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Dear executive board,

The last couple of years, cooptation has been a part of the student housing system in Enschede. There are multiple perspectives and the University Council is aware of both. In response to the working group that is set up by the UT, we have questions regarding the process.

The current selection system is being experienced as unfair by certain groups of students, as being rejected by a number of housing groups is stressful and makes students feel unwelcome on campus. The UT wants to be known as an inclusive university. This value should not be limited to the working area only, but should also involve the living spaces especially on campus but also outside.

Having a house in which students feel safe and comfortable is crucial for the student's well-being. The campus is known as a pleasant living area for the current residents and the selection of new housemates gives the opportunity to live with roommates with similar preferences and interests.

This selection system is not the responsibility of the UT itself, but the UT is directly associated with it as it majorly influences the well-being of the students. In the external committee meeting on the 29th May, the Rector explained that a working group is set up to evaluate the situation and consider alternative systems regarding the selection for new residents. The council encourages the working group in this and thinks that a new system should be fairer while taking into account the desires of the current residents.

In this regard, we would like to ask the following questions about the current situation and follow-up to the Executive Board:

- What does the Executive Board think about the cooptation? What is the UT's role in this?
- How can the Executive Board influence this system given that the cooptation system is not the direct responsibility of the UT?
- What are the tasks of the working group working on the cooptation system? What are their preliminary results?
- What are the next steps in this process?

*With kind regards,*

*On behalf of the University Council*

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