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SUBJECT  
Pilot for assembling the members of Educational Committees



The Programme Committee of Applied Mathematics (OLC-AM) has discussed the pilot for assembling the members of Programme Committees. In view of the new law, we think the main aims are to improve legitimacy, transparency and visibility. While we endorse these aims, we think that elections are not the appropriate method to achieve this. Therefore, we ask the Faculty Council not to impose elections as a pilot for the OLC-AM.

Currently, the clerk already sends a call for applications for the OLC every year together with information about the OLC. Yet, the student members have had to actively ask their peers to gather enough student candidates every year. We see little added value in assembling a list with candidates that is chosen by acclamation, while it would require quite some time to organize such elections. Similarly, we would expect to be able to create only a single list with candidates for staff members, as staff is very busy with teaching in particular, and other administrative tasks. So, in the end these lists would just be appointed. Additionally, one strong point now is that every chair of the Department of Mathematics is well represented in the OLC-AM. This is article 19 point 2 of the proposed Faculty Rules, which we feel is particularly important.

Nevertheless, we see some useful ideas in the proposed pilot that we may use to improve the current procedure of assembling the OLC. Already every year, a call for applications for the OLC is sent by the clerk by email. However, at this moment it may not be known to staff members whether a position is vacant. To improve upon that, we will send out an announcement to apply to the staff members of Applied Mathematics. Additionally, we will then announce the new members at the beginning of every academic year. Especially for students, this will prove to be useful as they then know their representatives. Note that in this process the current members of the OLC are actively involved. Hence the nominations towards the dean can be motivated yielding transparency too.

We feel that this will achieve the aforementioned aims as well.

Kind regards,



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