

Minutes of Fachrat Meeting, 30th May 2017

Members present: Prof. Fuess, Prof. Kurtz, Prof. Brosius, Dr. Bublatzky, Dr. Hofmann, Mr. Melber, Mr. Gallenkamp, Mr. Movsesyan, Ms. Bartels (minutes secretary)

TOPIC 1 Discussion of Minutes of the last Fachrat meeting

- Evaluation of MATS will be postponed for one semester, i.e. take part in winter semester 2017/2018

TOPIC 2 Election of the Fachrat spokespersons

1. First representative: Prof. Fuess
2. Second representative: Prof. Brosius

Both representatives were unanimously elected.

TOPIC 3 Admission Regulations (Zulassungsordnung) MATS

- Decision: The two suggested changes in the admission regulations concerning a mandatory choice of one of the three study foci and a statement of interest in a Joint Degree will not be included
- More information on the foci on the homepage is desirable

All decisions were made unanimously.

TOPIC 4 - Course Planning

- Prof. Kurtz is reducing his classes this semester
- Dr. Hofmann will held a KBR introduction seminar
- Two introduction seminars for each focus are desirable
- Tentative course planning was approved

TOPIC 5 - MATS Finances

- 3 Tutorials (introductory lectures transcultural studies) are desirable
- There will be two classes on Academic Writing, one of them payed for with funds from the students
- Two classes on basic research skills were approved
- Excursions of Abu-Er-Rub/Brosius; Baader; Juneja were approved
- 500 Euro for teaching materials were approved
- Short discussion about a possible limit for excursion travel costs. 2500 Euro as a possible sum. Discussion about the question what to do with non-MATS students – will their travel costs be covered? MATS students should be preferred

All decisions were made unanimously.

TOPIC 6 – Teaching Assignments

- Habilitated persons (Roche, von Lingen) will get 2500 Euro per teaching assignment (Lehrauftrag) in the next winter semester
- Decision: No teaching assignment for Izadpanah. Official reason: No PhD yet, has failed to send her CV
- Decision: Teaching assignments shall be restricted to three times. Dr. Schramm's assignment is approved (1500 Euro), but she will receive no assignment for the following semester.
- Decision: Elena Bernadini's teaching assignment is approved (1500 Euro, without travel costs reimbursement, for which she had made an application)
- Decision: A simple lecture given in a seminar should not be rewarded with fees (Honorar). Travel reimbursement, hotel costs and a daily allowance of about 50 Euro should suffice.
- Decision: Guest lectures in Seminars (Melber; Münster) were approved (Melber without fee)

TOPIC 7 – Study fees for non-EU students

- There are no further news concerning the study fees and no detailed information on support for non-EU students. Further information is awaited.
- One might look further into company sponsored support for on-EU students, especially from South East Asia or Eastern Europe

TOPIC 8 – Suggested Alternate Representatives for the group of the “Hochschullehrer” in Fachrat meetings

- Prof. Brosius: Prof. Juneja
- Prof. Fuess: Prof. Förster
- Prof. Kurtz: Prof. König
- Since the alternate representatives were not officially elected, they have limited rights in the Fachrat.

TOPIC 8 – Date of the Fachrat meeting in winter semester 2017/18

- 8. November 2017, 9:00 – 11:00