

Vastgesteld verslag meeting EB-CSC November 1, 2023

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1. Opening and approval of the agenda

5 Rob Mudde welcomes everyone and opens the meeting. The agenda is approved.
Approval of the agenda.

2. Approval of minutes August 30, 2023

Text:p.1, l.30 – ‘no reports of.....’ change into ‘a very limited number of.....’: ‘Welfare’ will be changed into ‘wellbeing’.
With these changes, the minutes are approved.

10 Following the minutes, Rob Mudde will take action on the awareness campaign motivation for student boards and a structural budget for the SVR for burn-out workshops.

3. Announcements and incoming letters

- Sharepoint online- the CSC will send a letter to the EB regarding their advice on Sharepoint online.
- CSC-letter regarding RPF - It is not clear to Rob Mudde what the CSC would like to discuss. The RPF will be discussed in 2024. If it is discussed now, it is not in line with the regular process. It can be discussed, but Rob Mudde reiterates that he does not know what the CSC thinks it will achieve.

4. Student world update

20 Maud Reinders gives an update about the past two months. The new boards of the study and student associations have started. Most boards have had a constitution borrel to which they invited their friends and family, members and other boards. The VeRa is in the process of setting up an overarching body for well-being committees in their associations. On the 10th of October it was the day of sustainability in education, where GreenTU organised a day full of workshops, keynote speakers and a sustainable teacher of the year award to celebrate sustainable education. This October, the Central Student Council attended the Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Week, involving a series of workshops and discussion on important topics. The Kick Off Event allowed students to engage through interactive sessions and ask questions to keynote speakers. Across the week, events were held in numerous different faculties, enabling the entire campus to partake in the events. The most well-attended event was a lecture given by Shirley de Wit with the title “But girls just don’t like tech”, which provided an insight on the gender disparities and issues with the STEM sector. A main point of feedback from the Central Student Council: although there was active promotion around campus, the D&I week did fall during the midterm exam period of students. This resulted in less people participating during the events, and also the cancellation of certain workshops. Stylos, the study association of architecture, celebrated their 130th anniversary with an opening festival for every student and ended the week with a trip to Luxembourg. The Brunel Solar Team secured the third place in the World Solar Challenge in Australia last week. They completed an over 3000-kilometer race in just over four days. Rob Mudde is also very pleased with the result of the Solar Team.

35 Last week there was a protest against the rising interest on student loans, as DUO announced that the interest would rise from 0.46% to 2.56%. The protest was very effective as the government has promised to lower the interest on student loans for the so called ‘pechgeneratie’ – or unlucky generation. It is still unclear how the reduction in interest rates will be precisely designed, and a decision will probably be postponed until the new government is formed.

4. ODO update

40 Rob Mudde promised to discuss three items at the ODO:

- Central moment of inspection - The possibility of inspecting an examination during a fixed period was discussed. ODO members felt that there should be freedom and flexibility for teachers. However, it was recognised that a clear schedule of examination dates and inspection times should be known in advance of the course. Rob Mudde will at some point ask the Education Directors to reflect on the process. Sam de Jong suggests asking the FSRs to monitor.
- Collegerama- looking at the content, there is a change that has been accelerated by Covid. Lectures are moving more towards ‘kennisclips’ ...Collegerama is not outdated, the lectures have changed a bit. But it isn’t re-taped in such a way that it is exactly the same as the curricula of today. This is a workable compromise, according to Rob Mudde.
- The costs of materials in certain projects : it should not be the case that it is costly. If students want to spend huge amounts of money on it, they can, but it shouldn’t affect their mark.

There will be no individual budget, just as books and other learning materials are not reimbursed now. Rob Mudde adds that the costs involved need to be reasonable. After some discussion, it is indicated that a cost estimate will probably be provided in advance.

5. Decrease in number of students

55 A complete overview is not available until 1 December. ESA made a headcount on 1 October. There is a slight decrease in inflows in the BSc and a slight increase in the MSc. There is nothing wrong with stability rather than growth. Rob Mudde does not know why there are fewer international students, he does not have a crystal ball. The

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Netherlands is becoming less popular, it could be the current political ideas about international students. The language debate in the Netherlands is also coming to the fore elsewhere in the world. It could also be that political instability in the world and rising costs in the Netherlands are discouraging international students from coming here. Fewer people are opting for a nature and technology profile at VWO, says Rob Mudde. The number of students is decreasing, which is exactly the opposite of what we need as a society. In the early 2000s we had a campaign that focused on the choice of studying technology. After discussion, we came to the conclusion that everything depends on the outcome of the political discussion and the elections. Danko Roozmond refers to the multi-year plan of the OCW, the number of students, students going to VWO and HBO. He zooms in on the discussion about the MBO of the current Minister of OCW.

There is further discussion about the rise of the new party NSC and what this means for international students. Rob Mudde gives the example of Denmark, which also had a restrictive policy for international students, but no longer does.

How do these things affect the growth ambitions? Training more engineers is not going to happen in the way we currently work, says Rob Mudde. This is an opportunity to change the curriculum, to change to thematic programmes, to increase the number of female students, to increase the number of first-generation students. The focus will be on them, not on the standard student who already comes to TU Delft.

