

Annual Report School Council 2012-2013

The School Council meets 8 times during the academic year. The annual report discloses the main themes discussed in the past year. The agenda of the council is comprised of both educational and organisational matters. The members of the council have different rights and duties. The staff fraction (PGFR) holds more rights compared to the student fraction (SGFR) when it comes to organisational matters. However, the student fraction does attend discussions concerning organisational matters as well in order to stay informed.

101st council 10-10-2012

- The council is opened by the temporal chairman. Maurits van Heijst is nominated by the SGFR to act as chairman. As there are no objections, Mr. van Heijst is appointed as chairman of the School Council for this term.
- The annual report of the School Council 2011-2012 is discussed, during which the point is raised by the vice-dean that student numbers have increased for IBEB and Econometrics. The enrolment for the other programmes has been stable, indicating that N=N has had no significant negative effect on the number of prospective students.
- Initial ideas are launched by the SGFR. These ideas have to be worked out further before they can be dealt with in detail.
- The PGFR asks for guidelines in the thesis supervisory process, both for students as well as for supervisors. They will work out a proposal regarding this matter.
- RI&E is discussed and the PGFR will write a letter with some issues concerning the H-building that have to be solved at the central university level.
- Saskia Krijger will leave the ESE.

102nd council 14-11-2012

- Wouter van den Brink takes over from Wietske Rowaan as a secretary during her maternity leave.
- The scheduled Self Analysis for March/April 2013 is discussed. The Self Analysis is conducted at the university level at half-time in a 6 year accreditation period. For the ESE, this means that a short analysis is needed as input for a meeting with the visiting committee, staff, students and management. A number of issues in this short analysis are addressed; a final document will be sent later which does not require approval.
- The SGFR asks whether exam registration in the first year can be done automatically as first years students have to take each course in order to progress to year 2. Difficulties arise with planning and whether the student has to take a resit or not. The MT will take a look at this in the future.
- The SGFR asks whether it could be compulsory for teachers to publish the grades on SIN-Online. Students are interested in e.g. the grade distribution. Some teachers experience difficulties when using the programme. The MT will take a look at this.
- The SGFR and PGFR will address the problem with publishing old exams.

103rd council 12-12-2012

- The Dean asks for a formal advice from the School Council regarding the MSc in Economics and Informatics.
- The policy on the appointment and promotion of scientific staff is discussed. The PGFR would like to see some changes before they give their approval. The due date is January 1.
- The Dean proposes the introduction of a new double bachelor programme Economics and Econometrics. It will be promoted as an excellence programme with certain entry requirements.
- The results of block 1 indicate that there are more students that obtained full credits, but also more students who got no ECTS. This is especially the case for Econometrics. The Examination Committee will analyse the bad grade distribution of Algebra 1.

104th council 6-2-2013

- The results of the second block are discussed. The vice-dean expects good results for all bachelor students, however the Dutch Econometrics students remain the worst performing group in the School.
- The meeting continues in Dutch for the discussion of the reorganisation in ICT. It is agreed that this topic starts with an open discussion, only when confidential matters arise the meeting will be regarded as a closed one. Mr. Campman outlines the main plan to start with the reorganisation in the month of May. The PGFR has some remarks, but is able to give a positive advice for the proposed plans.
- The policy on the appointment and promotion of members of the scientific staff is discussed, for which the new response of the Dean on the advice of the PGFR serves as new input. It is discussed whether meeting the criteria is enough, or that scientific staff should have future projects or topics lined up. Despite the second addition, the PGFR will probably give a positive advice.
- The vice-dean announces that the double bachelor programme Economics and Econometrics will only be given in English.
- The PGFR stresses that for many courses the required books are used very little or not at all. Students should first discuss this with the teacher, after which the Education Committee could look at it.

