

# NEWSLETTER

# UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

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## Introduction

The consultative meeting on the 11th of May between the University Council and the Executive Board contained many subjects. Most time was spent on discussing RoUTe 14+, but also other important subjects were discussed: Organizational Changes Unit Secretary (Eenheid Secretaris), the new Design-Studies, Letter of Intent Human Capital Care, Scholarship-Policy, Economic aspects Education, Utwist 3 and the BSA. In the newsletter below the most important subjects have been summarized.

The next consultative meeting with the board will take place on Wednesday the 22th of June 9:00 hrs. in Horsttoren 1300. Council meetings are public meetings, interested parties are invited to attend the meeting.

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## RoUTe 14+

The Executive Board asked the Council for advice on the plans described in the first public concept of RoUTe 14+. The final version will be discussed for the Councils approval in the next cycle.

The Council defined several themes within their [advice](#): *the number of intake studies, the depth, ending terms and quality of the new studies; the criteria for determining which chairs will be removed, combined or in any other way changed; the profiling of top research within the institutes; the link between education and research; the plans for University College; the plans concerning the Campus and also the phases and flexibility within the implementation.* About these subjects there have been extensive discussions in the consultative meeting.

The Council proposed a reconsideration of the model with 10 new bachelors: reconsidering could lead to a (greatly) stronger clustering of intake-studies within Schools for Science/Engineering, Behavioral/Governance and Health, but also better alignment of studies without formal clustering can be attained with this reconsideration.

The Council was mainly concerned about the conservation of study-depth, scientific program aims and connection. For the Council the method used by the Executive Board to determine the criteria for the reorganization is unacceptable because of the missing – or too limited - focus on the educational criteria. Concerning the necessary link between education and research the Council wants to see a portfolio where the bachelors including majors of the UT are shown, so the council can see which chairs need to be preserved for giving education.

Several of the propositions are still in an early stage, for instance the Bachelor-Note, the University College Note and the vision on the UT Campus will follow in the near future.

The Council keeps – apart from the results of the strategic document – focusing on attaining right of approval on these parts.

The Council insists on a careful and balanced implementation of the plans. We also think that insufficient financial grounds have been shown to the Council. The Executive Board

motivates this operation mostly by repeatedly pointing out the needed cutbacks, but does not show which part of the cuts will be saved and which will be relocated. Also the height – and especially the expected yield – of the needed investment (that come from the financial reserves) is unknown by the Council currently.

Based on the above statements the Council gave the Executive Board 10 advices.

The Executive Board will take most of these recommendations into consideration. During the consultative meeting the



Executive Board explained that it will not follow the advice to [completely](#) reconsider the recent method of identification groups to be eliminated for merged with criteria of research and education. Of course this response will be taken into consideration by the Council when looking at a possible consent for this subject.

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## Design-studies

Information about three new two-year post-initial technological studies has been sent to the Council to discuss. These studies will direct students towards a PDEng title in the directions of Civil Engineering, Energy & Process Technology and Robotics, these studies will be comparable to the TwAIO studies that existed in the past. The studies will be placed in the 3TU.School for Technological Design (Stan Ackermans Instituut <http://www.3tu.nl/en/education/sai/>) and will be judged for its quality by the CCTO. The Council has asked for a clear financial plan, because in the past the TwAIO studies had financial problems because companies stopped funding. Is this likely to occur with these studies as well?

This financial plan was promised by the Executive Board. The Council advised to use the knowledge from OLC's (Program Committee) and comparable bodies to make these studies connect as much as possible to the current master studies. These studies will be complementary within 3TU and offer a clear addition to the current studies in other universities. Nevertheless the council would have liked to see that the concerned Faculty Councils and 3TU-Representation were informed beforehand. The Executive Board acknowledges this needs to be improved and promises this will be done in future instances.

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## Bedrijfseconomische Economic Aspects Education

The model for calculating the costs of education has taken some time, but the first application of the model for evaluating a study has pleasantly surprised the Council. The Council and Executive Board both think that the model should soon be added with possible overhead-costs and the usability should

be tested for current studies. This model provides a better overview of possible costs for policy decisions when starting and lifting studies (like a breakeven point) and determining realistic tuition fees.



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#### Transfer of shares Santar B.V.

It has been difficult for "our" arbo-service provider Santar B.V. to get other arbo-contracts apart from the UT. This is mostly because of the small size of Santar B.V. that makes it impossible to compete with larger organizations. To strengthen the position of Santar and make it more future-proof the UT has looked into several solutions, from bankruptcy to selling their shares (the UT is 100% shareholder).

The latter was chosen and the UT has signed a Letter of Intent with HumanCapitalCare B.V.(HCC), a independent and certified arbo- and health service provider. HCC is not a large "arbo-giant", but a middle sized company. The UT and HCC agreed they will keep using the current Santar building so the arbo-care will remain on the campus.

The Council is positive about HCC, but had some questions on the arbo-contracts that will be expected from HCC. The Executive Board confirmed that these will be the same as with Santar.



The biggest issue concerns the care for the employees, but the Executive Board confirmed that the employees with a (part-) UT-contract will keep the same appointment.

Remarks or questions?

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#### Organizational Changes Unit Secretary (Reorganisation?)

After the reorganization EMB the Unit Secretary was created, but for several reasons the unit has grown to cover much more tasks than merely supporting the Executive Board. To correct this problem the board wants to move employees from Unit Secretary to other units. It concerns employees from VGD, UIM, Academic ceremonies and S&C. The question at hand was if the Council thought this should be regarded as a formal reorganization. The Executive Board debated that it was only a relocation of tasks, not a formal reorganization, the Council however thinks we should treat it as a reorganization because it is likely to have large legal complications for employees. The Council advised to consider this as a Reorganization as stated in art 9.1 CAO NL Universiteiten. Following the discussion the Executive Board has held its request for advice. In the next meeting a response will follow from the Council.

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#### BSA

In previous cycles the expansion of the pilot Binding Study Advice(BSA) was discussed. The studies Educational Science and Psychology now want to become part of this pilot as well. The previous consultation meeting with the Executive Board the Council was informed if these studies have the preconditions for participating in the pilot.

The Council thought two aspects were worth mentioning, because they diverted from the original plans. Firstly that psychology wants to use student mentors for introductory interviews instead of teachers or study-advisors. Furthermore

they are planning to demand that students have 2 out of 3 Statistics courses finished next to the 35EC demand at the end of the first year. The Council thinks that with a large deviation from the original plans such as this the Council should be consulted. To discuss this further the BSA will be on the agenda coming cycle as well.



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### About the University Council

The University Council is the central participation body of the UT and discusses regularly with the Executive Board. The University Council contains of 18 members; nine staffmembers and nine students. The University Council has a say in the policy of the UT at the central level. In the council five parties are currently represented: Campus Coalitie, UReka, Pro-UT, Lijst Chairman and PvdUT.

At the moment the members of the UC are: Frits Lagendijk, Jann van Benthem, Björn Harink, Dick Meijer, Sjeff van der Steen, Frank van den Berg, Jan de Goeijen, Jan Schut, Herbert Wormeester, Eva Kunst, Ellen Langerwerf, Pieter Willems, Andrea Lehmkuhler, Miranda Schraa, Beer Sijpesteijn, Sjoerd van den Bedem, Anne Benneker and David Smits.

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