

Minutes Student Council Pharmacy (SCP) (STOF) meeting February 4th 2020

Date and time: February 4th 2020: 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Location: Groningen, Antonius Deusinglaan 1, zaal 3215.0149

5 *Attendees:* Ruud Stapel, Lotte van Hal, Anieke Hofhuis, Bob Wilffert, Edgard Weening, Lisette Klein, Lennard Piercy, Joppe Vodegel, Jan de Boer, Robin Emaus, Malou Kruseman, Martin Issa, Emma Dorenbos, Wies van Bakel, Sven Stegen, Mirthe Oude Lansink, Sharon Koers, Myrthe Boerrigter

10 **1. Opening**

Ruud Stapel opens the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

2. Setting the agenda

15 Jan de Boer asks why the Faculty Board still has an item on the agenda. Ruud Stapel answers that the board wants to be invited to SCP meetings but never actually attends the meetings. He states that they continue to be invited but will not have an item on the agenda from now on.

3. Minutes of SCP meeting on November 26th 2019

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20 Jan de Boer asks if there is more known about Academic Research and Communication Skills (ARCS) 2 and Instrumental Analysis being combined. Ruud Stapel answers that the SCP will contact Herman Woerdenbag on this matter and discuss it during the next meeting. Malou Mulder adds that the idea is that more information on how to write an essay will be provided in ARCS 1 as well.

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Jan asks what else will improve in ARCS 2 and what the workgroup for this course is currently working on.

Ruud answers that Herman will also be contacted about this matter.

30 Ruud asks the representatives from year 1 if they consequently get online course evaluations because there had been some problems at the start of the academic year. Malou answers that the students get emails and that the courses can be evaluated using the form on Nestor. She questions whether the response rate is high. Jan adds that it might be useful to reserve some time at the end of the last lecture to complete these evaluations. He says that students otherwise have to actively go to the Nestor page in their own time and that this suggestion might help improve the response rates. Ruud mentions that the evaluations are regulated faculty wide and that this might be harder than it seems.

35 Edgard Weening adds that teachers have little influence on this process but he agrees that it would be useful to reserve time at the end of the course for these evaluations.

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40 Jan mentions that for the master ceremonies it is difficult to plan one certain date. At the moment, students and their families have to save two dates on which the ceremony might take place. The teachers that are invited to say a few words about a graduate are not all very responsive and do not all give updates in advance which date would be best. The Exam Committee tries to have as many teachers present as possible and can therefore not guarantee to have the date determined earlier.

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Jan asks if there is more being done with the video equipment in the lecture rooms at the moment. Martin Issa mentions that Pharmacology and Physiology was recorded. Robin Emaus asks if there were a lot less students present at the lecture. Malou answers that this was barely the case and that the recordings are only a tool to use next to the lectures. Ruud asks if anyone knows if recordings of lectures will be standardised. Joppe Vodegel answers that within the Faculty of Medical Sciences all studies have pilots with lectures being recorded. If the results of these pilots are positive, recording lectures will be standardised for this faculty. He also mentions that the recording equipment is available. Ruud adds that it might be up to the teachers to actually use this equipment.

55 Ruud asks what the results are regarding the continuation of the PhD-experiment. Lennard Piercy explains that this experiment focused on creating more spots for PhD-candidates, whereby these candidates would have less salary and fewer rights than regular employees, because they would be appointed

as students. The Executive Board (College van Bestuur) of the university has decided to continue the appointments of this type of PhD-candidates. Lennard says that some faculties refuse to follow these regulations. Ruud asks what the university thinks of this behaviour. Lennard answers he does not know what the university thinks of this. He says that the university cannot force the faculties to endorse this experiment and that they are free to facilitate their own way of appointing PhD-candidates.

4. Announcements of the SCP

5. Announcements of the Year Representatives

a. Year 1

Malou Mulder mentions that there have been complaints about the resit of Mathematics and Statistics, which took place on the 10th of January. The teacher will not be able to correct the exam before the end of February. The regulations say that an exam should be corrected within ten working days. Lisette Klein says that this teacher is not from the study of Pharmacy but from Mathematics, and that he was appointed to teach this course very last minute. Sharon Koers adds that the Program Committee was relieved that there was a teacher at all. Ruud says that the SCP will work on this situation but also be subtle, as losing this teacher for the coming academic year would be unfortunate. Lisette adds that there is a direct issue following this situation. She says that first-year students have to be able to stop studying Pharmacy before the 1st of March in order to be able to start again next September. This decision might be dependent on the mark of Mathematics and Statistics.

b. Year 2

Emma Dorenbos says it has been suggested by multiple students to exclude Biostatistics from the combination courses of Pharmacokinetics, Metabolism and Toxicology and Biostatistics. Biostatistics was stretched over too long a period of time and the deadlines for reports and examinations were too close together. Emma mentions that this problem has already been indicated to the teachers of the courses. Jan de Boer says that this issue has been handled in the Advisory Council as well and that the problem lies more in the availability of practical rooms at the moment. He says that other practical courses can be scheduled at the same time of these three courses if they are stretched over a longer period of time. Jan says it is unpredictable whether the structure of these courses will be different next academic year.

c. Year 3

Wies van Bakel says there have been complaints about the extra tutoring for the writing test. The assignments to increase the writing level are inadequate. The focus lies on what students have done wrong instead of what they could do to improve. Even when asked, there is no clear answer provided by the teacher. Sharon mentions that there is an extra teacher appointed in order to solve this problem. Jan says this is a recurring issue and that there appears to be little improvement over the last few years. He says that since the introduction of this test, the first students will be graduating this academic year and therefore should be able to pass this test in the foreseeable future. He adds that Pharmaciae Sacrum (P.S.) will look into the possibilities of organising additional tutoring. Ruud says this has been organised before in collaboration with a student of the Dutch language. Bob Wilffert says that it is wrong that the study Pharmacy cannot facilitate adequate tutoring and P.S. can. He says to discuss this issue with Herman Woerdenbag.

d. Year 4

e. Year 5

f. Year 6

6. Announcements of the Internationalization Workgroup (P.S.)

Robin Emaus says that the Internationalization Workgroup is developing a survey in order to observe where P.S. can make improvements with regard to the international students. Jan de Boer says that one member of the workgroup has stopped and that this spot could not be filled.

7. Announcements of the departments

a. Program Committee (Opleidingscommissie)

b. Advisory Council (Raad van Advies)

Jan de Boer mentions that the most important topics were the revised implementation of the symposia of P.S. into the schedule of the curriculum and the development of an introduction movie for the matching procedure of Pharmacy.

c. Undergraduate School of Science

d. Graduate School of Science

e. Faculty Council (Faculteitsraad)

f. Faculty Board (Faculteitsbestuur)

g. University Council (Universiteitsraad)

10 Lennard Piercy says that a student is included in a *Benoemings Advies Commissie* (BAC). This committee appoints new members of the Faculty Board. At the moment this student member is actually appointed by the Faculty Board itself. It has now been recommended that the student member should be appointed by the Faculty Council instead of the Faculty Board. This suggestion is now in consideration within the University Council.

15 Lennard mentions that another memo has been submitted to make it possible for students not having to pay tuition fees if they take place in the University Council or are a Faculty Assessor.

h. BètaStuf

8. Table round

20 Jan de Boer suggests that it might be an idea to ask the absent departments to submit important points to be discussed during the SCP meeting. This meeting would have been more productive if this had been done beforehand. Ruud Stapel agrees and says they will do this in the future.

9. Closing

25 Ruud Stapel closes the meeting at 4:37 p.m.