

PC MA PSTS - Advise to the Dean

The PC MA PSTS has received a proposal for a “Training Day Participation Bodies BMS”

The proposal has been discussed at the meeting of the PC MA PSTS on May 28, 2018. We came to the following conclusion:

Art. 9.48(4) WHW states Programme Committees are entitled to training.

Organizing an Annual Training Day, which benefits all PCs at the BMS faculty, is an efficient way to provide basic training for new PC members and to update old PC members on recent development. This is not to say, that such an Annual Training Day should be the only training opportunity, but we consider such an offering as an important element to ensure an adequate performance of the PCs.

In addition, a joint training with more than one PC is helpful in establishing and fostering collaboration across the PCs within BMS.

Also, there has been a consensus among the representatives of all programme committees in BMS at the meeting on April 5, 2018, that it is desirable to organize a joint training day for all programme committee members in the faculty. The training should take place at the start of every academic year.

In light of these findings, we support the proposal for the “Training Day Participation Bodies BMS” by Jan van Diepen, Roos de Jong, and Riet Martens.

However, we would also like to emphasize, that the date for the training day should be set in accordance with the availability of PC members. And that there should be no disadvantage for PCs, who could not participate in the training day due to other commitments of its members.

Advise to the Dean:

1. Provide financial and organizational support for organizing the “Training Day Participation Bodies BMS.”
2. Do not limit the training opportunities to the annual training, since the PCs might have need for additional and programme specific training.
3. Participation in the “Training Day Participation Bodies BMS” should not be obligatory.