

UNIVERSITY OF TWENTE.

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The University Council is the central participation body of the University of Twente and holds regular consultations with the Executive Board, which enables the UC to exert influence or give advice on the policy of the University of Twente at a central level.

The UC consists of 18 members: nine staff members and nine students. Six parties are represented in the council. For the students: UReka and DAS. For the staff members: Campus Coalition, PvdUT, List Weppelman and the P-NUT party.

For the academic year 2021 - 2020 the members of the University Council are:

Employees

Herbert Wormeester (chairman), Hanneke Becht, Dick Meijer, Anton Atanasov, Pieter Boerman, Cynthia Souren, Petra de Weerd-Nederhof, Emile Dopheide and Jacqueline Weppelman.

Students

Sjoerd van den Belt, Giel van Weezel, Atis Kazaferi, Jeroen Assink, Jaime de Bruin, Tim Achterkamp, Danique Damen, Imke Verschuren and Bram van Uden.

This special December edition includes also 3 interviews. The UC chairman, Herbert Wormeester has interviewed [Sterre Mkatini](#) on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion and [Anton Atanasov](#) introduced himself as a 'new' UC-member (since 1st of October 2021). And also an interview with [Emile Dopheide](#) (UC-member) on the new HR & Payroll system AFAS.

During the consultation meeting on 8 December 2021 a number of important topics were discussed. A written report of the following topics discussed is provided below: the Ombuds Officer at the UT, the mental wellbeing of students, the cooperation agreement between ASR and the UT, the Budget 2022-2026, the ventilation of buildings (as a part of the Long Term Strategic Housing plan), UT publications and the annual plan and budget plan 2022 Student Union.

OMBUDS OFFICER



Annual Report

The University Council (UC) received the [Annual Report Ombuds officer 2021-2022](#). Since last year, the UT has officially an Ombuds Officer who serves both staff and students

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STUDENT MENTAL WELLBEING



Struggle during corona times

Studying during corona times is very hard, students see their fellow learners struggle with the increasing pressure on their mental state.

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ASR - UNIVERSITY OF TWENTE



Cooperation agreement

The valorisation of academic knowledge as well as the connection of academia to industry are key focus point of the University of Twente.

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Budget and plan 2022 - 2026

The University Council gave its consent to the proposed Budget and plan 2022-2026, under conditions. The first condition is that the new Executive Board (EB) should make the Shaping 2030 strategy more concrete.

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LONG TERM STRATEGIC HOUSING PLAN 2022



UT facilities on campus (ventilation)

The Annual Long Term Strategic Housing plan 2022 was presented, in which real estate plans for the university are developed to keep our facilities up to date.

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OPEN ACCESS POLICY



UT publications

The University Council (UC) was very surprised that not all the university publications were Open Access (OA). So, the UC fully supports the policy to improve the percentage, by changing the current Opt-In Procedure into an Opt-Out Procedure.

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STUDENT UNION

Annual Plan and Budget Plan 2022

The University Council received the Annual Plan and Budget Plan of the Student Union (SU) for 2022. Every year, the SU



sends its plans to the UC for advice and to check if everything is in order.

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