

Agenda Student Council Pharmacy (SCP/STOF-) meeting

Date and time: February 13th from 16.00h till 17.00h

Location: 3111.0326

Attendees: *Boy van Basten, Ana Radu, Xander van Es, Oskar Rachwal, Yogini Chaitram, Stijn Rijnders, Manon Helmantel, Hanna Hage, Desanka Stoppels, Lisanne Boer, Kim Scholten, Fabian Schaub, Aniek Barbier*

1. Opening
Desanka Stoppels opens the meeting at 16.02h.
2. Setting the agenda
No changes.
3. Minutes of SCP-meeting held on December 5th 2023

Who?	What?
SCP- committee	Contact the program committee regarding IA and biostatistics
Ana Radu	Discuss the capacity epidemiology in the program board since it is both an elective for MPS and mandatory in the second year of the bachelor's.

Desanka Stoppels explains that an email was sent to the program committee regarding IA and biostatistics, with help from *Twan Schrijver* and *Jildou Bernaards*. The program committee is currently working on this, so we will come back to this hopefully next meeting.

Ana Radu says that she brought the next action point up to the program director. She explains that this issue is known, so therefore it hopefully will not be a problem next year. However, she is not sure how they are going to do this. *Boy van Basten* says that it will be very strictly regulated which courses will be available for both bachelor and master students. Therefore, it is likely that next year pharmacoepidemiology will not be available for master's students. *Ana Radu* says this was already done but not strictly regulated. She also says she cannot give a definitive answer, but that they do have plans for this issue.

4. Announcements of the SCP
 - a. Parents Day March 15th
Desanka Stoppels says that the Parents' Day is coming up and we have a lot of participants, so we are really looking forward to this. In addition this year not only the first year students can sign up for this day. *Boy van Basten* asks if we know the ratio between the first-year and second-year students. *Kim Scholten* says that she thinks we only have first-year students, but she will look into this. *Xander van Es* says that it was not a popular activity last year.
5. Announcements of the Year Representatives
 - a. Bsc. Pharmacy Year 1
 - i. *Yogini Chaitram* has nothing to mention.
 - b. Bsc. Pharmacy Year 2
 - i. *Stijn Rijnders* says he has questions regarding the course Metabolism and Toxicology (MeTox) and the ProPharm symposium because the two were scheduled very close to each other. In the first week after the Christmas break, they had three lab days, for which he had to start preparing during the break. He also heard other students had this problem. *Desanka Stoppels* asks if this is a problem because of MeTox only or also because of Professionalism in Pharmacy (ProPharm) 2. *Stijn Rijnders* says that it is also

because of ProPharm 2, since the symposium for that course is the week after that. So in three weeks, they had 2 presentations, 3 reports and 3 lab days. The week after that contained 2 exams. So the complaint is that there is not enough time to prepare all this. *Desanka Stoppels* says that this is something to discuss with the course director. *Boy van Basten* says that he cannot say anything about the internal scheduling of the MeTox course. He can tell that there is a major scheduling issue for ProPharm 2, since the cohort is split during Pharmaceutical Technology and Biopharmacy (PTB) 2 and Pharmaceutical Microbiology. In this period there is not a single day where all students are available. Therefore it is not possible to schedule anything during those six weeks. Thus, the symposium was scheduled based on the schedule of MeTox and Phakin from last year, which also showed no free days. However, there are days during this period when there is nothing scheduled for MeTox and Phakin. For next year he will schedule the symposium a little sooner, so it will not take place between the exams of MeTox and Pharmacokinetics (Phakin). Hopefully, this will make it a little better for students. But he also says that he makes it very clear from the start that some dates will not be ideal. *Desanka Stoppels* says that she thinks *Boy van Basten* is very considerate, since the study of Pharmacy has a busy schedule. *Stijn Rijnders* says that if you schedule it sooner a week there is a MeTox presentation in that same week, resulting in two large presentations in the same week. *Boy van Basten* says that for the ProPharm presentation you should not have to do anything about that presentation anymore in that week. In addition, he says that the presentation will have a different form with stands, more like a fair. He is in contact with *Inge de Graaf* from MeTox so this will take place after the MeTox presentation, as the MeTox presentation is more important in terms of the grade. However, he says that this means he has to book the hallway for the entire morning. *Stijn Rijnders* says that for him, learning for the presentation was mostly the problem.

