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Introduction

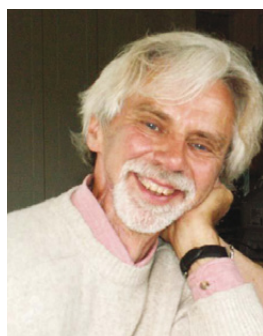
In the consultative meeting of 6th of April the University Council and the Executive Board discussed the Principles of the Professor-policy, the Code of Conduct ICT and Internet-usage For Students and the Note Teacher Professionalization. Furthermore the council was asked to advice the board on the plans concerning the Student-charter.

The next consultative meeting with the board will take place on Wednesday the 11th of May 9:00 in Horststoren 1300. Council meetings are public meetings, interested parties are invited to attend the meeting. See also our website: www.utwente.nl/uraad

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The following months the main focus will be on the proposed plans of the Executive Board to strengthen the UT-profile and to drastically change the structure of education. This will mainly have an effect on how the Bachelor studies are structured at the University of Twente. The Council has many questions and comments on the current plans, regarding the contents, but also the pace and planned phases needed for the implementation.

We expect to receive the final plans of the Executive Board on the 11th of April and these will also be published on our [website](#). Afterwards on the 19th of April the other councils will discuss these plans. During the consultation meeting on the 11th of May the Council is expected to adopt a formal opinion towards the Executive Board. After these discussions the final documents and decision will most likely be given in the June-cycle.



Together with the OPUT the Council will open an information desk where employees can give their opinions and remarks on the current plans to the participation and staff-representation. meldpunt-OPUT-UR@utwente.nl.

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Principles of the professor policy

In the principles of the professor policy the Executive Board has presented its vision on the different categories of professors they would want at the University of Twente. One important change is the intention to give tenure trackers the possibility to promote their own promovendi. They will receive the roll of a professor without having the UFO-function of a professor. A promotion right fits with the policy of other countries (especially USA) where an associate professor can be also a promotor. The tenure tracker operates in a similar manner. The Council was positive about this wish of the Board. Currently there are already many tenure trackers being

installed, but this needs the commitment of the UT and it will have an effect on the future composition of the staff. For this reason it is very important that the UT can accommodate this commitment, the Board has followed the request of the Council to show these commitments yearly in the long-term plans, so the development of this new category can be monitored.

The Board has indicated that some professors have a



coordinating and/or a representing function within their discipline. Such function is related to the "layout plan" (vlekkenplan) in research. The Board agreed that this representation role must first be implemented in the professor policy before new professors can be recruited.

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Student charter

This cycle an update about the changes in the Institution specific Studentcharter UT(Studentcharter) was on the agenda. Since January 2010 the ITC is now a part of the UT and it is important to have one clear charter. The student-charter contains about 120 pages where the rights and duties of students are discussed in detail. The process is as follows: the council first gives an advice on the charter and will later have the right of consent on the final document.

The Council has advised to continue a number of current management plans. This concerns for instance the access to a central place for complaints, the student deans and – psychologist, the emergency fund, the medical social emergency fund, the top-level sports support and top-level culture support for all students except for subsidiary subject

The University Council

The University Council is the central participation body of the UT and discusses regularly with the Executive Board. The UCouncil contains of 18 members; nine staffmembers and nine students. The UCouncil 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, Sjef 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.

students. This allows all students to use the facilities. The Council noticed that the facilities should truly be open for every student and that the employee's knowledge of English is very important for achieving this. During the meeting with the Executive Board the rector Ed Brinksma said that if these facilities are not yet sufficient they will be improved. Alongside the concept-text a proposal with stating how this is achieved will be send to the council.

The board wishes to abolish several regulations concerning the financial facilities of students. The management wishes to only give graduation months for students with a government scholarship. Because The Hague wants to abolish the scholarships of master students the Council request a clear vision from the Board on active students at the UT. Clarity should be given on how long within a students study the university will be willing to fund it. During the consultation meeting the Board and the Council couldn't find an agreement yet concerning students without a government scholarship (currently the STAN-regulations). The rector said he is focused on removing this regulation and that he'll create a vision on



activism when the plans of the government are more crystallized. The student charter will most likely be discussed in the last cycle of this college year, then it will be decided if the UCouncil will consent with the proposed changes.

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Note Teacher Professionalization

In December 2010 the council discussed the principles for teacher professionalization with the board. This cycle the further implementation, timetable and financing of this policy was on the agenda. It was clear that the Board had implemented several recommendations from the last meeting. The document was more specific on how the professionalization of teachers will be improved. The new teachers already have an obligation to get a BKO certificate (Base Qualification Education), but this will also be implemented for teachers with less than 20 years of experience. Furthermore teachers should at least yearly be schooled for 20 hours on educational skills to keep improving the education. Because the number of current teachers is quite large the Executive Board suggested to implement these plans in phases. Starting with the least experienced teachers, they will be educated first. The Council was content with this proposition and it will annually be updated by the Board on the developments in teacher professionalization.

Furthermore more details about developing a SKO (Senior Qualification Education) were discussed. This will be developed in the near future and is especially of interest for teachers that have a greater responsibility in education (e.g. a study-director).



In conclusion the Council suggested researching the possibilities for (partly) combining the BKO-process and the first grade Teachers Authority. The rector, being a certified teacher himself, thought this was a good suggestion; it will be looked into.

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Code of Conduct ICT and Internet-usage For Students

This cycle the Code of Conduct ICT and Internet-usage For Students was discussed. The code of conduct defined what the UT finds acceptable in the usage of her ICT-facilities and how violations will be researched.

In the end of 2009 a comparable code of conduct was established for other users of the UT concerning ICT-facilities. The code of conduct from 2009 has been used as a base for the current student version, but with special focus on the position of students living on the campus. This is done because they are obliged to use the UT ICT-facilities for private use as well. According to the code usage of the ICT-facilities for limited personal use is allowed, but for students on the Campus there are no limitations concerning private use in their



apartment. When a research is done a clear procedure will be stated and the student will be informed. After changing some terms of the code of conduct to decrease possible problems with the interpretation the council consented with a majority.

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