

# Faculty Council Report

## April 2021

This report will provide an overview of what has been discussed in the TiSEM Faculty Council, which takes place 6 times in an academic year. Below, you find some information on the topics that are most relevant for students.

### **Thesis supervisor response time**

ECCO wrote a proposal to the Faculty Council concerning the time it takes students to get a reply from their thesis supervisor. It is a common problem that the communication between supervisor and student is suboptimal. This can be due to both the supervisor and the student, but the students suffer more if it happens. Student Party ECCO proposed a form of regulation that would make sure that the supervisor has to respond to a message of the student within 5 working days. This can be the desired feedback or answers to the question, or a short email stating: “You will get a response before Monday”, would be good as well. The aim is that students know when to expect a response so that they are not waiting for an answer which does not come. It will also give the student the right to send a reminder after 5 working days, without them being seen as pushy or needy.

Unfortunately, the proposal was not directly accepted. The need for the regulation was seen and a fitting solution will be found coming from the problem statement by ECCO at a later point in time. But the FC decided that first the evaluation of the thesis process in general and the introduction of the Thesis Dossier will be awaited. However, the subject is still on the agenda of the Faculty Council!

### **EER MSc Data Science & Entrepreneurship**

During the past exam period, ECCO was made aware of a missing part of regulation in the EER of the MSc Data Science and Entrepreneurship on the JADS. Rules making sure that an exam is checked 5 working days before a resit were missing in their EER.

Due to action initiated by ECCO, the Education Committee of this master has made sure that the EER of TiSEM is the same as the one for the JADS. We are proud to have helped in making the exam process for these master students a bit fairer.

### **Update on “Uniformization of Course Syllabi”**

A first draft has been promised to the faculty council by the next cycle. We are looking forward to seeing how our initiative will be applied in practice!



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### Corona Update

The Management Team again provided us with an elaborate update regarding the Covid-19 situation and what it implies for the university and our faculty. The following points are particularly important for the students:

### Studying on campus will be possible

The Management Team ensured that the university sees the need of students for on-campus study places. The maximum amount of study places will be available as soon as possible.

### Online/offline examinations

The Management Team is working on a solution regarding online/offline education and examination. The University in general wants to move away from testing online, and return to paper exams. The Faculty Council in its entirety (MT, teacher fractions, and student fractions) think this is a waste of acquired tools and knowledge regarding online testing, as well as a huge waste of paper.

### Strategic plan digitalization

In order to improve education in general and not let the insights in online education diminish after Corona, a couple of strategic workgroups have been organized to provide advice on a strategic plan with respect to digitalization. These groups consist of faculty staff, the Management Team, and some students (including a member of ECCO).

### MSc Corporate Entrepreneurship

The faculty is working on a new master, specially made for students coming from the BSc. Entrepreneurship & Business Innovation. The focus of the master will lie on entrepreneurial behavior within the functioning of (larger) corporations. More information will follow, as the master is scheduled to be ready in 2 years.

**Do you want more information?**

Of course, the summary above is very brief and only covers the points that are directly relevant to students. Do you want to know more? Don't hesitate to reach out to us via social media or email: [info@studentpartyecco.nl](mailto:info@studentpartyecco.nl)

If you want more information on the Faculty Council meetings, you can take a look at Sharepoint. Here, all documents (e.g. the agendas, minutes, budget sheets, and other supporting documents) are uploaded. Every student has the right to view these documents.