Jimin Lim asks if ProPharm 2 is still a requirement for the bachelor project. *Boy van Basten* says that she means ProPharm 3, but no. It used to be that ARCS was a requirement for the bachelor project and they just changed this into ProPharm without asking. It does say this in the regulations, but you should be able to start your project without ProPharm.

- c. Bsc. Pharmacy Year 3
Nothing to mention.

- d. Msc. Pharmacy Year 1

Xander van Es says that they are here for *Kai Timmers* because he did not follow the course the issue is about. He says they have been experiencing some issues with productzorg, kwaliteit en analyse (PKA). During the whole course, no course coordinator was available, because *Jan Willem Meints* fell out. This resulted in a lack of information because materials were not there and no one knew exactly what had to be done. This resulted in the fact that TA's had to make their own grading forms and if you asked something you got different answers from different TA's. This made it hard to write your report for the practical part. *Aniek Barbier* explains that the exam for the theoretical part was last Tuesday and that they only knew a few days in advance what kind of questions there would be on the exam. *Xander van Es* says the examination material should have been made available over the Christmas break. Besides that, a week before the exam they got notice that they were too late to request Microsoft Word for the exam. *Aniek Barbier* says that the exam should have been in Word but that this was not possible and explains that normally the exam is in Word where you fill in an analysis report. *Xander van Es* explains that they got the same questions but now they

had to keep switching between screens and that made it hard to compare results to each other. For the mid-term which counted for 15% of the grade, they did not get any lectures. They were online but they were 2 years old and there was nobody available to ask questions. *Aniek Barbier* says that there were questions for which you had to make calculations but in the online lectures *Jan Willem Meints* explained these calculations on the whiteboard which was not visible in the recording.

Desanka Stoppels says she understands *Jan Willem Meints* was not available but asks who was. *Boy van Basten* says that he was involved in this and knows about this. As this course is intertwined with two other courses - Farmaceutische Product Zorg en Farmaceutische Chemie - it is a bit harder to explain. To clear up the situation he says that the Tuesday before the start of the course the news came in that *Jan Willem Meints* had a heart attack and would not be able to teach this course. For the courses, *Boy van Basten* does the logistics like scheduling, therefore he tried to pick up the most things. He says that the available documents were minimal as *Jan Willem Meints* keeps most of this info in his head. Up until the Christmas break they tried to keep the course running for better or worse. This period was not ideal but it worked. However, after the break one of the practical teachers was no longer available, and *Marinella Visser* was not available full-time. He says that technically speaking the program board should have stepped in. They now had one and a half to two months to come up with a temporary solution to keep the course running. However, they did not exceed this, thus at the very last minute a replacement teacher had to be found for at least the practical part. One was not aware of what needed to happen and the other one did not even show up. Therefore the labs had to be closed down as in this lab they work with dangerous chemicals. Besides, during this, there was a language switch which students could not prepare for and then there was a problem with the exam. In January, *Boy van Basten* got an email from *Jan Willem Meints* about the exam preparations. He sent this email forward to the people involved and a week before the exam a colleague asked *Boy van Basten* if he knew what needed to happen to prepare for the exam but by this time it was already too late. In the end, the average grade was a 9 and the grade most given a 10. For the students, this is fine, but it shows the lack of the course given. In the end, there were a lot of shortcomings as nobody who should have taken responsibility did this. *Boy van Basten* says that that is the main issue and suggests that this should be directed straight to the program board. Because ultimately it is their fault this happened. *Ana Radu* says that she knew this was a problem, but that she was not very familiar with it as she is not a master's student. In the last meeting in January, they thought they had solved the issue for this course. However, they are still looking for a solution for the second time the course will be given in March, as these problems show that the solution in January is not suitable for the future. She says that they are working on it and that it is on the agenda for the meeting tomorrow and if not she will bring it up. *Xander van Es* says that he hopes for the students that will be following the course it will be resolved as this is not the quality the students deserve. *Desanka Stoppels* asks if she can contact *Ana Radu* after the meeting to see if there needs to be an email sent. *Ana Radu* says that an email can already be sent to the program director. *Boy van Basten* suggests that a letter on behalf of all students should send the strongest signal. He says that for most of January, he was still running this course whilst it is not even his course to give. *Desanka Stoppels* asks *Xander van Es* if he wants to send a letter with the help of the committee. *Xander van Es* says that he wants to do this. *Desanka Stoppels* asks *Boy van Basten* if he is going to take over the course in March as well. *Boy van Basten* says that he is not, since it was never his responsibility to do this and that he does not have the time for this. He will spend some time on PKA in March as he is up to date on the current

