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01 **Opening, adaption agenda and minutes**

The agenda and minutes were adopted.

02 **Written questions**

Remarks and explanations following the answers to the written questions:

- The beta phase of *Het nieuwe roosteren* (new procedure for scheduling of lecture rooms and halls) will start in January and it will be implemented the following academic year.

- The availability of rooms for students has not yet been communicated. Buigel will contact the communications department.

- In follow-up on funding for professors' portraits, Van der Steen remarks that there is not much diversity (only male professors) in the portraits in the faculty room of BSS. Aarts strives for more diversity in professors' portraits, but currently the only portraits of female professors are in the senate room. The University Museum proposes rotating the portraits between the senate room and the faculty rooms

- The student faction is of the opinion that the answer concerning the many exceptions to the review deadlines for exams is not sufficient. Postema stresses that students have to prepare for the resit. Amsing indicates this issue is currently point of discussion and it is brought to the attention of the boards of examiners and the programme directors.

- Amsing inquired about the seemingly dormant programme committee of the PhD education programme. The programme is meant for bursary PhDs only; a programme committee is required by law. The PhD trajectories are individual, there is just one overarching course (Ethics). Of course, quality assurance is important, Amsing will contact the director to arrange a meeting on the quality of education once a year.

02.01 **The meeting of the Faculty Council**

No additional questions or remarks.

02.02 **The meetings of the Faculty Board**

No additional questions or remarks.

03 **Topics for discussion**



No topics for discussion.

- 04** **Announcements from the Chair and the Deputy Chair**
No announcements.
- 05** **Announcements from the Faculty Board**
05.01 **Current status Sectorplan**
- Eight postdoc positions were filled after the summer. Last week, the vacancies for 16 UD positions were opened. These UDs will also be deployed to reduce the workload. The interdisciplinary themes are elaborated and also transdisciplinary themes are under development.
At the same time, the government wants to award start-up and incentive grants to starting UDs, but there is still much uncertainty about this. What is certain is that the amount allocated to our faculty will be insufficient to provide start-up grants to all 16 UDs. The FB will organize a meeting with a representatives of the FC, YESS BSS and department directors to discuss a distribution plan for the starting grants.
The next phase of the sectorplan is to make the interdisciplinary themes work within the faculty. staff members wishing to contribute to any of the themes are welcome to participate.
- 05.02** **Current status promotion policy**
The FB is working on a clear promotion policy for UDs who are appointed in a fixed position. It takes time to formulate this.
The starting point is the question of what composition of staff a department needs to carry out the teaching programme and research. The directors have to discuss this with their groups. Aarts invites the council to start an initial discussion on this topic early next year.
- 05.03** **Current status online education-evaluation afterwards**
Amsing: although the FB does not intend to repeat the measure, evaluation of online education in December/January is important.. There are positive and negative responses: international students are happy with the online education; students in Groningen cope with it.
- 06** **Principles for the assessment of Tenure Track criteria by the Faculty Promotion Committee (FBC) (Inform)**
This document has been shared with the faculty community a few weeks ago. There is discussion about the language criteria for non-Dutch researchers. However, it has long been used, intended to stimulate to take language courses. The policy of the UG is to move forward a multi-language community.
- 07** **Composition Programme Committees BSS (advise student faction)**
The student faction gives positive advise on the proposed composition of the Programme Committees.
- 08** **Confidential: Report meeting FB-CvB on 28 September 2022 (inform)**
The report states that students respond positively to the online education, but the evaluation has not yet been conducted. Officially there are no complaints, but amongst teachers and students there actually are. The FC considers it important to bring this up.
- 09** **Questions**
The student faction does like that the FC meeting is at the faculty, but find it difficult to match with the online education. Buigel explains this only concerns the lectures; students are very welcome to study at the faculty.
The FC stresses communication is of great importance in this situation.



10 **Closing**
 Closure at 16.45 hrs.

Action points

Amsing Amsing will contact the director of the Graduate School to arrange a meeting on the quality of education once a year.

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