Minutes ESE School Council 204a
Plenary meeting School Council
Date: Thursday 8 May, 11.00-12.30 (Polak 3-22)

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Present:
Student Council: Quinten de Gruijter (QG), Francisco Magalhaes Portilha (FMP), Arthur Kuhlmann (AKu), Marijn Bierens (MB)
Personnel Council: Vladimir Karamychev (VK), Linda Klaver (LK), Ajay Bhaskarabhatla (AB), Adam Rybko (AR, online), Marc Gabarro Bonet (MGB), Twan Dollevoet (TD)
Secretary: Suzanne Leentvaar (SL, minutes)
Not present:
Javiera Alvarez Jimenez (without notice), Arnold Kirchyunger (without notice), Ismael Lazrek (with notice), Levi Hunter (with notice)

SC=School Council
PGFR=Personnel Section of the School Council SGFR=Student Section of the School Council
MT=Management Team PM=Programme Management
UC=University Council

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1.1 Opening and approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

1.2 Announcements

- TD and LK, as representatives of the PGFR, were present at the meeting with the vice-dean/HR regarding proposed changes in the structure of the educational department, mainly concerning changes in hierarchical and functional management. A report of the meeting will be shared with the SC.
- The TER of the new eMSc ESE, which starts in September, needs to be approved by the SC. The educational committee is requested to review the TER. If questions are raised, they can be discussed prior to the next plenary meeting.
- Representatives of the educational committee met with PM to discuss a proposal for saving costs on tutorial education. Considering the feedback of the SC, PM presented the new plans recently. The report of the meeting and the proposal will be shared with the SC members, the educational committee is asked to have a closer look in preparation of the internal meeting in June (SC205a).

1.3 Action point list/monitoring topics

Monitoring list:

- HOKA: the SC received the final report. The topic needs change, as the name has changed, and the future involvement of participation needs to be discussed with MT.
- PhD: no comments.
- Future housing: on the agenda.
- Internal evaluation: on the agenda (Strengthening of the participation bodies).
- Opening hours office buildings: no response yet, SL will inform on the status of the letter/evaluation with the secretary of the UC.
- Problems support systems: a meeting is scheduled in June, where some members of the SC will be present.

2.1 TER 2025-2026

Comments:

1. Artikel 7.3.f en Artikel 24.4, last bullet: Should it be `minimaal 180’ instead of 180? The English version and the Master OER and TER do specify ‘at least’ 180.

2. Artikel 21.3: In practice, students who follow first-year courses as preparation for the premaster Econometrics and Management Science are also exempted from the tutorial attendance requirement. Would it be possible to mention them here, as well?
3. Artikel 28: Are the “Regulations numerus-fixus and decentralized selection for International Bachelor Economics and Business Economics 2026-2027” already available? Can we see them?
4. It needs to be clear where information on the registration process of the partial grades can be found; if not in the TER, it is suggested to have one place where to find the right information.
5. Artikel 19: a reference to the now existing perusal policy would be in place.
6. Artikel 32: from this article, it still seems possible for students to switch after one year and with that, surpass the numerus-fixus. It was stated this should not be possible anymore.

The SC were asked for advice on the numerus-fixus proposal. Prior to taking it up in the TER, the SC should be asked for approval on the implementation.

2.2 Service Level Agreement 2025-2026

Comments:

- AKu remarked that students are not happy with the change that was made regarding the recordings of the plenary lectures, as recordings could benefit the students and there is a lot of demand for them. The addition of the online practice tools is a good one, but it is suggested to keep the recordings part of this.
- It is no longer necessary to keep a logbook on the use of AI. The way it is taken up in the SLA is sufficient, although it is not specified what the regulations are in a non-thesis context. It would be good to have this worked out in more detail and inform students as well as lecturers.

2.3 HOKA report

Feedback:

- VK: in the past, it was very difficult to apply for HOKA funds, as there was a lot of control and restrictions. It would have been good if people had got more assistance, as a lot of money was available. Looking at the future, it would be good to have less control and more help.
- AKu: from the evaluation it seems that career skills were very successful, but from the students’ point of view this was not the case. The scores show a high appreciation however. It seems there is some tension between how students feel about career skills and how it is presented in the evaluation.
- AR: the infrastructure is not suited for tutorial differentiation and not all students are aware of tutorial differentiation. If more is implemented, adjustments are needed.

4.1 Floorplans Tinbergen

The PGFR were asked for approval on the floorplans, the SC as whole can give advice. Comments:

- MGB was presented with new information regarding ARBO conditions. MGB therefore suggested waiting with voting on the floorplans until it is clear what this information entails.
- VK: the SC advised on the floorplans and is now asked to approve of the implementation of the plans. There are a lot of complaints from staff, and if the SC members would follow their

constituency, they would vote against the floorplans. But as this is not constructive, VK suggested having the dean explain the situation to the staff members, to raise more understanding.

- QG: procedurally, the SC gave a positive advice on the plans. Before the SC can decide on the implementation, it needs to be clear if the ARBO conditions are met.
- AKu: six floors of the Tinbergen building are reserved for education. These floors would possibly not be needed if the EUR would not have decided to close some buildings. VK heard that less space is made available for the faculties to be able to make money on spaces for commercial purposes, to generate money. It would be good if the dean would inform staff about it and could explain this properly, for example during a town-hall meeting.

4.2 Sequel Diversity Travel

No proper improvements were made, only some changes to the website. It is still too expensive and time consuming. The agency does not give a timeline for when improvements will be made. From the mail conversation of QG with Albert Wagelmans came that the focus is on improving the issues; people can share their issues in a dedicated Team channel. Getting rid of the agency is not the focus and is not probable. MT needs to be kept informed on the opinion of the staff and will be asked what they will do with the issues that are being collected.

The topic Diversity travel will be added to the Monitoring list.

4.3 Evaluation strategic workforce planning

In November it was said that the outcome would be shared with the SC. The MT will be asked for the status of the evaluation.

4.4 Issues Migration Windows 11

The staff needs to be informed about what will change after the migration. Topics to discuss:

- Dropbox: most research staff use it frequently. We can request it individually, but we will all get it approved. How does it work.
- Browser: is there a restriction on compatible browsers?
- Local admin rights: some employees need local admin rights for their work (to use certain software). How is this facilitated under Windows 11?
- CBS: has the census data access been solved? Do we need to request it individually?
- SAP: any update on SAP compatibility?

4.5 Proposal Strengthening participation bodies

In the proposal, some of the suggestions were made by SL as well, such as a communication plan, which would also be useful for the involvement of students; this last point could get more attention in the proposal. In general, communication could be used internally to involve the members, but also externally, to explain what the SC does, what decisions the SC reached and to get more candidates. A separate meeting will be scheduled with Iris Versluis, to generate three bigger issues. QG, LK, TD, MGB and FMH will attend this meeting.

6. Any other business

For the plenary meetings, one and a half hours are scheduled. It could be discussed to make it two hours, preferably including lunch.

The chair closed the meeting at 12.55.