

International Studies OLC Meeting

Date: 15/11/2017

Present: Jeff Fynn-Paul, Anna Karisto, Marat Markert, Ksenia Robbe, Hannah De Mulder, Anna Pott, Viktor Blichfeldt

1. Appointment of secretary (student member)

- Anna Karisto was appointed as a secretary.

2. Agenda for the current academic year

- Next meeting will take place on February when the course evaluations arrive. The evaluations will be addressed in the meeting.
- There has to be a meeting about OER before the OER is accepted.
- We think that students should be better informed about the OER and we are going to inform students about it.
- The entry requirements of the programme were discussed.
- The lack of electives in the field of Economics was discussed.
- Cultural Interaction was discussed and will be addressed again when the course evaluations arrive.

3. New course evaluations

- New course evaluations were discussed. We recommend the following changes:
 - a) We recommend that the clause 2.1. will be rephrased so that the Dutch grading scale does not have to be mentioned. We also recommend replacing the 10 answer boxes with 5 in coherence with the other questions in the form.
 - b) We recommend rephrasing the clause 3.1.
 - c) We recommend rephrasing the clause 3.3.
 - d) We recommend rephrasing the clause 4.3.
- The titles of the instructors were discussed as they might come across as confusing.
- We recommend that the beginning level tests for the languages would be mandatory for everyone who has a background of studying the language they are going to study in International Studies, if there are separate classes organized on the language for Beginners and Pre-Intermediates. This could prevent some issues with variations in language competence between students, which has previously turned out to hinder the learning experiences of students.

4. Merging Courses/Tutorials

- The plan to merge tutorials in order to improve the multidisciplinary of the courses was discussed.
- The opportunity to incorporate multidisciplinary or interdisciplinarity to the electives was discussed.
- An option to improve Academic Reading and Writing to introduce skills that other courses would build on in an interdisciplinary manner was discussed.