105th council - cancelled

106th council 15-05-2013

- The chairman announces that it is the final day of the elections for the School Council. In addition, it is announced that this meeting will mainly discuss educational issues.
- The documents “Educational Statistics” and “BSA Cohort 2012-2013” are input for the discussion on education. The vice-dean announces that the MT aims for 70% of total BSA advices to be positive. N=N will be evaluated by the MT on the basis of this year’s results, it is not a matter of approval from the School Council. The vice-dean announces that there are no intentions to apply N=N to the second year. It is difficult to help students pass the first blocks, as failure during this period can have multiple causes. The double bachelor programmes cannot be marketed as “excellence programmes” due to government regulation. Extra tutoring is left to the private market, according to the vice-dean. The vice-dean will discuss with the head of the OSC whether resit schedules could be optimised to make the resits more doable for students that have to do more than one.

- The business hours of the ESE will be extended to 7 p.m. There are rules about the regular working hours, but deviations are possible.
- The Dean's List will be introduced, which will be a programme for excellent students who can sign up for extracurricular activities. It will be introduced from September 2013 onwards. In addition, ESE merchandise will be available through the Erasmus Shop.
- Jeroen Perdaan will quit as a reporter, Tara Koning will replace him.
- Budget cuts are mentioned, the Dean states that some external additional costs are incurred but this will not cause big problems.

107th council 03-07-2013

- First, the Teaching and Examination Regulation (TER) for the ESE 2013-2014 are discussed. True/false questions are not favoured by either PGFR and MT. Despite strict wording, the aim should be to give bachelor-1 students one week to study for their resits after the announcement of block 5 results. In addition to the TER for the ESE, the TER for the Tinbergen Institute is also approved.
- After an incident during the School Council elections, a code conduct will be introduced in order to prevent future adverse situations.
- The Collective Labour Agreement (CLA) gives the right to take leave days to the next year. The Dean states that this is not preferred. Staff members should discuss this with their manager.
- Last year, the EUR missed out on a number of points during an institutional quality assurance assessment. In September 2013, a new committee led by Job Cohen will visit the EUR. The outcome of this test will not affect the ESE directly. A mid-term faculty assessment has not been finished yet, but no major flaws are expected.
- It is not possible to defend a PhD through Skype due to bad connectivity on campus or at the other side of the line. For MA thesis students, the MT will look into possibilities. The issue sometimes arises due to IND regulation regarding visas.

108th council – cancelled

109th council 28-08-2013

- The 109th School Council is the final meeting of the academic year 2012-2013. The SGFR will change as each year. Philip Koellinger has found a new job at the University of Amsterdam and will thus leave the School Council.
- Despite a small number of attendees, the meeting will continue as it was cancelled last time.
- Last year, 70% of bachelor-1 students received a positive BSA. For the upcoming year, it seems that there is a small growth in the number of applications. The international degrees seem to stabilise, definitive numbers follow in September.
- The budget for the upcoming year is discussed, which shows a shortage for 2014. The Dean states that this is mainly caused by lower revenues from the third and fourth moneyflows and higher personnel expenses. The Centennial is also a costly event, however it seems to stay within budget. Cuts can be expended in the personnel costs, e.g. by appointing less PhD's.
- PhD's will now be allocated to the cap.group budgets. The directors of these groups will determine the number of places and apply for them. It seems that, compared to other universities, the ESE has a large inflow of PhD students but the outflow seems somewhat low. For the MPhil, one should look carefully at the selection of students. It is also not guaranteed that every student can have their preferred promotion place.

- The PGFR raises the point that the earlier discussed items might negatively affect the quality of education. The MT reacts that PhD students could be used more effectively. The MT also states that the ESE has launched a number of successful programmes over the last year, especially the international programmes generate significant revenues for the faculty. Some support staff will be transferred to the EUR. The amount of equity will be above the required threshold in 2014. The trainings for staff members might be somewhat expensive, these are mainly used to build networks within the ESE.
- According to the vice-dean, the (informal) results of the School evaluation have shown that there are no severe gaps in the current education system at our faculty. However, some attention is needed for evaluating examination and thesis supervision. The official report will be shared later.
- The Erasmus University College (EUC) will start in September with 90 students. In bachelor-1, some teaching will be done by ESE staff.
- The School Council agrees with the proposed budget for the upcoming year.
- The thesis defence through skype-issue will be dealt with by the MT and the Examination Board. The MT will have a look better at possibilities for fraud when using this.