

MINUTES 113TH FC MEETING – 30 JUNE 2009

Attendees

FC Members	Guests	MT	Official Secretary
Frank Wijen	Frits van Gastelaars Engeldorp	Dominique Campman	Catheleyne Jurgens
Martine Schey			
Jan Sirks			
Bart Ariëns			
Gianna O'Brien			

1. Opening

Frank opens the FC meeting and welcomes everyone.

2. Agenda

The meeting will not discuss the Teaching and Examination Regulations as was scheduled since these are not finished yet. Instead of that, the FC would like to be informed by the (vice-) Dean concerning their discussion with the Executive Board (EB) on RSM's financial situation in the bilateral meeting.

3. RSM Financial situation

The FC would like to be informed on the MT's perspective with regard to the discussion with the EB on RSM's deficit and, if necessary, possible measures. On behalf of the Dean, Dominique explains that the budget showed a deficit of 1.3 million which has grown to an amount of 1.7 million. It is not a financial problem but a financing problem since RSM needs to pre-finance its growth due to the allocation model in place at the EUR. Consequently, the amount RSM receives for its student numbers does not correspond to the actual student numbers at this time. The outcome of the bilateral meeting is that Eric Waarts and Jaap Spronk will have a meeting with EB on long-term financing models since growth of the University is also one of their goals. The Dean, Director of Operations and Financial Director will have a meeting with Kees van Rooijen to discuss the possibility of a loan for RSM.

Dominique adds that for next year there are only two uncertain financial incomes namely the pension costs and the government money. Nevertheless, it is expected that RSM's financial situation will be a lot better than this year. Koos aims at a break-even budget for the coming year. Frits emphasises that RSM and the FC should be aware that EB can decide on a reorganisation and external measures can be taken by then. Therefore, if RSM and EB differ regarding the point of view on the deficit this can be tricky. Frank wonders if RSM has taken too ambitious initiatives which have increased the costs so much. Dominique answers that two years ago RSM had no reason why the school should not invest in its growth. It is a game of winning and losing and adjusting your strategy and plans. Frank asks if the MT has plans to change its policies? For the T-building the message is: be prudent. No real changes will be carried out and there will be no repercussions for employees. For the J-building measures are being taken in particular within Executive Education and not so much for the MBA programmes. Finally the FC would like to know who is financing the deficit within RSM? And if the deficit affects the incentives for managerial publications? The deficit is being financed out of the reserves of the School which amounts to a couple of million which should be enough for at least another year. RSM still gets a dividend although a deficit exists. Last year it was K €500, this year it will amount to half of this amount but is still enough to reward these publications.

The FC requests a discussion of the best vs. worst case scenario in the next MT meeting. A commitment to do this is given by Dominique.

Frank summarises the points as follows:

- RSM has a healthy business model
- Surplus
- It is a pre-financing problem
- Additional possibilities

The FC thanks Dominique for the information. The FC decided to ask the EB for their point of view on RSM's financial situation.

4. Closure

Frank closes the meeting at 10.55 am.

Next FC meeting 21 July 10.30 am in T03-42.

Action points FC meeting 30 June 2009

1. Dominique will bring up in the MT meeting the request of the FC to discuss the best vs worst case scenario in the MT.
2. Catheleyne will schedule a meeting with Kees van Rooijen (EB) asking for his point of view on RSM's financial situation.