

# Minutes MSc PC – 20 November 2018

Mandeville, T3-42, 13:00 – 15:00 hours

Present	Absent
MS: Maciej Szymanowski (Chair, MM)	CK: Cynthia Kong (SCM)
GH: Gabi Helfert (PM)	TL: Tsi Kwan Lam (GBS)
DT: Dimitrios Tsekouras (BIM)	RH: Rebecca Hewett (HRM)
SH: Sarah Horn (BIM)	LV: Lara in t Veld (FI)
JM: Juan Maldiedo (MI)	FW: Frank Wijen (SM)
KP: Kurdrat Kaur Paramjit (SE)	BK: Bas Koene (OCC)
WH: Wim Hulsink (SE)	AK: Alisa Knuutinen (MI)
GB: Guido Berens (GBS)	AS: Ad Scheepers (Policy Advisor)
YS: Yasemin Sezer (MM)	AG: Anxhela Gore (OCC)
YN: Yannick Niesen (SCM)	SZ: Solomon Zori (AFM)
EG: Egemen Genc (FI)	FP: Francesco Perniciaro (AFM)
VS: Verena Stuber (HRM)	Sigrid Batenburg-Mudde (PM)
GI: George-Stavros Isichos (SM)	
	Guests
	Dirk Schoenmaker, Academic Director FI-A

## 1. Opening and announcements

The chair welcomes everybody present and introduces the academic director of the FIA programme who will present the faculty's view and rationale for the proposed change in the programme's curriculum.

No other opening announcements.

## 2. Approval of minutes of MSc PC Meeting 18 October 2018

There are no comments and herewith the minutes are approved.

## 3. Curriculum change FI-A

FIA: From the course evaluations of the last two years we have identified two important issues. First, the students are facing important issues with the thesis trajectory, and they believe that further support in research methods is needed.

Secondly, students don't recognize the contribution of the study trip. The director believes that study trips are a diverse way to enhance the learning. However, the academic contribution of this trip is ambiguous. At the same time, students want more support in the thesis trajectory.

Also, the director pointed that the FIA programme offers plenty of practical experiences to the students through the curriculum (apart from the study trip), thus believes that they should focus on the academic content more.

WH: He has relevant experience as he organizes similar study trips for bachelor students (BA and IBA). He states that if they can integrate an academic challenge during the trip this could be beneficial for the students.

FIA: He agrees that international exposure could be really important for the students, but he believes that the curriculum offers many other opportunities for hands-on experience.

FIA: He believes that the trip should remain part of the programme organized however from STAR, or possibly another student association of the university. Thus, they plan to create some room in the academic schedule, so that the trip can still happen.

WH: He proposed to the FIA director to consider the possibility of establishing partnerships with universities in the trip destinations. In this way, they can tailor the trip to adhere to the academic requirements. He also said that the trip could be a selling point of the programme and by replacing a study trip with more research method courses they might send the wrong message to the programme's target audience.

GI: Asked the FIA director if the faculty believes that the removal of the trip could harm the reputation of the programme, as a flagship programme of the RSM.

FIA: From their experience, the trip is not a dominant selling factor of the programme. Other elements are the most important (e.g. the internships)

KP: Asked if the director has considered a partnership for the study trip with the student association b&r Beurs, which has similar epicenter with the FIA programme.

FIA: He liked the idea.

The chair thanked the director for his speech.

Only Wim Hulsink vote against

The committee agrees with the change in the FIA curriculum

#### **4. EQUIS student report template**

The chair asked the student members if they have contacted Karolina van der Werff in regards to the student report of the EQUIS accreditation process.

GI: He contacted Ms. Werff. She is out of town this week and the next week is going to communicate the material to the students

The chair also asked the other members to contact Ms. Werff.

#### **5. Approval of 2017-2018 PC recommendations (Integration of mission into teaching)**

See attachment.

## 6. Discuss Code of Order + communication document – see attachment

The chair asked all the present members to devote some minutes reading the code in teams of two and to identify potential changes to the document.

Due to time limitations, he asked all the teams to communicate their ideas via email to him.

## 7. Closing remarks

There are no closing remarks.

## 8. Action points

1. Each sub team should send Maciej their ideas for changes in the MSc PC code of order.
2. Maciej will edit the 2017-2018 PC Recommendation about the Integration of mission into teaching, and he will communicate it to the PC members
3. Each member should discuss with the PACs and the academic network about any ideas direction that this committee will focus towards the summer. The chair asked the members to discuss their ideas during the next meeting.

### Next Meetings:

22-Jan-19, 13:00h

21-Feb-19, 13:00h

21-Mar-19, 13:00h

11-Apr-19, 10:00h

21-May-19, 13:00h

25-Jun-19, 13:00h