



# minutes

## Meeting Faculty Council (FC)

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### Present

FC: Gerd Weitkamp (chair), Roberta Rutigliano, Jodi Sturge (partly), Anthony Simpatico, Bart Folgerts, Nigel Onwuachu, Fleur Bogema, Martijn Hoekstra

FB: Tialda Haartsen, Marga Hids, Coen Keijzer

Others: Jelmer de Rijke (Ibn Battuta);

### Absent

Claudia Yamu and Johan Woltjer (with notice)

Minutes taken by  
 Eliza van der Ploeg-Bout

Last minutes (9 March 2021) approved  
 Yes, without changes

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## 1. Actions

Number	Who?	What?	When?	See point
20210126-5	Weitkamp/Hids	Check whether new/better solution for problem of students (with regard to laptop requirements in GIS-course in 2B) with CIT is sufficient/enough.		
20210309-1	Woltjer	Check comment about planning of the study load for HGP specifically.		
20210309-2	Woltjer (Hids)	Check progress Teaching Academy.		
20210511-1	Weitkamp	Make a notification for intranet to encourage everyone to vote.	Before 17-5	
20210511-2	Weitkamp	Make letter for Board about agreement with plan 'Ruggesteun'.		6
20210511-3	Weitkamp	Answer Lijst Calimero.		10

## 2. Finished actions:

**20210126-4:** Woltjer has provided the document made by the DoE about plagiarism/fraud to the FC. See below point 6.

**20210309-3:** Woltjer has adapted the Strategic Plan. See point 4.1.

**20210309-4:** Weitkamp had provided the board with letters about the positive opinion of the FC on the Strategic Plan and the Progress Report.

## 3. Decisions/Advice

Number	Subject	See point
20210511-a	Decision: The FC agrees with the university support plan 'Ruggesteun' + FSS elaboration.	6

## 4. For information/received documents

**4.1 Reaction Executive Board on Strategic Plan:** The Executive Board advised to reformulate some elements in concrete actions with individual time paths. The plan will be discussed on 20-5 with the faculty. Usually, the FB has twice a year a meeting with the EB. However, this has been changed: now there is only one formal and one informal (in June) meeting.

**4.2 University elections update:** The university elections are from 17-5 onwards. The faculty council lists are complete. Weitkamp makes a notification for intranet to encourage everyone to vote.

**4.3 Self evaluation report ReMa:** For information.

## Action

**4.4 Financial quarterly report Q1 2021:** The FC appreciates getting this information.

### 5. Covid-19 update

At the moment no definite decisions have been made by the Executive Board of the University about education from September onwards. As soon as the FB has any new information it will be communicated. For certain is that next academic year, more attention is paid to social aspects for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year students. At the request of the student members, Haartsen checks with the master coordinators whether this also might be desirable for master students. The FB has invited Ibn Battuta to further discuss this.

The FC compliments the FB/Faculty for the many things that have been done for improving online education (changing of assignments etc.). This is very much appreciated by the students. One positive aspect of the Covid-19 situation is that relative to a few years ago group work is reevaluated.

The FB notes that in the latest newsletter to the faculty staff, it is mentioned that most of the faculty education fits under small scale teaching and therefore can be given on campus.

### 6. University support plan 'Ruggesteun' (annexes)

The proposal of the DoE is based on information provided by the heads of department, student numbers and the task distribution model. The budget comes from part Ministry and part EB and only the spend budget will be granted.

After some questioning and discussion the FC agrees with the appointment of three extra teaching staff and one extra study advisor. However, the FC does not support the process of the Ruggesteun plan, where a decision has to be made on the allocation of the budget, without clarity on the specific problems that need to be solved, or what specific objectives need to be achieved with the budget; let alone the lack of clarity on the indicators that will be used to assess these.

### 7. FSS policy regarding online assessment & invigilation (annex)

The FC appreciates receiving this policy for information. Many known cases of fraud have been solved already. This policy remains in force after Covid-19. The FSS Exam Committee is very aware and FSS is doing relatively good as many exams consists of essay and open questions. One point of attention is the random sampling of exam questions, as students cannot go back to earlier questions. It is very important that lecturers communicate this to the students clearly.

### 8. University of the North (annex NL - information)

The FC has taken notice of this document. The connection to other institutes gives perhaps new educational possibilities. The board notes that a lot is what we already have in place, but maybe it could be better structured.

### 9. Right of consent faculty consultative participation bodies in regard to the appointment of prevention coordinators (annexes)

For information: around 20-5 the FC receives a CV to give consent by email.

### 10. Effective Vacation Memo (annex)

The FC discusses the proposal from Lijst Calimero. In principle this is a good suggestion. However, the FC recommends not implementing this specific proposal, but having a broader discussion about the planning of the academic year: exams, resit planning etc. and in relation to the international academic year -> on FC agenda next year (strategy how to discuss this). Haartsen adds this to the agenda of the College of Deans meeting on 12 May. Weikamp answers Lijst Calimero.

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## Action

### 11. Other business and closure

There are no other comments/items. The next meeting is planned for Tuesday 1 June 2021.