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Faculty Council Elections

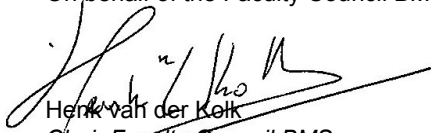
Dear dean,

In a meeting on the 21 of November, the Faculty Council discussed the current electoral system for the Faculty Council.

The council is not very happy with the often-one-sided outcomes of the elections for staff members: non-academic staff is hardly ever represented in the council and representatives of some academic groups are missing, partly because they suggested a large number of candidates, but did not organize themselves as a list. This may in the future lead to clusters not being involved in the Faculty Council at all. Although some members doubt the quality of the current electoral system used to elect staff members and suggested alternatives, including systems in which clusters would have 'quality seats', the council did not formulate a well-supported alternative to the current person/list system.

The council, however, was unanimous about a few points related to the election of staff members and student members. We urge the dean to inform all staff-members and students in an early stage about the upcoming elections and to inform all staff-members about the benefits of organizing lists, representing several groups in the faculty. The Faculty Council itself will also inform staff members about these points, but we ask the dean to suggest a clear policy related to the upcoming elections.

Kind regards,  
On behalf of the Faculty Council BMS,



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Chair Faculty Council BMS