



Meeting minutes

Meeting date
2 November 2015

Minutes prepared by
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Subject
Executive Board meeting held on 2 November 2015

Present
Amman, Van den Boom (acting president), De Jong, Schmidt (student assessor), Lange, Du Perron, Van Velzen, Von Meyenfeldt (minutes)

1. Minutes of the Executive Board meeting of 26 October 2015

The minutes were adopted with one amendment to the text.

2. Announcements

- Lange explained that the Options Guide to Higher Education (*Keuzegids Hoger Onderwijs*) has been published, and the UvA placed last among universities. The National Student Survey (NSE) was used as basis for the guide. It is clear that the UvA is progressing but less quickly than other universities. The Executive Board will discuss this outcome. From talking to parents, Du Perron gathers that Amsterdam itself is often a decisive factor, but that parents are especially concerned that the UvA provides insufficient accompaniment. It is therefore important to clearly demonstrate the various forms of guidance and counselling offered by the UvA. The Board reaffirmed the fact that a decline in student numbers is a reflection of the policies of the Strategic Plan, but that the decline is happening in fits and starts.
- Bremer has been bid farewell as director of the CNA; she has left for a new position at The Hague University of Applied Sciences.
- Schmidt reported that, as expected, the Joint Meeting has rejected the proposed compromise reached by the Board and the executive branch of the representative advisory bodies regarding the Framework Letter. The Joint Meeting is advocating another measure related to the n + 1 measure, and will explain it in its response.

3. Reform agenda

- The Finance and Accommodations Research Committee is doing some preliminary research. Interviews are being carried out with candidates for the Democratisation and Decentralisation Committee. A secretary is also being sought and a description of procedures is being worked on.
- The Humanities Rally 'Night of Protest' went well, with a good turnout and animated speakers; there were no incidents. The name of the meeting was of great importance to the organisers; however, the activist tone worried employees working in the Maagdenhuis and nationwide lead to questions about the objectives of the action groups.

4. Appointment of professor of Optoelectronic Materials at the Faculty of Science

The Executive Board approved the appointment.

5. Subsidy conditions, Folia

The College adopted with retroactive effect the subsidy conditions for Folia in line with the proposal; earlier this year they were put on hold in connection with uncertainty about the accommodations costs.

6. Budget 2016, presentation of data for current state of affairs - Slides

In the presence of Boels

Amman explained that there is a substantial difference between the Framework Letter and preliminary budgets. Moreover, the multi-year view shows no prospect of a balanced budget in this state. The Board briefly discussed the situation in the various faculties, service units and the central budgets, and discussed ways to achieve savings, such as deferring some construction projects and phasing out some themed budgets. The topic will be discussed with the deans in the Central Executive Council following this meeting and then worked into the budget by F&C.

7. Management meetings

- a. Timetable, representative advisory bodies: There were no remarks about the timetable.
- b. Timetable, Supervisory Board: There were no remarks about the timetable
- c. Agenda, ACTA executive consultation, 12-11-2015: The agenda was approved.
- d. Agenda, UvA-AUAS-VU, 12-11-2015: The agenda was approved.
- e. Draft minutes, Central Executive Council, 15-10-2015: There were no remarks about the minutes.

8. Areas of concern and action lists

- a. *Areas of concern*: There were no remarks about the list of areas of concern.
- b. *Timetable, Executive Board meetings*. There were no remarks concerning the timetable.

9. Any other business

There were no further remarks.

Adopted by the Executive Board on 9 November 2015.