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FACULTY BMS
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Ref: QA 1396/4

To: Faculty Council
Cc: Programme committees
From: Jan van Diepen and Riet Martens

Subject: some topics concerning Quality Assurance

Dear members of the Faculty Council

We would like to present some topics and proposals about quality assurance:

1. A short description of the faculties Quality Assurance System (based on the current situation) which includes three aspects (QA 1590):
 - a) interlinked PDCA cycles on faculty-level, per degree programme and per unit of study (BSc module or MSc course).
 - b) special attention to topics in assessment
 - c) special attention to topics decided on in the Policy Plan on Quality Assurance (QA 776/9)

FC: Do you agree with the short description of the QA system and what amendments would you propose.

2. Progress report (QA 1396/3)

In January 2016 the faculty council has approved the BSM policy plan on Quality Assurance of education 2015-2018, including an annual evaluation of the implementation of the policy.

In September 2016 a draft progress report was made. We asked programme directors to complete it and suggest any priorities.

The progress Report consist of two parts

- The Progress Report from Sept 15-Sept 16
- Status of actions planned for 2016-2017 (and 2017-2018)

Most important activities for the coming period: stimulating quality culture, development of a policy on assessment, student engagement, strengthening relationship programmes with professional field.

FC: We are confident that the progress report gives good information about the implementation of the QA policy. However we are looking forward to your suggestions.

3. Some proposals concerning the Student Experience Questionnaire (QA 1573)

In the meeting of 13 Dec. 2016, the Faculty Council has discussed with the dean their opinion that the SEQ gives to little suggestions to teachers for improvement of the modules. We would like to take this to heart because improving education is precisely the purpose why we ask the students questions. In addition the dean and the programme directors want to add some questions about individual teachers. We want to propose some changes in content and procedures of the SEQ. With the proposals we believe to create a balanced way of using the student opinion in the continuous improvement of education and we want to prevent the questionnaires get so long that students fill in careless.

FC: Do you agree with the proposals 1/6 in QA 1573? Do you have any suggestions for other changes?

4. Proposal for information for and role of Faculty Council in quality assurance” (QA 1589)

In a meeting with the chair of the FR we agreed upon making a proposal for/description of the role of the faculty council in quality assurance and the information needed to support that role.

FC: Do you agree with the proposed role description? Do you agree with the proposed information to support that role (for the moment)?