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Newsletter, July 2022



The University Council is the central participation body of the University of Twente and holds regular consultations with the Executive Board, which enables the University Council to exert influence or give advice on the policy of the University of Twente at a central level. The Council consists of 17 members: eight 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 - 2022 the members of the University Council are:

Employees:

Herbert Wormeester (chair), Hanneke Becht, Dick Meijer, Anton Atanasov, Pieter Boerman, Cynthia Souren, 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.

MEETING CYCLE JUNE 2022

During the consultation meeting on the 22nd of June 2022 the following important topics were discussed: Spring Memorandum 2023-2027, Selection procedure Technical Medicine, AFAS-HR, Shaping2030, Process EER, New vision on

SPRING MEMORANDUM 2023 -2027



Changes

In the [Spring Memorandum](#) the Executive Board (EB) presents the expected government budgets for next year (and prognoses for 2024-2027), changes in the Budget Distribution Model of the university and the intended budget for faculties and service departments.

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SELECTION PROCEDURE TECHNICAL MEDICINE

The evaluation of the [selection procedure](#) for Technical Medicine did not contain any major points of attention for the Council. The only points spotted were the fact that females tend to get better grades during high school which led to a slightly skewed background of admitted students. [The Council](#) would like to see an evaluation on the effects of selection by lottery once this has been made legal. The UT should keep re-evaluating the selection procedure annually. The Executive Board agreed with this.

AFAS-HR SYSTEM



User-friendliness

In the UC meeting cycle of December 2021, the Council was very [critical](#) towards the implementation of the AFAS-HR system within the UT and had raised a number of questions regarding the user-friendliness, the effectiveness and efficiency of workflows and processes (incl. authorizations) and privacy of the system. At that time, the EB agreed to evaluate the points raised by the UC and to inform the UC about the follow-up within half a year.

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SHAPING2030

MISSION, VISION & STRATEGY

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After a presentation on the status of Shaping2030, the Council became worried about the timeline and general support for this [UT strategy](#). The UC urged the Executive Board to work on generating more support throughout all levels of UT and to review the feasibility of the SEG timeline. The UC also wanted to see Shaping2030 reflected in all new visions of the UT, or a clear reasoning for why the strategy was not incorporated. The Board assured the UC that those who are needed to implement the strategy are fully on board, as well as that the SEG timeline was viable. They also said that Shaping2030 is implicitly present in a lot of new visions. The UC looks forward to receiving another update on the status of Shaping2030 at the start of the next academic year.

EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION REGULATIONS (EER)



Timeframes

In response to the advice of the University Council to take a critical look at the timeline of the process leading up to the revised EER, the Executive Board presented two possible timeframes for the upcoming academic year(s).

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NEW VISION ON EDUCATION



Concerns

In this meeting cycle, the University Council shared its concerns with the Executive Board about the development of the Educational Vision. In the Council's opinion, the Educational Vision should shed light on the following topics:

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VISION ON STUDENT WELL-BEING

In the June cycle, the Executive Board presented the [vision on student wellbeing](#). The student section of the University Council was very happy to see that the UT is picking up on the cries for help the parties put forward the past year. There were some questions about the statements made on the provision of self-study spaces on campus and that the vision should shift more to implementing wellbeing in education rather than the UT becoming a care-centre. Some good suggestions were made and the Executive board is taking over these [advices](#).



NUMERUS FIXUS PSYCHOLOGY

In recent years, the influx of BSc students into the programme Psychology has increased significantly, which is threatening the quality of education. In order to protect the quality of education the university council supports the [proposed](#) Numerus

Fixus at BSc Psychology. On the other hand, a sudden low influx as a result of the Numerus Fixus is undesired, especially considering needs in the workfield. Therefore, the University Council [advised](#) to re-evaluate the fixus based on new influx numbers after the summer.

FOBOS



Budget increase

The University Council received the proposal for the new FOBOS regulation for September 2022. This document was written/revised by the ‘werkgroep afstudeer regelingen’ (WAR).

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NUMERUS FIXUS TECHNICAL COMPUTER SCIENCE



Drop in applicants

Students that have signed up for the study Technical Computer Science for next academic year have been subject to the Numerus Fixus selection procedure.

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