

Faculty regulations

In accordance with Articles 20 and 21 of the BBR, to further regulate the administration and organization of the faculty, the Faculty Board shall adopt the Faculty Regulations.

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The Dutch version shall prevail in case of any misconceptions or ambiguities due to translation.

Preamble

The text of the Faculty Regulations of the Faculty of Science and Technology (TNW) refers to the relevant articles of the Higher Education and Research Act (WHW).

Chapter I General

Article 1 Definitions

In these regulations, the following terms are defined as stated below:

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| a. University: | The University of Twente (UT), established in Enschede; |
| b. WHW/Act: | Higher Education and Research Act; |
| c. CvB: | The Executive Board of the University of Twente; |
| d. Faculty: | Faculty of Science and Technology; |
| e. Faculty Board: | The board of the Faculty as referred to in Article 18 of the BBR; |
| f. BBR: | Executive and management regulations University of Twente; |
| g. Dean: | The dean of the Faculty of Science and Technology; |
| h. Faculty Council; | The council of the faculty within the meaning of article 9.37 WHW; |
| i. Programme committee: | The committee within the meaning of article 9.18 WHW; |
| j. Examination Board: | The board within the meaning of article 7.12 WHW; |
| k. OER: | Education and Examination Regulations within the meaning of article 7.12 WHW. |

If other terms used in these regulations also appear in the legislation, these terms have the meaning ascribed to them therein.

Chapter II Organisation and administration of the faculty

Article 2 The Faculty Board

1. The Faculty Board consists of four members: the dean (primus inter pares), a portfolio holder for operations, a portfolio holder for education and a portfolio holder for research. The Faculty Board manages the faculty in compliance with the principles of collegial governance. The dean has a casting vote when votes are tied.
2. Any deviation from the provisions in paragraph 1 above requires approval of the Executive Board.
3. The Faculty Board may, without prejudice to the responsibility of the Board as a whole for its decisions and actions, submit a proposal to the Executive Board regarding the decision and delegation of duties. The Executive Board approves this division of duties, including the authority to sign off decisions.
4. A student from the relevant faculty shall be granted the opportunity to attend the meetings of the Faculty Board; this student (student assessor) will be granted an advisory vote.
5. The members of the Faculty Board are appointed, reappointed, suspended and dismissed by the Executive Board.
6. The appointment of the members of the Faculty Board, with the exception of the portfolio holder for operations, shall be for the duration of a term to be determined by the Executive Board, which is generally a period of four years. Members may be reappointed once for a maximum of four years.
7. If the dean – whether or not in the interim – ceases to be a member of the Faculty Board, the portfolio holder for research and the portfolio holder for education shall also cease to be members.
8. With respect to the portfolio holders for operations, the Executive Board may determine that they are appointed to this position within a specific faculty for a term of four years, after which they may be reappointed once for a maximum term of four years.
9. The portfolio holder for education and portfolio holder for research are minimal UHD (associate professor) appointed to the university and appointed and employed by the relevant faculty.
10. A programme director may not act as a member of the Faculty Board.
11. Before proceeding to appoint or dismiss the dean and the other members of the Faculty Board, the Executive Board must first, in a confidential manner, hear the advice of the Faculty Board and the Faculty Council regarding proposed decisions on appointments or dismissals. The timing of this hearing shall be such that it can have a meaningful effect on the decision-making process.
12. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 6 above, the dean and the other members of the Faculty Board may be suspended or dismissed in the interim if there are compelling reasons for their suspension or dismissal.
13. The Faculty Board shall invite the student members of the Faculty Council to submit a nomination for the position of student assessor and, from this list of nominees, shall nominate a student assessor to the Executive Board. The student assessor shall be appointed by the Executive Board for a term of one year, following nomination by the Faculty Board. The student assessor may not simultaneously be a member of the Faculty Council.
14. Any deviation from the provisions in paragraph 13 above requires approval by the Executive Board.
15. The board is supported by a secretary.

Article 3 Duties and authorizations of the Faculty Board

1. The Faculty Board is charged with the general management of the faculty. The Faculty Board shall also be responsible for the management and organization of the faculty with respect to (amongst others) education and science matters.
2. In setting out the management and organization rules of the faculty, the Faculty Board establishes its faculty rules and regulations. The establishment of these faculty regulations, and any changes incurred, must be approved by the Executive Board.
3. On behalf of the Faculty Board, the Dean contributes to university management, for example by discussing the preparation of the institutional plan and the budget with the Executive Board.
4. Furthermore, the Faculty Board is entrusted with the tasks as defined in article 9.15 WHW.
5. The tasks within the Faculty Board are divided into portfolios which are drawn up in the [model portfolio division](#) Faculty Board.

