Minutes 117th meeting Faculty Council FSW, December 12th, 2016

Present

Faculty Council
Jacko van Ast (JvA), chair
Huib Tabbers (HT)
Gera Noordzij (GN)
Barbara van Zeijl (BvZ)
Olivia Manse (OM)
Natalia Batres (NB)
Ben van der Erve (BvdE)
Anam Malik (AM)
Patrick Aarnoudse (PA)
Trude Michels (TM), secretary

Faculty Board
Henk van der Molen (HvdM), dean
Jessica Dekkers (JD)
Mariette de Jong (MdJ)
Bart Looije (BL)

Absent with notice: Mark Adriaans (MA), Renske Doornbos (RD), Kim Kentin (KK), and Maartje Luijk (ML)

1. Opening
The Chair opens the meeting at 14.30 and welcomes all attendees.

2. Approval agenda
New extra points are added to the agenda and scheduled before point 6: 6. Tuition fees EUC and 7. Elections Programme Committees and the numbering will continue further no. 8 until 12. Due to time circumstances and absence of Mark, agenda point 9 (Planning budget and OER’s) will be rescheduled for next meeting and 10. Policy plan Student Section Faculty Council FSS also will be discussed next time.

3. Approval minutes 116th meeting dated October 31st, 2016
The minutes are approved.

4. Announcements
HvdM announces three points. (1) The name change of the Faculty is accorded by the Executive Board and will be implemented by September 1st, 2017. The new name is: Erasmus School of Social and Behavioural Sciences. (2) An increase of dissertations for 2016: it was 21 in 2015 and this year it is 30! (3) Because of the realization of the so-called achievement agreements (prestatie-afspraken), the Executive Board and the Deans have decided that all personnel members will receive 100 euro (net) extra with the December salary this year.

JvA remarks, that on behalf of FC he will ask the chair of the Board of DPAS to provide the minutes in English in the future.

5. Decisions in meeting of Management Faculty Board (FMO)
6. Tuition fees EUC
HvdM explains the reason for the small increase of the tuition fee of EUC with 100 euro for the academic year 2018-2019. It is to compensate the increasing costs combined with and new legislation that made it impossible to continue charging application fees.

GN asks if the tuition fee for EUC is the same as for other UC’s and who decides on those things. MdJ answers that EUC is one of the lowest. HvdM says that the proposal comes from the dean of EUC and the FC is asked for advice. The decision will be made by Executive Board of EUR.

BvdE is wondering how admission will be registered now, when the application fee is no longer allowed and application is open for everybody. GN will ask at EUC.

The Faculty Council gives positive advice for this increase of the tuition fee.

7. Election Programme Committees
According to the new law the members of the Programme Committees should be elected. But if the Faculty Board and Faculty Council agree, it is also possible to keep the current procedure: appointment by the dean. Based on the advice of the Programme Committees and Education Directors the FC does not have any objection against the current procedure for this academic year. JvA likes to know what is the reason not to do so by election? The FC will be informed later about the content/argumentation.

8. Evaluation reorganization
HT remarks that MA did a good job making this document. However he has thoughts about a more efficient programme. He suggests to talk with the dean and FC in advance, to win time to schedule more time for support staff, because that staff is rather affected by the internationalization. Also the students like to be involved. Furthermore JvA suggests a walk-in-hour for personnel members to talk to the evaluator. In relation to the point about finances, he wonders if it should be necessary to talk personally and confidentially about that at this day. He thinks to leave that to the evaluator. BL remarks that giving the evaluator the possibility to ask questions, might be a good opportunity. HT agrees. HvdM agrees on it.

MdJ thinks that it might be a possibility to ask Saskia Krijger, former director of ESE, to ask her for the evaluation. She is independent and no longer working for EUR anymore. MdJ will make changes in the programme and send the update to FC.

9. Planning budget and OER’s
This point will be scheduled for the next meeting in February 2017; an overview of dates will be available then. MdJ mentions that a new law will start September 1st; agreement on OER’s should be done by the new Programme Committees; this has to be discussed with the dean.

10. Policy plan student section Faculty Council FSS
This will be scheduled at the agenda of next meeting in February.

11. Other business
None.

12. Closure
The chair closes the meeting at 15:26 hour.