



minutes

Meeting Faculty Council (FC)

Date and time

28 May 2024, 13:30-15:00

final

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Present

FC: Annet Kempenaar (chair), Roselinde van der Wiel, Paulo Cigarro, Jovan van den Berk

FB: Johan Woltjer, Arjan van den Assem, Julia van Wijk

Others: Ibn Battuta

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Absent with notice

Gwenda van der Vaart, Zeqiang Pan, Gunnar Mallon, Dimitris Ballas, Diana Velea, Timothy Laukens, Nienke Bastiaans, Saskia Enuma,

Minutes taken by

Eliza van der Ploeg

Last minutes (16 April 2024) approved

Yes

1. Actions

Number	Who?	What?	Dead-line?	See point
20231031-4	Ballas	Reaction from HR about employee satisfaction survey?	9-7	
20240416-3	Anyone interested	Sign up for health and safety group for making risk assessments by email to Van der Ploeg -> one new PG student member and one staff member.		5
20240416-5	Van der Ploeg	Change the date of the FC meeting from Tuesday to Thursday (for 2024-2025). The pre-meeting stays on Tuesday.	9-7	6
20240416-6	Ballas Bastiaans/ Enuma	From 14 June – 14 July, the 2024 European championship football takes place. The FC suggest to making it possible to watch the game(s) in the Equator, in the context of encouraging social interaction. Ballas volunteers to organize a team bowl. Bastiaans and Enuma will take it up further.	To be continued.	8
20240528-1	Van der Ploeg	E-mail union response on the demonstration protocol to the FB.		

2. Finished actions:

20240416-1: Bastiaans has contacted the faculty's informal contact person about statistics for social safety (incidents). The informal contact person of the faculty does register the frequency of cases and the type of cases in the area of social safety. The FB will report on that regularly, linked to the annual AMD report.

20240416-2: Ballas has expressed the positive opinion of the FC on the Progress Report Health & Safety 2023 in a letter to the AMD

20240416-4: Van der Ploeg has arranged a functional account (/email address) for the Faculty Council: fc.fss@rug.nl.

3. For information/received documents

a. **Update PCs:** There were no PC meetings.

b. **Update Faculty Board:**

1) Affiliated professorship: Offers possibility to affiliated professor to supervise a PhD.

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- 2) Initiative IUS Promovendus: also extended to assistant professors.
- 3) Yesterday start-up of accreditation (site visit next year April).
- 4) Next meeting: TER for opinion.
- c. **Update Councils meeting Internationalization:** It was an information meeting. The FC appreciates the timely and extensive provision of communication by the FB.
- d. **Update Councils meetings 23-5 regular:** 5 points: 1) E-learning; 2) Brightspace module for PC student members by 1-8; 3) Conference in October; 4) Two FSE student associations had ties to Israeli organizations, however student associations are independent from the university; 5) Union response on the demonstration protocol. Van der Ploeg e-mail the letter to the FB.
- e. **New student assessor:** Harm Verbeek is the new student assessor for 2024-2025. Congratulations!

4. Concept minutes of 16 April 2024

The minutes are approved of.

5. Budget cuts incl. open door sessions

Woltjer gives a Powerpoint presentation on the strategic developments concerning the current budget cuts and the proposal of the FB on how to deal with them. The FB has posted an announcement on intranet. The 2020-2021 strategic plan has been updated. Last week the FB discussed this with the heads of department and coordinators. On 4-6 a general information meeting with all staff has been organized.

The position of the university in the region is becoming more important. Although we are a strong faculty, it will be a big task. The FB stresses the need of working together to get it done.

In the premeeting the FC discussed the format of open-door sessions. The GS/PhD Council could be involved in organizing this for the PhDs.

The students comment that when there will be changes in courses also PCs should be notified.

6. Input from Pro Geo & Bursary PhD

- New board PG: 5 new members will join next time.
- New logo Pro Geo
- Van den Berk will be University Council member next year. Congratulations!
- PG did a survey among (previous) premaster students. The results will be shared (also with study advice). One PG member is contact person for premaster students.

7. Input from staff

The FC notes the high work pressure for support staff and the education office.

8. Any other subject

- Social Safety conference organized by the University services. The students are a bit skeptical about the actual outcome/general direction next year. Woltjer comments that activities like this keeps the conversation going.
- Kempenaar has sabbatical leave till 23-10. Van der Wiel takes over.
- Next time on agenda: annual report ombudsman.

9. Closure and date next meeting

The next meeting is 9 July 2024. The chair closes the meeting at 14:50 hrs.