Minutes 111th meeting Faculty Council FSW, 7 March 2016

Present

Faculty Council

Dr Jacko van Ast (JvA), chairman
Sharona Boonman (SB)
Else Kappenberg (EK)
Dr Maartje Luijk (ML)
Evelien Schrijver (ES)
Dr Huib Tabbers (HT)
Christiaan Tieman (CT)
Adriana Vries (AV)
Valmir Xhemaili (VX)

Trude Michels (TM) (minutes)

Faculty Board

Mark Adriaans MSc (MA)
Jessica Dekkers-de Leeuw MSc (JD)
Dr Mariette de Jong (MdJ)
Bart Looije (BL)
Prof. Henk van der Molen (HM) (dean)
Maxime de Winter (MW)

Absent with notice: Dr Gera Noordzij (GN) and Suzanne Overbeeke (SO)

1. Opening
The Chairman opens the meeting at 3.00 p.m. and welcomes everybody.

2. Approval agenda
Approved without changes.

3. Approval minutes 110th meeting dated 25 January 2016
The minutes are approved (after small textual change) with thanks to Trude Michels.

Referring to point 8, MA explains that the cum laude will be given based on the average of the total of all the courses of the two majors (EUC) together.

Referring to point 12, third paragraph, MdJ mentions that there have been discussions with the OSEA and secretariats about block times, opening hours and lunch times, but there is no further information.

Referring to point 12, second paragraph, AV asks whether there is a budget to promote the FC. BL answers that if the dean agrees, he can look into financial possibilities. The dean approves.

4. Announcements
The dean announces that despite good consultation with the Educational directors, the CvB did not agree with the plan for the Study Loan Resources. On 22 March, there will be a meeting to discuss which points need to be updated. MA expects agreement.
The dean compliments the nominations in the ‘Keuzegids Hoger Onderwijs’ for Pedagogical and Educational Sciences (no. 1) Psychology (no. 1) (excluding Open University since they serve an other group of adult students), Public Administration and Sociology (no. 3).

The dean mentions that last Saturday’s Information day for interested students was very well attended, with over 400 visitors for Psychology and 4 times a full lecture room (160) for Public Administration-Sociology.

5. Decisions at meeting of Management Faculty Board (FMO)

There are no comments.

6. Faculty regulations

The chairman reports that FC approves the final version of the faculty regulations and he will send a formal letter to the dean.

7. Cum laude regulations EUC

The conclusion is that the system differs from that of other faculties. Because it is in line with other UCs. The FC approves the proposed EUC regulations.

ES asks whether it might be possible for FSW to come in line with other EUR faculties by introducing a ‘summa cum laude’ 9 (or higher). MA answers that this is an issue for the Examination Committee. The Dean will contact the Examination Committee.

8. Internationalisation

Students have reported that teachers do not always master English language very well. The Dean says that he recently invited all FSW staff to attend an English course. MdJ mentions that 12 members of the academic staff (teachers) and 9 tutors have already accepted this invitation. EK is glad to hear this.

9. State of the art crediting hours/fte to Council members

The chairman refers to the proposal of the dean to the Council and concludes that students and NWP, are content with this offer. For the WP the offered 40 hours is considered to be too low. The well argued proposal represents participation as it has been recently (before reorganisation) but fails to enable serious participation as intended by ‘the good conversation’. The Dean also refers to ‘Het Goede Gesprek’ initiated by the former chairman of the Executive Board, Paulien van de Meer Mohr. A proposal to compensate Council members for their work (with 168 compensation hours for WP) should be seen as a guideline for the deans (the deans were also surprised by it). The difference between faculties results in differences per deans offers. He is convinced that the proposed 40 hours is a fair offer. The FC would like to receive a copy of the CvB proposal. HT wonders what would be reasonable for compensation in time as well as valuation. By strengthening management through the participation of FC, compensation should at least be discussed. The dean proposes that FC produces a solidly based counter proposal. The chairman says that this counter proposal will be made and that this point will be returned to next time.

10. Transition OSEA

HT says that this transition of OSEA was discussed earlier and that the FC is not happy with the procedure that has been followed. He would like to know more about the other agreements relating to the transition-trace made between FB and FC. The dean says that the initial six month period of transition was not realistic and has been extended to one year. MdJ feels that this conversation is just a repeat of moves. The chairman agrees, but states that it is important to clearly state FC’s view. The chairman adjourns the meeting for five minutes to consult his Council without the FB. After restarting
the meeting, the chairman concludes that a clear statement of the FC would not be constructive for the process. He expresses his hope for better communication in the coming months.

11. Other Business

-ML asks why new student assistants were only recruited last time from among Psychology students and alumni. The Dean answers that this was done because of the knowledge of PGO in this group.

-AV has a question about the graduation procedure within DPAS. The chairman explains that after next academic year, graduation will change from defending the thesis for a committee of three to a final graduation ceremony (in a group).

-ES asks whether the nominations period for the elections can be extended after 8 March. MdJ says that after consulting the central polling booth, this is not an option. However, it seems there will be enough candidates for election.

-AV mentions that a mail for potential candidates was sent to all students, but was not received by everyone. MdJ says that this is the first time that she has heard of this. EK regrets that after all the extra promotional work done by SG from the Council, that from the site of FB nothing was announced on the website.

-MA says that since the verbal approval of the Faculty Regulations by the FC, the election regulations can be approved. The chairman would like to receive the final election regulations for approval soon. MA promises to send them.

12. Closure

The chairman thanks everyone for attending and closes the meeting at 4.35 p.m. with the hope to continue a good conversation.