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- 01** **Opening, adaption agenda and minutes**
- The chair warmly welcomes Amsing, the FC expresses its confidence in her as the new portfolio holder for education.
- The agenda and minutes were adopted.
- 02** **Written questions following the minutes of**
02.01 **The meeting of the Faculty Council**
The student faction requests that English be spoken in the FC meetings as much as possible, so that international students can best participate in the discussion. The chair underlines that language and inclusion has been a topic of discussion for many years. Aarts points out that the wish for inclusion should not result in a one-way process towards the universal use of (mediocre) English. It is agreed that everyone should feel free to speak in Dutch if one is more comfortable doing so. Also, one should feel free to indicate if things are going too fast or if something is not clear.
- 02.02** **The meetings of the Faculty Board**
- The FC is interested in the master evaluation. The FB will keep the council informed; it is a topic of the yearly educational evaluations (onderwijsjaargesprekken) that will be held at the end of the year.
- Sarampalis points out that students from Eastern European countries should be able to participate in the Erasmus+ programme. However, this is an exchange programme that stops when no students from the UG go there. Amsing will discuss this with the Exchange Office.
- 03** **Topics for discussion**
Except for agenda item 8, there are no topics for discussion.
- 04** **Announcements from the Chair and the Deputy Chair**
No announcements.
- 05** **Announcements from the Faculty Board**
- Amsing introduces herself.
- Aarts: We had the biannual board meeting with the central University Board. It was a very positive meeting. The budget and the SWOT (the strengths and weaknesses analysis) has been discussed. The report will be shared with the FC as soon as it is completed.



- 06 Faculty Budget 2023-2026 (opinion/gevoelen)**
A preliminary meeting was held with a delegation of the council; it was a good and informative discussion. The council is aware of many uncertainties for the near future, but has a positive opinion regarding the budget and the expenditure of the Leerlingvolumemiddelen (government funding based on student numbers).
- 07 Annual Report Faculty Council 2021-2022 (consent)**
The FC expresses its consent. The annual report will be sent to the central board.
- 08 COVID-19 Regulations/expectations (discuss)**
- Van der Lee: The Covid infection rates are rising quickly, PSB urges the FB to keep the students informed about any measures to be taken.
- During the period from mid-December to mid-January, there will be online teaching only. Without exception, all courses must be available online so that students can participate from abroad.
- The study-workplaces in the Heymans building will be available in this period.
- Students would like to be able to book rooms to study together, but this does not appear to be possible. Buigel will check this with the room administrators.
- Sarampalis is missing a platform on which norms related to COVID-19 can be discussed. There are regulations, but the norms are less explicit. For example, it is difficult for teachers to send away students with covid-related symptoms but who might have a negative test result.
- The council is concerned about students experiencing study delays due to long-covid. Will there be UG policy for this? Aarts: The problem of long-covid is identified, but there are no regulations yet. Students with long-covid can contact the study advisor and the board of examiners.
- 09 Questions**
No questions.
- 10 Closing**
16.00 hrs.

Action points

- Amsing** Amsing will discuss the possibilities for students from Eastern Europe to study in Groningen with the Exchange Office.
- Buigel** Buigel will check the availability of rooms for students with the room administrators.



Written questions & discussion points for the FC-meeting of October 11th 2022

Written questions

Minutes FC-meeting 13 September

- Could you please add Steffie van der Steen to the 'Aanwezig' section?

Done.

Minutes FB-meetings September

1 September

- 10 > What is the purpose of the translator for the FC meetings and are the meetings planned to be held in Dutch?

The translator can make an online translation Dutch – English during the FC meeting; so the meeting can (partly) be held in Dutch and non-Dutch member can feel free to speak English as Dutch-speaking members of the meeting can use Dutch. We think this will enhance the quality of the discussion and decision-making.

8 September

- 06.03 > Were the number of registrations as expected?

In general: yes. For your information: in the appendix an overview of the October 1st registrations of all programs in the faculty (in comparison with other BSS faculties).

15 September

- 5.01 > What will the 'tussentijdse evaluatie' look like? Is it enough to only evaluate this in the OWJG? What are possible outcomes of these evaluations?

The exact content of the evaluation (questions, themes) is in preparation. We expect it is enough to address this in the OWJG. The outcomes will be clear after the evaluation.



- 05.04 > Regarding the last sentence: could the FB give us an update on this?

Now that all teaching is almost back on campus, the pressure on the lecture halls is very high. Especially with the growth in student numbers. It also means that there is little flexibility and halls cannot be easily rebooked. In the Bestuurlijk Overleg with the Board of the University we again called attention to this problem and urged for a quick plan for a lecture building for the inner city faculties.

- 7.02 > The FB discusses an aspect for improvement for next year (i.e. breder uitnodigen). Does this also include inclusive language for everyone?

This year, the keynote speech (in Dutch) of prof. Scheepers was translated in advance and the translation was accessible via a QR code. We are still discussing the pros and cons of (a) an event in Dutch with simultaneous translation, (b) an event in English, and (c) a mixed use of Dutch and English.

22 September

- Has something changed in how the FB sees the role of the 'vertrouwenspersoon'?

No, we just noticed that the title of "confidential advisor" (vertrouwenspersoon) refers to a university-wide office with a specific and well-defined task, and that confusion with similar roles/titles within our faculty should be avoided.

Faculty Budget

- Will the energy crisis affect the plans for the renovation of the faculty buildings?

We do not know yet, although the Board of the University did indicate that they will look at all (investment) plans.

- Hooglerarenplan: is there a deadline/planning for the hooglerarenplan?

No exact deadline. In general, the planning is to finish the hooglerarenplan during the academic year 2022-2023.

- Werkdrukmiddelen (page 6 of the toelichting): has the allocation of budget to project control and data management resulted in lower work pressure for scientists?



There have been vacancies in project control and data management over the last six months. All vacancies have now been filled and we hope that academic staff will see the effects. In this context is also good to mention that on university level a trajectory has been started for project controllers to get a better demarcation between the tasks of project control and the Financial Shared Service Centre and thus more time to support the academic staff. In addition to this the faculty funding officer and project control / HR are increasingly working together to improve their service delivery.

At the same time, it is good to emphasize that not all (so felt) organizational, bureaucratic activities can be taken away from academics. Grant applications (e.g. EU) simply require a lot and applications involve red tape. Not everything can be done by the professional staff, however much we would like to.

- Are there other reasons that inflation is not accounted for in the budget, other than the university wide policy which asks not to add inflation to faculty budgets?

No, there are no other reasons for this.

Discussion point

Covid-19 Regulations: Faculty closing from mid-December to mid-January