

MINUTES 140TH FC MEETING – 13 SEPTEMBER 2012

Attendees

FC Members	Guests	MT	Official Secretary
Juup Essers	Rik Hendriks (STAR)	Frank van der Kruk	Joy Kearney
Jan Sirks		Martin Bogaard	
Marnix de Kool		Steef van de Velde	
Lizzy Veldt			
Niall Deasy			
Thomas Eichentopf			
Pascal Redaoui			

1. Opening

Juup opens the 140th 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. Transfer of old to new student members

Juup welcomes the new student members and he states this is the official handover of the old members to the new ones. Juup also opts to first address the issue of the vice-chairman. No objections were raised to electing Sharmayne Schneijderberg as vice-chair in her absence and she was therefore unanimously elected, as she had already expressed her willingness in advance to accept this position. Juup mentions the fact that there is still a vacant chair for a faculty member, which is proving hard to fill.

6. Discussion of new budget for coming academic year

Personnel

Juup mentions that it is hard to get good, highly qualified personnel with expertise and quality. In the present figures it reveals we are not able to achieve this. Frank adds that in 2013 we will spend 2 million euros more than in 2012. We have a surplus of funding in the bank which is a problem; we need to invest it in further development and quality staff. Should we lower the criteria? We don't want to drop in the rankings, also not due to work overload. Steef and Gerrit are needed to discuss the research and teaching issues. The development of the budget led to a better forecast.

Finance

Juup remarks that we need to be careful, otherwise at central EUR level they will start to allocate their budget differently. Frank points out that making a profit is not in our interest, we need to plan well. State funding and student numbers are uncertain. These figures are the opinion of Koos Hoogervorst; we need to look at his forecast closely.

Reduction in certain nationalities

Thomas mentions the cap on the number of German students allowed on to IBA programme. This is not discrimination but simply to enhance the international mix.

RSM BV

The BV is minus in terms of funds at the moment, how will RSM address this? Frank explains that it is a privately held institution. There was a 1 million euros loss due to poor performance of Executive Education. Theo Backx is now interim director of Executive Education, and he is going in the right direction. Where do we get clients? This will not be resolved in 2013, but it will improve. Juup mentions that open programmes have wide appeal but this has to mature. We need unique selling points. Costs may be coming up next year, reorganization is possible. There may be a number of layoffs, Theo is trying to prevent this as much as possible.

Jan thinks, looking at the budget document on page 18, that the third level funding information is unclear; hiring people for external projects, they work a number of years and then what? Which project brought in what money in which year? It is unclear. Frank states that they will make an overview of the revenue of the projects. Juup points out that we also need transparency on the expenses side. Jan points to table 6.7; it is clear that the total income and expenditure are exactly the same – made so by subsidies and contributions. 'Salaries' refers only to people on our payroll. Juup states that target student numbers for 2013 remain stable, has not been updated.

7. Brainstorm: what do students wish to focus on this year?

Master programme

Marnix asks how the Master exchange programme will now be done, given the new ruling. Juup replies that this was discussed a few months ago, but it is still a point of concern. It will remain so and it will not be promoted any more. There will be no more a public defence.

Communication

Pascal makes the point about raising awareness for the FC. Juup continues by saying that the web page will be a focus of attention, it is there now but not how we would like it. We need a small dedicated group to manage it. We need to get all the material updated on website as well, especially from February onwards for next year's elections. Rik makes a point about increasing traffic to the website. Juup replies that he wants a discussion board, a chat facility, but the technical realization needs to be done first. Regarding communication, Pascal points out that there is no connection between OC, IBA programme committee, FC, UC etc. It is important that we connect the committees meeting each month, issues like N=N is relevant to all parties - though the OC and FC have different mandates. Thomas makes the point that a website is nice, but people have to visit it. We have to find a common face towards the students. Erasmus Magazine never had an article explaining about the FC and what it is. Juup agrees that members did not even know about the FC structure.

N=N

Lizzy points out that we have to keep N=N on the agenda. Regarding the sixty ECTS: how is this going to develop? We need to keep an eye on it.

8. Meeting plan for the coming year

We should have two internal meetings per month; we need to plan these soon.

9. Any other business

- Frank states that in the ICT reorganization staff received the letters that they will join the SSC ICT and that they will have new roles. They will continue presently in their normal roles. New roles are being created; those who want to stay in their own job can do so too. Frank adds that current roles are being investigated, if the roles differ greatly, there will be a discussion with the staff members. Juup points out that Jan Willem Huising needs to be involved in the discussion to inform the FC at the next meeting. Juup mentions that this seems to be a different story to what was previously discussed. Frank mentions the merger of our RSM library with the UB.
- Marnix asks when we can see the plans for using the surplus. Frank says this will be sometime in late October. It is not the goal to spend the entire surplus.

10. Closure

The meeting is closed at 1:30 pm.

Next FC meeting 4 October 2012 10.30 am in T07-67.

To do before the next meeting

Topic	Task	Person Responsible
ICT reorganization	Invite Jan Willem Huising for the next FC meeting	Joy
Internal FC meetings	Schedule two internal meetings per month	Joy
Budget plan 2013	Make an overview of the revenue of the projects	Frank, Martin