There is further discussion about the current plans. Rob Mudde points out as an example that the VU in Amsterdam is very successful in attracting first generation students (40-45%).

The financial implications are discussed. The CSC is also concerned about housing. Will there be active housing measures to increase the influx of international students? Rob Mudde reiterates that this is very difficult in terms of housing, TU Delft has no active role in this.

6. Raising central student council effectiveness

Alexandra Schelling introduces the topic and reports from the living room in Pulse. Pulse CREFM coordinator Tim Vermeulen is happy about the plans. The CSC is planning to sit in the education building, to work in a visible place so that students can come to them. There will be four banners next to them, one for each party and one for the CSC. The CSC can start as early as next week and will be more accessible. Next up are lunchtime talks on topics of interest to students. Hopefully other buildings will follow soon, such as Echo, Flux and the Fellowship.

7. Continuation NPO projects

Matthijs van Teeffelen introduced the topic and gave a presentation.

We need to think about what is high priority and what is very important to the CSC. The question is whether there is funding for these projects. We need to think about well-being projects and find ways to continue these projects, knowing that funding will end in 2024. There is more discussion about this. Funding will have to be sought. Danko Roozmond explains further. Take the use of psychologists, for example: what is needed? Ultimately, it is the Executive Board's decision.

The CSC can stay involved by continuing to point out what it thinks is important and what works. Danko Roozmond refers to the yearly evaluation of the NPO, which will take place sometime next month. He advises the CSC to think carefully about this. Evaluations are done by the project leaders, so Danko Roozmond does not know exactly when it will be delivered.

There will be further discussions. After the evaluation, there will be a discussion between ESA staff and the CSC. A date cannot yet be agreed, as the exact date of the delivery evaluation is not yet known. Rob Mudde advises the CSC to start the preparatory work now, there is no need to wait.

As to whether the quality agreements will be continued, Danko Roozmond says that this can be discussed in a separate meeting. Matthijs van Teeffelen says he would like to see structural funds. Most of the investment fund money is spent on staff costs. And it is about projects versus long term structural plans. This is briefly discussed again at the end.

8. Internal governance NPO

Koos Meesters geeft een presentatie in het Nederlands. Als casus is Exhale gebruikt. De CSC is bezorgd over het governance proces, niet zozeer over het onderwerp an sich. Koos Meesters wijst op de afspraken zoals die in het Bestuursakkoord Onderwijs worden weergegeven. Nu zijn er volgens de spreker veel processtappen gedaan die niet conform de afspraken worden gedaan. De presentatie zoomt in op het ontbreken van een projectplan en begroting. Door het doorlopen is er volgens de CSC nu een niet-transparant proces geweest. Compliance beleid wordt gemist. Rob Mudde kan er ter plekke niet op reageren. Hij past graag hoor en wederhoor toe, het hoort bij de hygiëne van dit proces dat hij dat doet. Koos Meesters geeft nogmaals aan dat een compliance afdeling zeer wordt gemist, daar zou in de ogen van de CSC veel problemen door kunnen worden opgelost. Afgesproken wordt dat Rob Mudde erop terugkomt als hij voldoende informatie heeft om binnen de organisatie navraag te kunnen doen. Koos Meesters zal hiervoor zorgen.

Rob Mudde geeft een Engelse samenvatting voor Albaraa Khalil.

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9. Plans for the coming year- Goals for the CSC

Sam de Jong and Jelle Stap gave a presentation highlighting the main points.

Living room, facilities, wellbeing, education. Rob Mudde encourages the CSC to go ahead with their plans.

10. Gdansk ENHANCE

5 Albaara Khalil and Matthijs van Teeffelen attended the ENHANCE conference in Gdansk at the invitation of Marieke Wolthuis. ENHANCE is an alliance of universities of technology.

Albaara Khalil gives a presentation on the theme of the conference- climate neutral cities. Climate change and renewable energy, how can we work together?

3 tips:

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- Help fossil fuel companies transition
 - Include sustainability in curriculum
 - Multilevel action

Afterwards there is some discussion about changing the fossil fuel companies by helping them with the energy transition. Rob Mudde points out how can we make a society so that they can trust on wind, electricity etc. ? Wind

15 and solar are not so easy to control and to rely on it. We have our plans for the transition of the harbour in Rotterdam and very limited time to do so. We have to work with various companies because of the scale. Look at the geothermal well, we use it as a study object.

Rob Mudde is pleased to see that most of the things are aligned with what we do as TU Delft. He thanks Albaraa Khalil for the presentation.

20 11. Idealistic conference in Sweden

Matthijs van Teeffelen presents the outcome of the conference.

Rob Mudde reflects on the presentation. It is good to hear that we as TU Delft do things sometimes better than other universities. He also stresses we should put more emphasis on working online with other universities. Not only because it reduces workload, but also the amount of travel.

25 12. AOB and question round

Sam de Jong would like to know about the model OER and model RRVE. Danko Roozmond will get back to him.

13. Closing

With thanks to all present, Rob Mudde closed the meeting.