Minutes 108th meeting Faculty Council FSW, September 21, 2015

Present
Mr.dr. Jacko van Ast, Chairman
Dr. Gera Noordzij
Dr. Huib Tabbers
Dr. Maartje Luijk
Suzanne Overbeeke
Christiaan Tieman
Enes Yigit
Evelien Schrijver
Valmir Xhemaili
Raquel Dos Santos
Else Kappenberg
Adriana Vries
Trude Michels (minutes)

Faculty Board
Prof.dr. Henk van der Molen
Dr. Mariette de Jong
Mark Adriaans MSc
Jessica Dekkers-de Leeuw MSc
Bart Looije
Maxime de Winter

1. Opening
The Chairman opens the meeting at 15.03 o’clock and welcomes everybody. He mentions that this is a historical moment, because from now on English will be the spoken language during these meetings. He asks for some flexibility in this, because technical or some professional issues are easier to discuss in Dutch. Raquel Dos Santos (the EUC elected student who does not speak Dutch) agrees with this. A round of introductions was made, because of this being the first meeting with this new Council.

2. Approval agenda
Approved without changes.

3. Approval minutes meeting 107e
The minutes have been approved with four small editorial changes. The Chairman refers to point 7, where the committee on budget (consisting of Dr. Verkoeijen and dr. Van Buuren) has sent its advice to the Council, and referring to point 8, the two informal meetings (Council and Board) have been held.

4. Announcements
The Dean announces that:

- The Faculty of Social Sciences is participating in 9 projects that have been submitted as a proposal for the so called Research Excellence Initiative. This is a research fund from the Executive Board of EUR to stimulate excellent research at our university. Each year around 5 million euro is granted. The Dean is proud that our research groups have been so active. The jury, under guidance of the Rector will be coming together in December; decisions are expected during the first half of 2016.

- The Executive Board has decided to give shelter to about 250 refugees, mainly from Syria in our sports building. Henk has given his compliments for this humanitarian action. In return the
representative of the Executive Board let him know that a lot of students from our faculty have offered to give voluntary assistance and help.

The Chairman is proud of the fact that the university is offering this help.

5. Decisions meeting of Management Faculty Board (FMO)
The Dean mentions that the first FMO end of August with the new administrators of PA/SOC and Psy/Ped has been held in a constructive atmosphere, but the minutes of the meeting have not been discussed yet, so there are no decisions to send to the FC.

He would like to inform briefly about the Strategic Agenda Higher Education of the Ministry of Education, published in July. Based on this document, our Executive Board has decided to start with extra investments in the quality of Education. 6 million euro for 2015, 6 million euro for 2016 and 6 million euro for 2017. Together with the FMO and especially with the directors of Education, Guus Smeets and Vincent Homburg, a proposal will be prepared for the Executive Board. This must be sent this week. The focus will be on 4 points: small scale and intensive education, talent programmes (like our Honours Programme), education related research, digitalization.

Hopefully, if we receive extra funding, that will have a positive effect on the workload of the staff, which is one of the concerns of the FC. Actually, in the meeting of the Deans with the Executive Board, they expressed their preference to divide the money according to the so called Verdeelmodel from the so called Kadernota, but the Executive Board referred to the discussion with the University Council, and asks for concrete plans.

The Chairman refers to the right of the F-Council, to get in time, all the minutes and decisions of all faculty Boards and Committees for each meeting. The dean promises he will ask the department Boards and Education Committees to provide these documents in time.

6. Progress Reorganisation
The Dean mentions that the implementation of the reorganisation has been discussed in the FMO and various projects (21) have been developed (in a timeline); for example: clinical psychology education, quality of testing, transition education office, new budgetary structure. Each project has a project leader. After discussion with all the project leaders, FMO will give an update to this Council. All the project leaders have to report and the F-Council will be informed on a regular basis.

Concerning the OSEA-transition, MdJ reminds that the holiday period limits activities, but recently the head of OSEA (Marja Hortulanus) has started regular meetings. Within OSEA there are various departments, like Study Advice, Examination Board, Student Administration.