solutions. He adds to this that these are not workable conditions, so the people working on the course do not know what to do, so he will keep a role in the course.

- e. Msc. Pharmacy Year 2
Nothing to mention.
 - f. Msc. Pharmacy Year 3
Nothing to mention.
 - g. Msc. MPS Year 1
Nothing to mention.
 - h. Msc. MPS Year 2
Nothing to mention.
6. Announcements of the departments
- a. Program Committee (Opleidingscommissie)
Ana Radu says that as the committee has been handling the Biostatistics and Instrumental Analysis (IA) issue she also talked about this to the program director to see if there could be a formal investigation at least about the IA grading sheet. This way there will be an independent party judging if the grading is done the correct way. Hopefully, this will result in more transparency next year if the received grades are correct. For biostatistics, there was a different solution this year, as they made the resit very easy. She does not know what they are going to do about this next year. In addition, she asks if everybody present can help to encourage fellow students to fill in the 'Nationale Studenten Enquete'- evaluation. *Fabian Schaub* asks if she has anything about professionalism she talked about in the meeting held on the 5th of December 2023, that *Katja Taxis* wanted to implement. *Ana Radu* says she is still working on this and that it is not yet finalized. As the student on the board, she tries to add career perspectives into the curriculum in the form of company visits. She says they want to do this during the whole bachelor's, during year 1 there is already a company visit. *Boy van Basten* says this is in preparation. *Ana Radu* says they are trying to do similar things for years 2 and 3, targeting hospital pharmacies and companies in the north for year 2 and for year 3 in line with the electives. They are currently setting this up but have not yet talked about this to the teachers. With their support, they want to make it obligatory during these courses so students have to go and they will not have to deal with attendance. During the visits, she wants to have a professional speaking, some workshops, a tour and a drink or something students can talk about the day. In this way, students will hopefully get more insight into career options during their bachelor's. *Fabian Schaub* says that he wants her to communicate things early with him as the things she is now mentioning are going to harm the study association G.F.S.V. "Pharmaciae Sacrum", as this is what they already do. Only in their case it is not mandatory and if they become mandatory for courses students will stop going to the activities. He says it is fine for now, but that this has to be communicated with the study association early on. *Xander van Es* adds to this that the association is in a short line with a lot of companies in the north so it might be a good idea to take advantage of this. *Fabian Schaub* says that they already had contact about this, but that he did not know it was this fast. *Boy van Basten* says that in the third year, this will be with the electives, but asks how this is going to work logistically in the second year. *Ana Radu* says that she needs to discuss this with the teachers, but for now, she wants to do this in period 2a or 2b to

take advantage of that the students have Phakin in their first semester and visit a hospital pharmacy, and during PTB2 or microbiology. For period 2b, this would be during Immunopharmacology and Bioanalysis and she hopes teachers won't be against this idea.

- b. Advisory Council (Raad van Advies)
 - c. Programme Board (former: Cluster Board Pharmacy)
 - d. Faculty Council
 - e. (Faculty Board)
 - f. University Council
 - g. Bètastuf
7. Table round
Nothing to add.
8. Closing
Desanka Stoppels closes the meeting at 16.38h