhDs with higher personnel costs. In our 2022-2025 budget, an increase in personnel expenses is anticipated. It is clear that the termination of the scholarship program, choices will have to be made. We cannot do that yet, because more information is needed (financial matching from the CvB and continuation of the current program of top-up and sandwich positions).

Discussion points

Student housing shortage (Minutes FB meeting 26/8, 7.01)

- Brend will start the discussion

Health and safety regarding blended/hybrid learning environment of both staff and students

- Jana will start the discussion