

ON 5 NOVEMBER 2018, THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MADE AN INTENDED DECISION ON THE QUALITY AGREEMENTS IN EDUCATION.

The NVAO* asked to explain how the plans on the quality agreements relate with the existing ambitions and vision on education. Because faculties, within the setting of the university, might have varying ambitions on education, it was desirable to incorporate an explanation of this diversity into the UT plan. At UT level, the faculty plans have been converted into five programmes in which efforts are being made to improve education quality:

1. Learning facilities
2. Teaching professionalization
3. Community building
4. Talent development of students
5. Global citizens

DEVELOPMENT PROCESS OF THE QUALITY AGREEMENTS

At a Kick-off meeting in March 2018, representatives of all gremia came together to make an inventory of wishes and requirements of quality improvements for each programme at the faculty of BMS. Based on these inventories, a lunch-meeting with Student Associations was organized to get more input. This additional input was also discussed in the different Programme Committee (PC) meetings and eventually turned into an advisory report for the Programme Directors (PDs). Other boards were constantly updated about the process. We have opted for this approach, especially to hear from students how they want to improve the quality of their education.

In October 2018, the first BMS plan for the allocation of the WSV-budget (Quality Agreements) was made. This plan was developed in close cooperation with the Programme Directors and the Programme Committees. As input for the plan, also results were used of a survey concerning the preferences of students in relation to the quality agreements.

In April 2019, the BMS plan Quality Agreements was expanded with ambitions of individual programmes, which were formulated in the Programme Development Plans 2018/2019, resulting in the Action Plan Education BMS. This action plan provides an overview of all the actions that have been planned within BMS in relation to the improvement of education, including Quality Agreements and the regular quality assurance and improvement actions of programmes. This action plan has been submitted to the PDs for verification and subsequently sent to the chairs of the PCs and the departments for (formal and informal) advice.

In June 2019, the NVAO has sent a letter to the universities regarding its experiences with the reviewing process of the Quality Agreements. Based on their findings so far, the NVAO has urged universities to provide plans that are more precise and contain detailed project plans for investments funded by WSV budget. As a response to this letter, the Board of the UT has asked faculties to revise their plans in order to meet the requirements of NVAO. To achieve this, the mentioned Action Plan Education BMS has been updated and its structure has been adjusted; now it also includes detailed project plans. The result of this revision is included in the document below.