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SUBJECT

Position letter Research Evaluation Faculty of Science & Technology

Dear members of the Faculty Board,

On 26-29 February 2024, the Faculty of Science and Technology was visited by an international review committee as part of the research evaluation in accordance with the Standard Evaluation Protocol 2021 – 2027 (SEP) for research reviews in the Netherlands. The review covered the research of the S&T faculty for the 2015-2022 period.

The committee consisted of Professor Moniek Tromp (University of Groningen), Professor Metin Tolan (University of Göttingen), Professor Duco Jansen (VanderBilt School of Engineering), Professor Margriet van der Heijden (Eindhoven University of Technology), Professor David Bogle (University College London), Dr. Anne-Laure Biance (Institut Lumière Matière), and Dr. Martijn Nagtegaal (Leiden University).

The Executive Board has taken note of the report and the recommendations of the committee with great interest. The EB was pleased to read that the committee was impressed by the research quality at S&T and very much valued the nine specific committee recommendations on (1) restructuring, (2) strategy, (3) best practices, and (4) academic culture and diversity to further strengthen the faculty. I have discussed these recommendations with the S&T dean and vice dean of research, and we specifically focused on the committee advice on ownership and decision-making power, focus in research portfolio and academic culture and strategy for improving gender diversity, inclusion and social safety.

The S&T faculty board has written a thorough response to the final report of the research evaluation committee. The EB appreciates the efforts that the faculty board already undertook to address the recommendations of the committee and is very confident that these recommendations will also further guide ongoing trajectories.

On behalf of the Executive Board,

Prof. Dr. Ir. A. Veldkamp, *Rector Magnificus*

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