

Agenda Student Council Pharmacy (SCP/STOF-) meeting

Date and time: April 12th from 16:00h till 17:30h

Location: 3219.0223 + 3219.0235 + 3219.0243 (online attendance possible)

Attendees: Manon Wilpshaar, Jip van Gendt, Danique Lobée, Mirthe Stavast, Sybrand Zielhuis, Annabel van den Bosch, Anieke Hofhuis, Herman Woerdenbag, Edgard Weening, Yael Benjamins, Frank Dekker, Wilma Heesen, Myrthe Boerrigter, Cees Boone, Nienke Mones, Floris Hofman, Nina Nooteboom, Remco Prins, Emma van Rijn, Emma Dorenbos, Bas Baartmans, Ids Bonnema, Sude Al, Isa de Boer, Evelien Dijkstra, Lamys Fawzy

1. Opening

Manon Wilpshaar opens the meeting at 16:02h.

2. Setting the agenda

No changes have been made.

3. Minutes of SCP-meeting held on February 8th 2022

No comments.

4. Announcements of the SCP

a. Theme meeting:

Manon Wilpshaar: This meeting will be a theme meeting. After the regular meeting, we will discuss the mental health of students, in collaboration with Wake Up Student.

b. Night of the Pharmacy:

Manon Wilpshaar: On May 17th, the SCP organizes the educational afternoon, also known as 'The Night of the Pharmacy'. The theme of this evening will be forensic toxicology. Lennaert Borra, a forensic toxicologist at the National Forensic Institute, will give a lecture about his work in this field. Afterwards, the teacher-student activity will take place. This activity will also be on the theme of toxicology. During the activities, a dinner will be served. At the end of the evening, the Bachelor & Master Teacher of the Year and Practical Teacher of the Year will be revealed.

5. Announcements of the Year Representatives

a. Bsc. Pharmacy Year 1:

Sude Al: On the 4th of April, the professor of Pharmaceutical Analysis A sent us an e-mail about compulsory lectures on the 19th and 25th of April. These two dates fall within an important time for Easter, Ramadan and Passover. Most international students had purchased their plane tickets to spend this time with their families. Before purchasing the tickets, the websites of the university were checked and there were no mandatory lectures. We send an e-mail and politely asked if the two lectures could be recorded. The response was cold and the students who could not attend the lectures should de-enroll. So, these students need to cancel their tickets, which is frustrating. *Annabel van den Bosch:* When was the announcement about mandatory lectures made? *Sude Al:* Last week. *Edgard Weening:* In period 2b, nothing will be recorded anymore. This is not an obligation for us. Also, in the old situation (before corona), this was not possible. When you go on vacation, you are not studying. This is not possible with a full-time study. *Sude Al:* It was not announced that the lectures would be on-site. So, the tickets

were bought already. *Herman Woerdenbag*: Courses are scheduled and you need to attend these courses. *Jip van Gendt*: I do agree with Sude that it was mentioned too late to the students. The professor reacted cold to the emails, so maybe there is a solution to this. *Sude Al*: The students were also accused of spamming, which is not fair. *Jip van Gendt*: I agree that students should not be accused of spamming. In that way, they can be afraid to send e-mails in the future. *Edgard Weening*: This should be discussed with the professor indeed. It is also possible to go to the academic advisor. *Evelien Dijkstra*: I think it is also a problem due to corona. These students are used to online lectures. We are trying to have physical lectures, so it is not possible that students can go on a vacation. This was also not possible before corona. *Manon Wilpsbaar*: I think, in this case, we agree with the professor and not with the students. However, the accusation of spamming can be mentioned. *Jip van Gendt*: I agree with Evelien, but I do think that these students did know this. As they are used to online lectures. *Sybrand Zielhuis*: It is also a problem that most students from year 1 do not attend lectures at all. The teachers and we are worried about this. Do you also see this Sude? *Sude Al*: Yes, when you watch the recordings you can see this indeed. There is a large group of students that do not attend the lectures. *Herman Woerdenbag*: We will discuss this and look for a solution. We will take into account that students did not know that lectures were physically when they booked their flights. In September, we will make clear to the new students that lectures are on-site. Also, we will try to come up with a solution with Sabeth Verpoorte. *Yael Benjamins*: I should also want to advise you to ask the teacher on the forehand if you can go on vacation during their course. This is also appreciated by the teachers. *Sybrand Zielhuis*: Are you completely used to online lectures? Or don't you know your fellow students well? *Ids Bonnema*: I think we need to get used to on-site lectures again. *Cees Boone*: Perhaps some students also don't live in Groningen. *Ids Bonnema*: Indeed, many students do not have a house in Groningen due to the corona situation. *Myrthe Boerrigter*: What will motivate students to go to the lectures? *Ids Bonnema*: I don't think that there is a lack of motivation. I think we just need to get used to it again. And, next year we will have practicals. So, we need to go to the faculty.

b. Bsc. Pharmacy Year 2:

Lamys Fawzy: I have nothing to mention.

c. Bsc. Pharmacy Year 3:

Emma van Rijn: I have nothing to mention.

d. Msc. Pharmacy Year 1:

