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SUBJECT
Position letter research evaluation Faculty of Engineering Technology

Dear members of the Faculty Board,

In the second half of 2025, the Faculty of Engineering Technology's research for 2019–2024 was evaluated, based on the self-evaluation report and an early-October site visit, in accordance with the Strategy Evaluation Protocol 2021–2027.

The committee consisted of the chair Professor Dr. Wolfram Volk (TU München), Professor Arianna Menciassi (Scuola Superiore de Sant'Anna), Professor Dr. Sandra Soarez Frazao (Université Catholique de Louvain), Professor Dr. Renee Wever (Linköping University), Ir. Ivo Wessels (Managing director VDL Energy systems, BV.), and Ata Başkaya MSc (TU Delft).

The Executive Board has taken note of the report and the recommendations of the committee with great interest. We value the Committee's assessment of ET as a strong and cohesive academic community, with internationally connected research groups, excellent facilities, and a productive combination of fundamental and applied research with clear societal relevance, embedded in a distinctive culture of academic Noaberschap. We also appreciate the recognition of the Faculty's people-centred approach, collegiality and strong support structures as key foundations of its success.

At the same time, the report provides a clear and constructive basis for further development. The Executive Board will take the recommendations on strengthening Faculty-level coordination, while preserving the strengths of departmental autonomy, sharpening the long-term strategic direction, improving the alignment between research themes and the UT Impact Domains through both bottom-up and top-down approaches, and providing theme leaders with clearer mandates and targeted resources as input for ET's next phase of development. We also value the reflections on sustainable growth, doctoral education, career development and external visibility, which will guide the Faculty's choices.

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The Engineering Technology's 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. The EB encourages the faculty not only to differentiate between faculty- and UT-level actions, but also to work out the recommendations in close collaboration with other faculties and institutes. And I am convinced that the faculty will take the valuable input into account when determining its direction for the coming years.

On behalf of the Executive Board,

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