Article 4 Accountability and information obligation of the Faculty Board

The Faculty Board is accountable to the Executive Board. It shall provide the Executive Board with the (requested) information about the faculty.

Chapter III Education and Research

Article 5 Faculty programmes

The Faculty of Science and Technology hosts the following study programmes:

- a) The Advanced Technology bachelor's programme;
- b) The Biomedical Technology bachelor's programme;
- c) The Health Sciences bachelor's programme;
- d) The Chemical Science and Engineering bachelor's programme;
- e) The Technical Medicine bachelor's programme;
- f) The Applied Physics bachelor's programme;
- g) The Applied Physics master's programme;
- h) The Biomedical Engineering master's programme;
- i) The Chemical Science and Engineering master's programme;
- j) The Health Sciences master's programme;
- k) The Nanotechnology master's programme;
- l) The Technical Medicine master's programme;
- m) The Water Technology master's programme (Joint Degree).

Article 6 Programme director and duties

1. A programme director shall be charged with the administration of a programme in the faculty.
2. The Faculty Board appoints a programme director for each programme or combination of programmes.
3. The Faculty Council shall be consulted confidentially by the Faculty Board with respect to the appointment of a programme director.
4. Appointment of the programme director shall require the approval of the Executive Board.
5. Under the responsibility of the Faculty Board and with due observance of the frameworks set by the Faculty Board, the programme director is responsible for the design and organisation of the programme. This entails the following amongst others:
 - a. formulation of educational policy for the programme;
 - b. drawing up attainment targets and learning objectives for the programme and realising a coherent programme in consultation with the programme committee;
 - c. organisation of the implementation of the education and student guidance, including coordination of the workload of lecturers for the programme;
 - d. advising the Faculty Board on the establishment or amendment of the Education and Examination Regulations (OER);
 - e. the design and implementation of quality control, including the implementation of measures as a result of the outcomes of internal and external quality control; design and organisation of the programme;
 - f. advising the Faculty Board on the internal quality control system;
 - g. advising the Faculty Board on the measures to be implemented in response to the external quality control assessment;
 - h. providing information about the programme to prospective students and during the introduction period for new students;
 - i. drawing an annual plan for the programme in accountability to the Faculty Board.
6. A programme director cannot also be a member of the programme committee of that programme.

Article 7 Examination Boards

1. The Faculty Board sets up an Examination Board for each programme or group of programmes of the faculty.
2. The Faculty Board appoints members of the Examination Board on the basis of their expertise in the field of the relevant programme or group of programmes. At least one member shall be a lecturer on the programme or on one of the programmes belonging to the group of programmes and at least one member shall come from outside this group. Before appointing a member, the Faculty Board shall hear the members of the relevant Examination Board.
3. The Examination Board appoints examiners to conduct examinations. The examiners shall provide the Board of Examiners with the requested information.
4. The Examination Board has duties and authorizations as defined in article 7.12b WHW.
5. The Examination Board establishes rules with regard to the implementation of these duties and competences, and the measures that may be taken.
6. The term of office of the members of the Board of Examiners is three years. They may be reappointed no more than once.
7. The Examination Board shall draw up an annual report of its activities. The Examination Board shall provide the Faculty Board with the report for information.