MA mentions the coming new examination regulations; a more efficient way of working using new forms for students. There is also a new Examination Board with Katinka Dijkstra as Chairman and for each discipline one member and a senior secretary; Jaap Dronkers is an external member. The four secretaries are working together at T16-04. The five study advisors also now work together more.

For OSEA a workshop is to be held in October with a view to becoming more efficient when working together. The F-Council will be informed about the results.

HT pleads for more transparency. For example the application for a vacant student-place in the FMO. More information about the process is welcome. MdW explains the procedure, that Cedo Nulli is asked for advice for a new member and agrees that information on the website is not clear and easy to find.

The F-Council has some questions related to the reorganisation plan; the answers given to this by MdJ/The Dean/BL:
Four of the five colleagues of whom the functions have been discontinued are in a support programme for finding a new position.
- The fifth has gone into retirement.
- The definitive reorganisation plan has not been discussed by the U-Council, but they have been informed.
- The new senior secretary for the Examination Board will start at November 1st.
- The two Coordinators Operations (for PSY-PED and BSK-SOC) will start September 28th.
- In connection with the transparency, all the vacancies will be announced via e-mail to all members of FSW-community AND at Intraweb. MdJ approves this.
- Next week the financial newsletter will be send around by BL.
- In connection with internationalisation the two departments (Psy-Ped and Bsk-Soc) and EUC will develop a vision on interaction in an interactive way. The plan will be discussed with the Faculty Board and after that with the Faculty Council.
- All three Boards have representatives in the Programme Committee and Dept. Boards as also the EUC has one; Maxime de Winter has been welcomed as member of the Faculty Board.

The Chairman asks when the very old organogram, which is now on the website, be replaced by a new updated one. Mariette promises that at the intraweb updated information will come soon.

AV is wondering if students also have access to this intraweb. If not, then this is not good in connection to transparency.

HT is interested to be informed about the fact, that the Board of Psy-Ped (two members) has now appointed two (bachelor) program-leaders for 335 teaching hours each. Where is the time for the teaching hours coming from? Mark answers that this time comes out of the OTV (education teaching load).

HT asks what the (financial) consequences are, now 40% of the Psy-students were not successful in the first year (N=N). The Dean mentions he did not see the exact number, but he is not happy with this at all and hopes this will be better next year. But at this moment it is not possible to calculate it.

MA explains that the financial calculations are made on a 3-year average and these predictions were based on the period before N=N. The first N=N-cohort is now, after 4 years. Now better calculations can be made.

HT hopes to get more information about the effects of N=N in the next meeting.

MdW asks if Statistics will be in Dutch this year. MA answers that at least the lectures and working groups will be in Dutch.

7. Other business
AV tells that the languages department of Erasmus University will provide (on her request) 2 offers for English courses for students of this Council to improve their English.

The Chairman asks if a day for training the Council will be organised, but MdJ says the Council has to organise this itself and the Faculty Board will pay for it. The Chairman refers to last year where the training was organised by the central dept. of the EUR.

MdW says that she will organise an explanation session about various councils at October 21st.

The Chairman asks when the Faculty Regulations will be put on the agenda again.

MA says new regulations are in process of being made, and will be discussed with the Council soon.
The Dean says, this can be at the agenda for the ‘Hei-day’. Jacko asks if this ‘Hei-day’ can be organised this calendar year.

HT asks if the overview of the new Faculty Council (members) can be on the website. Trude will take care of that.

Enes mentions that there is a problem with attendance at this Council and the workgroups on Mondays (till 17.00 hour). Henk advises discussion of this practical problem with the education programme directors. Gera thinks the Examination Board can be asked for exemption.

Student members should give their student email addresses to the secretariat, because all other mail-adresses (like Hotmail) are seen as spam, so the members will not receive the meeting documents.

8. Closure
The Chairman closes the meeting at 16.55 hours and mentions the next meeting will be November 23\textsuperscript{rd} 2015.