

MINUTES 139TH FC MEETING – 10 JULY 2012

Attendees

FC Members	Guests	MT	Official Secretary
Juup Essers	Ad Scheepers	Frank van der Kruk	
Sharmayne Schneiderberg	Carla Dirks – van den Broek	Eric Waarts	
Marlies Koolhaas		Gerrit van Bruggen	
Shiko Ben Menahem			
Jan Sirks			
Kerren Radvany			
Marnix de Kool			
Lizzy Veldt			
Niall Deasy			

1. Opening

Juup opens the 139th FC meeting at 10:30 am.

2. Agenda

There are no questions or further points to be added to the agenda.

3. Minutes

The minutes are approved without further remarks or amendments.

4. Announcements

There are no announcements.

5. Nominal = Normal (N=N)

The FC informed the UC on the decision-making process on N=N; the motion has been adopted. We are still waiting for an official response regarding our letter of advice (April). We still didn't receive a reaction from the Dean regarding our letter to the Dean with cc to the UC. The Dean was supposed to be present at the FC meeting last May. Eric says he did attend the FC meeting last June to respond to our advice, but the FC decided to discuss the point at this moment.

Jan asks what the risk is if we postpone N=N for one year and look at the consequences of the current changes in the curriculum. If the changes are not working we have a big problem. The FC asks why students procrastinate. The FC is afraid that we might have to send away students who we don't want to send away. Ad says that intermediate tests are currently implemented. The discussion we have had during earlier FC meetings is shortly repeated, no new argument have been brought to the floor.

The FC dislikes to decision-making process, but we feel we cannot do anything about it more.

6. Teaching and Examination Regulations (TERs)

Two issues: change with respect to N=N and last result counts rule.

Last result counts rule

Kerren has gathered a – not set up by her – petition with over 200 signatures against this rule within two weeks' time. Students disagree with the timing, not with the rule itself. Communication towards the students seems lack

both with respect to the last result counts rule and the number of re-sits. Students can change it now, but not risk-free. Some second year students cannot do the first year courses risk-free either. Niall says there has been miscommunication and the rules have been changed during the game, TER was the old one. The new rules are not implemented in the current TER (September 2011-2012). Students could not have known, and it has been only and barely communicated in June. The number of re-sits has been communicated on 14 October. That was well accepted by the students. After some debate, Ad and Carla state to consider these arguments. The FC should put it in writing. If the communication did went wrong, something has to be done. Who has the responsibility of the risk? Frank says the formal communication was right, so the risk should be with the students. Juup says there is a contradiction in the new rules and the TER. If there is something wrong with the miscommunication, the emergency measures taken will be for all Bachelor students. The discussion on the final TER must therefore be postponed.

N=N

We would like to avoid that the hardship clause would have to be used on a structural basis to get the results on the required level. This would also mean that we do not deliver as a faculty. The implementation of the rule is up to the examination board.

TER bachelor

Approved; with side note on the last result counts rule

TER master

Approved

Part time studies

Approved

7. Any other business

No further topics for discussion.

8. Closure

The meeting is closed at 12:30 pm.

Next FC meeting 13 September 2012 10.30 am in T03-42.

To do before the next meeting

Topic	Task	Person Responsible
Master TER	Write letter of advice on Master TER	Juup, Sharmayne
Collaboration	Write a letter to Programme Management regarding the decision-making process on the Master thesis curriculum: the FC liked the way of working together	Shiko
N=N	Write a letter of advice on N=N. The FC still disagrees based on the earlier given arguments. The FC would like to be informed about the discussions between the Dean and rector magnificus Schmidt.	Marlies, Juup