Article 8 Programme committees

1. For each programme or combination of a Bachelor's programme and a Master's programme of the faculty, the Faculty Board sets up a programme committee, half of which are students (of the study programme or combination of study programmes concerned) and half of which are teachers.
2. The programme committee of one programme (Advanced Technology Bachelor's programme as well as Nanotechnology Master's programme) shall comprise at least six members. The programme committee of a Bachelor's programme and the associated Master's programme shall comprise eight or ten members (equal representation of teachers and students), with at least one Master's student in case of eight members and at least two Master's students in case of ten members.
3. The members of the programme committees shall be appointed by the Faculty Board. New teacher members shall be nominated by the current teacher members or by the programme director. New student members shall be nominated by the students of the relevant programme or group of programmes.
4. Each year, the Faculty Council places the procedure for setting up a programme committee on the agenda, and the dean and Faculty Council determine whether the use hereof is appropriate.
5. The programme committee shall elect its own chairperson.
6. The term of office of the members of the programme committee shall be one year for students and two years for teacher members. They may be reappointed no more than twice as no elections are being held.
7. The programme committee has tasks as defined in article 9.18 WHW.
8. The programme committee shall be given the opportunity to consult with the programme director or the Faculty Board before the programme committee issues advice.
9. The programme committee shall be informed in writing by the programme director or the Faculty Board of the manner in which they have acted upon the advice they have issued, without delay.
10. If the programme committee submits a proposal or issues a piece of advice (as referred to in article 9.18 sub d WHW) to the programme director or the Faculty Board, the programme director or the Faculty Board shall respond to the proposal within two months of receipt.
11. The programme committee shall forward the advice and proposals as referred to in article 9.18 sub d WHW to the Faculty Board for information.
12. The programme committee shall be authorised to invite the programme director or the Faculty Board at least twice a year to discuss the intended policy on the basis of an agenda it has prepared. At least once a year, this discussion shall take place in person by the Dean.
13. The programme director and the programme committee shall meet if requested to do so by the programme director or the programme committee, stating the reasons. The meeting shall take place within three weeks after a written request to this effect has been submitted to the chairperson of the programme committee.
14. The programme committee shall prepare an annual report of its activities and send it to the Faculty Board for information. In addition, the annual reports are published on a website.

Article 9 Research and Education

1. In consultation with the academic directors, the Faculty Board shall draw up a domain plan for all chairs of the faculty and submit it to the Executive Board for approval.
2. The Faculty Board may form a group of professors from related fields of science. The professors concerned shall liaise with the chair group.
3. Research and education are conducted in collaborative partnerships, in which capacity is allocated.
4. Research and education can take place in a cooperative, inter-faculty manner, as outlined in Article 23 of the BBR.

Chapter IV Participation and faculty committees

Article 10 Faculty Council

1. A Faculty Council has been established within the faculty. It comprises 14 members, half of whom are members elected by and from the staff, and half of whom are elected by and from the students of the faculty's study programmes.
2. The authorizations of the Faculty Council are laid down in the [University Council Regulations](#). It is not permitted to deviate from these regulations.
3. The [regulations of the Faculty Council](#) are drawn up and, with the consent of the Faculty Council, adopted by the Faculty Board.
4. The manner and organisation of the elections of the members of the Faculty Council are included in the UT Election Regulations.
5. The term of office of the members of the Faculty Council shall be two years for staff members and one year for students.

Article 11 Faculty committees

The Faculty Board may set up committees for the purpose of specific faculty (advisory) duties. The Faculty Council shall advise the Faculty Board on the regulations of these faculty committees.

1. The [Chemical Engineering Committee \(ST\)](#) consists of the professors of the Chemical Engineering discipline and the programme directors of the Chemical Engineering programmes.
2. The [Applied Physics Committee \(TN\)](#) consists of the professors of the Applied Physics discipline and the programme directors of the Applied Physics programmes.
3. The [Health and Biomedical Technology Disciplinary Council](#) consists of the professors and senior professors of the Biomedical Sciences discipline and the programme directors of the Biomedical Technology, Health Sciences and Technical Medicine programmes.
4. The Faculty Board shall appoint the chairpersons of the ST and TN Committees and the chairperson of the Health and Biomedical Technology Disciplinary Council.
5. The ST and TN Committees and the Health and Biomedical Technology Disciplinary Council shall advise the Faculty Board, whether solicited or unsolicited, on subjects relating to research and education in the relevant programmes.

Chapter V Final provisions

Article 12 Difference of opinion

In the event of a difference of opinion on the interpretation of articles of these regulations, the Executive Board shall decide where it concerns a difference of opinion between the Faculty Board and the Executive Board. The Dean shall decide where it concerns an internal matter of the faculty.

Article 13 Official title

These regulations may be cited as Regulations of the Faculty of Science and Technology of the University of Twente.

Article 14 Adoption and entry into force

These regulations enter into force on July 11, 2023, and replace the regulations of June 2018.

Adopted by the Faculty Board of the Faculty of Science and Technology, after having obtained consent from the Faculty Council and the approval of the Executive Board.