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MEETING CYCLE FEBRUARY 2023

During the consultation meeting on the 8th of February 2023 a number of important topics were discussed. A written report of the following topics discussed is provided below:

the employee well-being action plan 2023-2025, the findings annual reports 2021-2022 help structure, the evaluation of Mechanical Engineering VU-UT, agreement collaboration VU-UT, Lifelong learning, the Hybrid way of working, the vision on Learning and Teaching and the chat GPT and implications for education (and research).

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

The University Council consists of 18 members: nine staff members and nine students. Four parties are represented in the council. For the students: UReka and DAS. For the staff members: Campus Coalition and list Weppelman.

For the academic year 2022 - 2023 the members of the University Council are:

Employees

Herbert Wormeester (chair), Hanneke Becht, Pieter Boerman, Cynthia Souren, Emile Dopheide, Jacqueline Weppelman, Wilma Dierkes, Roberto Cruz Martinez and Frank Groot (Eline Marsman is on leave).

Students

Tim Achterkamp, Robin van Zutphen, Maartje van Delden, Aarezo Sha, Fridtjof Otto, Sabin Kerwien Lopez, Milan Gomes, Jaime de Bruijn and Sander van den Berg.

EMPLOYEE WELL-BEING ACTION PLAN 2023-2025



Plans in the future

The University Council (UC) was asked to give consent to the [Employee Well-being Action Plan 2023-2025](#). The action plan contains the vision, objective, scope, guiding principles, approach and work plan for the well-being (of people employed by the UT) .

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FINDINGS ANNUAL REPORTS 2021-2022 “HELP STRUCTURE”



Awareness

The University Council received for information the Findings of the annual reports 2021-22 of the various bodies in the so-called “help structure” at the UT (i.e. ombuds officer, confidential advisors, complaints committee and disputes committee).

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THE EVALUATION OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING VU-UT

With the first cohort of students finishing their bachelor's in mechanical engineering at the VU, both universities reflected on the programme. [The UC](#) was, overall, satisfied with the [evaluation](#) but had some points of attention. These included a continuous discussion on master students of this program as well as the suggestion to rethink the idea of “De Stall” as a homebase and to integrate students more in the educational centre of the campus. These were noted and taken into account by the Executive Board.



Strengthen the information provision

The University Twente started collaborating with the VU through shared bachelor programmes in 2019. This collaboration is currently going very well.

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LIFELONG LEARNING



Deserves more attention

The University Council received a plan for Lifelong Learning (LLL) this cycle. It included strategic principles and first insights into implementation. Lifelong Learning is a topic that has gained a lot of traction over the last year.

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HYBRID WAY OF WORKING



Flex factor numbers

The UC received the document on hybrid way of working. For the UC it was important to get to know the assumptions behind the calculation of the flex factor: the number of work spaces available per employee.

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VISION ON LEARNING AND TEACHING



The improved version

This cycle, the University Council approved the new Vision on Learning and Teaching. Before we got to approve the document, there was quite some discussion surrounding the document. We received the first version in July and missed insight on key topics.

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CHATGPT AND IMPLICATIONS FOR EDUCATION (AND RESEARCH)



Getting a hold of ChatGPT

As a reaction to the turbulent developments regarding ChatGPT and its impact on Assessment, Research, Teaching & Learning, the University Council urged the Executive Board to start getting a hold of the topic as soon as possible.

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