

**Academic Senate of the Faculty of Social Studies  
Masaryk University**

Minutes of the 212<sup>th</sup> meeting, November 11, 2020

The meeting was held online on the Zoom platform.

**Present (in alphabetical order):**

- Bc. Barbora Adamková
- Ing. Rudolf Burgr, Ph.D.
- Mgr. Mikuláš Černík
- Sonya Darrow
- Mgr. Otto Eibl, Ph.D.
- Mgr. and Mgr. Vratislav Havlík, Ph.D.
- Bc. Daniel Jirků
- Katarína Kováčová
- doc. Mgr. and Mgr. Peter Spáč, Ph.D.
- doc. Mgr. and Mgr. Jan Šerek, Ph.D.

**Guests:**

- prof. PhDr. Stanislav Balík, Ph.D.
- doc. Mgr. Bohuslav Binka, Ph.D.
- prof. PhDr. Vít Hloušek, Ph.D.
- doc. PhDr. Roman Chytilek, Ph.D.
- Ing. Pavlína Kadlčková, DiS.
- Mgr. et Mgr. Adéla Souralová, Ph.D.
- PhDr. Petr Suchý, Ph.D.
- doc. PhDr. Martin Vaculík, Ph.D.

**Absent:**

- doc. Mgr. and Mgr. Oldřich Krpec, Ph.D.

**Agenda:**

- 1) Modification of the regular admission procedure to the follow-up master study programs for the academic year 2020/21 with the admission for spring 2021
- 2) Transformation of the study field EGO into a study program
- 3) Miscellaneous

The program was approved (10 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained from voting).

**1) Modification of the regular admission procedure to the follow-up master study programs for the academic year 2020/21 with the admission for spring 2021**

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*Dean:* He stated that the submitted material reflects the current difficult time, the admission procedure to the follow-up master programs will take place in January and February 2021 and will be held online .

*Vice-Dean Souralová:* She added that, in contrast to the form of the admission procedure in June (September) this year, some study programs have decided to use the option of an oral interview with applicants. However, the core remains similar to the previous case: the admissions will be without physical contacts, the departments will publish clear criteria according to which the candidates will be evaluated.

*Burgr:* He stressed an ambiguous sentence regarding a two-round admission procedure for the study programs European Studies, International Relations and International Relations and Energy Security.

### **Resolution:**

***AS FSS MU discussed and approved the amendment of the Conditions of the Admission Procedure at FSS MU in the academic year 2020/21 as amended by the minutes.***

***(10 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained from voting)***

## **2) Transformation of the study field EGO into a study program**

*Dean:* He stated that the study field European Governance (EGO) is the last one at FSS that has not pass transformation into a study program. It is one of the poster children of the faculty, it exists for many years and currently it is the only one that is realized in a double-degree mode in cooperation with a foreign university.

*Hloušek:* He added that in terms of content changes, the description of the state exams was modified and one methodological course was introduced. Besides these changes, the structure of the courses at the EGO program and their content is stable, and it is able to respond very well to current developments in European integration in its individual courses.

*Jirků:* He asked whether he properly understood that the list of courses of the study program EGO does not differ in any way from its form as the study field and that the change concerns only the introduction of a new compulsory course. He also asked if the credit load has remained the same.

*Hloušek:* He confirmed that the only change is that during the spring semester a course was added related to methodology teaching and for this reason other compulsory courses have a little less credits now. Instead of three compulsory courses, there are four now, however the ratio of compulsory courses credits and the optional courses credits remained the same as before. The credit load remains the same, passage through study is modeled in a way that students have thirty credits available in each semester.

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**Resolutions adopted:**

*AS FSS MU agrees with the proposal to transform the study field European Governance (follow-up master, full-time, in English) to the study program European Governance (follow-up master, full-time, in English) that was submitted on November 23, 2020 by the Dean of FSS MU and recommends it to the Scientific Council of FSS MU for approval.  
(10 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained from voting)*

**3) Miscellaneous****a. Call for proposals for the wording of the 2021 scholarship programs**

*Dean:* He called for a proposal for the wording of the scholarship programs for 2021. Suggestions for factual changes, which the faculty management will subsequently process, must be sent to Vice-Dean Suchý by December 10, 2020.

**b. Minutes of the AS meetings and the recording options**

*Dean:* He proposed an organizational change in the matter of taking minutes of AS meetings. From the beginning of 2021, these minutes should be made by the dean's assistant and the secretary. This step will lead to standardization of this agenda, since it is also the dean's assistant and the secretary who takes the minutes at other faculty bodies and it is a part of their working hours.

**After a short discussion the AS FSS agreed with the proposal.**

**c. Strategic plan of the FSS for the years 2021–2028**

*Dean:* He informed about the preparation of the first draft of the Strategic Plan of the FSS for the years 2021-2028. Comments from the open online meeting with members of the faculty academic community are currently being processed. He asked for suggestions and comments on this strategic document, that will be sent to the AS in early December.

**d. Schedule of AS meetings in the spring semester 2021**

*Dean:* He proposed following dates of regular meetings of the AS in the spring semester 2021: January 25, March 1, March 29, April 26, May 31 and June 28, always from 16:00.

**e. Information on the current situation of FSS related to coronavirus**

*Dean:* He stated that the development of the situation in relation to coronavirus could not be predicted. Currently it is currently true what the university newsletter contained last week: since last Wednesday individual consultations for students and oral exams of maximum ten people are allowed. For the sake of security of the students, he decided that the final state exams will be held online in an oral form, regardless whether or not the situation will allow a different form. This solution, that was agreed on by all heads of departments, had already been properly communicated. The form of ordinary exams will probably be decided in early January. He repeated that this semester, FSS is guided by the principle that it does not take extra measures beyond the general measures of the university, which therefore means the measures of the state. If the state and the university measures allow it, it will be possible to take the oral exam, if they will not then it will not be possible. No one will be pushed into

a specific form of an exam. Students are guaranteed that the teachers have to clearly set out the rules of the exams before the beginning of the examination period. At FSS, the rules were set at the beginning of the semester so that the exams can take place in any situation. The conditions for completion of a course should not be changed. A survey conducted among students showed that 99% of online teaching works. He hopes that the exams will be fine and fair.

#### **f. Activities of the Sustainability Working Group**

*Kováčová:* She asked for new information about the upcoming meetings and work of the Sustainability Working Group.

*Dean:* He replied that he had no new information, the members of the committee act autonomously, he is not personally involved in the activities of this working group.

*Adamková:* She raised the question of whether there are minutes from the meeting of the Sustainability Working Group and whether the results of its work will be communicated externally with the academic community. In regard of communication she offered eventual help by the Student Chamber of the AS.

*Dean:* He confirmed that the minutes of the working group meeting exist but are of a working nature, there is no need to publish them to the general public. It is possible to send the existing minutes to the members of the AS, who confirm the composition of this working group. The external communication of tangible work outputs is expected.

*Eibl:* In conclusion, he thanked to all present participants and stated that the next regular meeting of the AS FSS is scheduled for Monday, January 25, 2021 from 16.00, online using the Zoom platform.

**Resolutions adopted:**

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(10 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions)*

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