



International Student Council
KU Leuven & Odisee
Campus Brussels

3rd General Assembly

DATE:	26/02/2020
START:	18h
END:	20h
CAMPUS:	Brussels
BUILDING:	T' Serclaes
ROOM:	B07-16

Agenda

1. Approval of the Agenda
2. Debrief of Examinations and Feedback Sessions
3. Improvement Suggestions for the Future Examinations
4. Brussels Student Policy Plan
5. Erasmus Study Spaces
6. Events Coming up This Semester
7. Future Positions in IASR
8. Open Discussion (of any other topic you feel is important to be discussed)

*By Students
For Students*

Section 1 – Approval of the Agenda

Section 2 – Debrief of Examinations and Feedback Sessions

Feedback Sessions:

- The feedback session times are too inconvenient for most of the students and the information of where the sessions are taking place is not easy to find.
- Limited capacity on the feedback sessions is a huge problem for many students.
- Some professors such as the Management professor and the FSA professor do not provide clear feedback content.

Examinations:

- The English professors provide different content so the exams, the assignment and the grading system is different for every English professor in BBA. The course needs to be adapted between professors and should get restructured depending on the students needs such as providing more content for other language courses. German, Dutch and French courses do not have an intermediate level so it is either way too easy or way too hard for most of the students in between levels.
- The mandatory English course in the BBM program is too basic for the international students.
- There are complaints about class called "Incompany Training" in BBM 2nd year. The two professors who give this course have completely different criteria on grading. The difference in the gradings of the two professors cause unfairness between students.
- Some students said that they are not informed well on how to request re-evaluation.
- Since the professors have two days to grade the exam papers, some students emitted that they think the exams are being graded badly.

Section 3 – Improvement Suggestions for the Future Examinations

- Some of the professors do not provide mock exams and a lot of students complain about it.
- The mock exams are relevant compared to the actual exams. People get into exams with high expectations but get disappointed.
- Since there is need for extra study spaces during exam period, why not open the classrooms at the campus for students to study.

Section 4 – Brussels Student Policy Plan

Immigration:

- The delays on the possession of the residence cards has been a major issue. Some non-European international students received their residence cards after 6 months so they couldn't go back home on holidays or leave Belgium for 6 months.
- In some local communes, non of the incumbents are able to speak proper English. As a result, the international students have been struggling with communication issues with the authorities.
- Within the rising numbers of international students in Brussels, English websites for the communes have become a necessity. In addition, as international students we need direct contact with the authorities or a help desk to ask questions and receive help in urgent situations.
- One of our board members came up with an idea for the ease of residence permit applications of international students. If possible, KU Leuven brings one responsible from all the communes in Brussels to the campus for one day for all the international students.

Accommodation:

- They should put a rating system for Brik's student housings.
- We should prepare a map that indicates the crime level at certain areas in Brussels to help international students find safe places to live.
- We should prepare a rating system and a recommendation list for the student residences/housings around Brussels to make sure international students can easily find them.

Police:

- In some local communes the police comes many times, separately for students who live in the same apartment.
- There are cases that the Police never shows up for the accommodation check. Usually the students are not aware of it so it takes time for them to realize it and go to the commune since there is a lack of communication with the police.

Healthcare:

- No comments were made on this topic.

Finance:

- The international students of past years could easily open a student bank account with the annex 15 document prepared by the local communes, before receiving the residence permit. Now students need their residence permit in order to open a student bank account which creates a lot of difficulty on paying rents etc.

Section 5 – Erasmus Study Spaces

- Non-of the students in the GA knew about the fact that Erasmus building is now open. For the moment, there is a communication issue between the students and the student



representatives. Soon there will be a section on Toledo for both IASR and the student representatives.

- The heating is not working and the rooms are too cold.

Section 6 – Events Coming up This Semester

We briefly talked about our plans for this semester and informed students about the events coming up beforehand. We also asked them about their feedback on the events from last semester and what they would like to see happening in the future.

Section 7 – Future Positions in IASR

IASR will be hiring new team members soon. The elections will be at the 5th of March.

The open positions are:

- 1 team member for marketing
- 1 team member for the diversity manager
- 1 team member for the event manager

Section 8 – Open Discussion

- There are many classes in Grote Aula and some students are complaining about the chaotic atmosphere in the class. They asked us if there is anything we could do about it.
- Some international students claimed that there is an invisible wall between the Flemish students and the international students. We should be focusing into that problem more.

