

Minutes of the Faculty Council BMS of 15 September

Present: Alexander van Deursen, Shawn Donnelly (Chair), Noor Godijk, Janneke Hendriks, Yann Hengstenberg, Marion Kamp (MT), Rainer Mensing, Evelien Rietberg (Minutes), Mark Tempelman, Theo Toonen (MT), Bernard van Welij, Jacqueline Weppelman (MT),

Absent: Rainer Harms, Jeroen Meijerink

1. Opening

The chairman opened the meeting. Welcome to all the new members of the council.

2. A. Minutes of last meeting FC 12 May 2015

Point 4 paragraph 2 add the sentence: With a view to have those standards could be applied to other staff. The minutes were approved.

B. Minutes of last meeting FC 16 June 2015

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No further comments, minutes were approved.

3. New plans for the faculty (organization)

The MT appointed new people in a place that is was called deliberately governance team of the dean. It is impossible to run all portfolios on the same time for one person. It would slow down the process.

The MT asked **Ellen Giebels** to extend her current membership of the Dean Administrative team and have found her willing to assist me in the continued development and design of a BMS-wide **Research portfolio**. **Peter Paul Verbeek** was asked to take up the role of **vice dean**. In this role he will be deputy chair of the Dean Administrative team and, if so required, the representative of the Dean at ceremonies, external contacts and academic affairs.

Also some heads of department changed. At this moment the faculty contains 22 departments which the MT would like to reform and try to create a coordination mechanism. Coherence should be created.

This is for a temporary 2 year transition period. By that time there should be clear picture in terms of education, research and departmental structures where we are going to with respect to 2020.

After a discussion with the CvB, a new HGL plan should be created. A lot of full professors will leave around now 2020 and replacement should be a bit consolidated.

The MT mentioned that the finances are "quite simple". Next year we do it well, the year after we go into a depth. In 2019 there should be a good structured and healthy faculty.

4. Related plans to research strategy

The MT mentioned that the research strategy at this university is being run from the research institute. The most relevant one for our faculty is IGS. There is at UT level a formal discussion going on, on the role of the research institutes, their positions and how should they fit into the overall structure of the university.

At his moment we have Kees Aarts as director who will step down on the 1st of January 2016. The dean will – for the time being – take over that position and will redesign the research program. Within the research structure Ellen Giebels will take over that portfolio till the end of this year.

The FC mentioned that looking at IGS there is the strong link to BMS, for CTIT it is EWI, MIRA to TNW. Is it too early to speculate about whether that is a part of the institutional strategy of networking, BMS with the other faculties?

The MT answered that they always see the tool of an institute even it would be more included in the faculty as way to invest in a collaboration among groups and with other faculties. There is an agreement with the leadership of CTIT that both will align their investment strategies. This is clearly to stimulate collaboration across various faculties.

By the end of the year – when more is clear - more information will follow.

5. Announcements from the dean

The dean mentioned that 2 professors are hired for ELAN and is very satisfied with this new situation since it seems that ELAN is somewhat a strange duck into the whole setup of the faculty. There is a strong believe that internationalization is the future of this university.

6. Other business

The FC received some questions if there will be a new round Tech4People and if yes, when will there be any communication about this new round.

The MT answered that the call for proposals will be this year and more information will follow soon.

7. Closure of the meeting

The chairman closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their contribution.