Floris Hofman: I have a complaint about the course FPZ. There is no possibility to catch up with this course if you missed one day. If you miss something, you need to do it next year. Is there a possibility to change this? *Yael Benjamins*: We are talking about this with the teachers. However, presence is mandatory in this course. So, when you cannot be there in one part, you cannot finish this part. All parts can be done separately in the next year. Therefore you do not have to do over the complete course. *Annabel van den Bosch*: Doesn't this influence internship AO? *Yael Benjamins*: No, we will adjust this in ocasys as well. If you miss one part or fail at one part, you are allowed to participate in internship AO. *Edgard Weening*: The requirement to pass FPZ before internship AO will be completely gone next year. *Floris Hofman*: Is it perhaps possible for some students that missed parts to be there online? This was also possible during the corona situation. *Yael Benjamins*: That might be possible, however, we want to stop with hybrid education completely. *Floris Hofman*: Also, we heard today that we cannot have a third chance for the argument and article. If we fail for the second chance,

we have to do it next year. However, during the previous part of this course, there were more chances possible. *Yael Benjamins*: Normally, if you do not pass a course, you only have one chance left. During the last period, we have been too easy on this. So, we do indeed now follow the rules stricter. *Jip van Gendt*: So during the last period of this course, this was not the case? *Yael Benjamins*: No, but it had to be. *Jip van Gendt*: Maybe it is possible to change this for the next year and not for this year? Because these students are in the same year. *Floris Hofman*: My main point is that this needs to be mentioned to the students at the beginning of this course. It has to be clear to the students. *Yael Benjamins*: It should not be new information for the students. However, I do get your point. *Myrthe Boerrigter*: Are the students failing for the argument and article because of the English education in de Bachelor? *Annabel van den Bosch*: Is there still education in Dutch for these students? *Cees Boone*: In FPZ, there is one lecture about the Dutch language. *Annabel van den Bosch*: We also had tutorials, these were extremely handy. *Nienke Mones*: I also think that there should be more writing in Dutch during the Bachelor. *Herman Woerdenbag*: We will look into it. We had to change the bachelor to an English bachelor, we did not have a choice. But we should try to do things in Dutch where this is possible. *Nienke Mones*: Did you also ask how Medicine this does? *Yael Benjamins*: Yes, I did. They have an extremely difficult test at C1-level. This resulted in a lot of delays, especially for international students. *Annabel van den Bosch*: Perhaps it is possible to have some Dutch writing essays during the new version of ARCS. *Remco Prins*: Does someone know if the C1-writing test is a legal requirement for Pharmacy? In the master, we also get a lot of lessons to write in an understandable language. So why do we have to write in C1-level? B1-level could also be sufficient. *Yael Benjamins*: Yes, but you are educated as an academic. So you have to be able to write at C1-level. I think you should be able to do both. *Edgard Weening*: According to me, it is a legal requirement. *Yael Benjamins*: I think it is not superfluous to take the language test. *Manon Wilpsbaar*: I agree with Annabel to integrate the Dutch language in the new version of ARCS. We should think about this idea. *Herman Woerdenbag*: I think that the new version of ARCS does offer an opportunity. We do need to do something with it. This is perhaps also possible in the electives.

e. Msc. Pharmacy Year 2:

Myrthe Boerrigter: I have nothing to mention. *Evelien Dijkstra*: Do you already have some applications for the Night of the Pharmacy? *Manon Wilpsbaar*: Yes, there are already 9 teachers who will join us. *Evelien Dijkstra*: Good to hear this.

f. Msc. Pharmacy Year 3:

Nienke Mones: I have nothing to mention.

g. Msc. MPS Year 1:

Bas Baartmans: I spoke to a new MPS student, who started the study in February. In February, there are no introductory lectures. So, this student had to start her research project without any lectures before this. *Frank Dekker*: You used to be able to enter the MPS master 2 times a year, but this is now changed to 1 time. It is from now on only possible to enter the MPS master in September. We already fixed this problem.

h. Msc. MPS Year 2:

Isa: I have nothing to mention.

6. Announcements of the departments

- a. Program Committee (Opleidingscommissie):

Manon Wilpsbaar (on behalf of Sharon Koers): In the Program Committee, an application procedure was discussed for recruiting new student members. When the spots become available for the coming academic year, we want to put a message about this at the Need to Know on Nestor. In this message, we will ask the interested students to send a short motivation letter and we will invite the best candidates for an interview. The aim is to keep one position for a first-year student. In addition, there is a higher percentage of first-year students who have dropped out compared to previous years. This is worrying because it is not entirely clear why all these students are dropping out. Furthermore, the schedule for next year was discussed. ARCS will be spread over the entire year and Instrumental Analysis will be given at the same time as part of Biostatistics at the beginning of period 1A. It will probably be a 6-week course. The remaining part of Biostatistics will be given in November, but for a period of 1,5 weeks. Unfortunately, not everyone is happy with this decision, as some students think it is hard to multi-task. Last, there will be a message on the Need to Know page on Nestor with a reference to the page where one can find short summaries of course evaluations that have been discussed in the Program Committee.

- b. Advisory Council (Raad van Advies)
Sybrand Zielhuis: Among other things, we have discussed the first-year students who rarely come to the faculty. From next year on, this should be fine. We also discussed the new version of ARCS.
- c. Programme Board (former: Cluster Board Pharmacy):
Herman Woerdenbag: Last week, we had our meeting. We talked about the great interest in the study of Pharmacy. This leads to large groups in the coming years. We are brainstorming about this because these groups are extremely large. Perhaps it might be possible to have blocks of 9 weeks, in which several courses run next to each other.
- d. Faculty Council:
Robert: I have nothing to mention.
- e. (Faculty Board):
No comments.
- f. University Council:
No comments.
- g. Bèstastuf
No comments.

7. Table round

Ids Bonnema: In period 2 (with corona), students did not take an exam because they had corona. However, currently, there are no third chances for these students. *Manon Wilpsbaar:* As I understood, you had 2 chances to take an exam but there would be 3 moments to do so. *Ids Bonnema:* This does not happen in this period. *Manon Wilpsbaar:* We have to look into this.

8. Wake Up Student: Mental Health of Students

9. Closing:

Manon closes the meeting at 17:26.