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onderwerp	People-Centered Technology, vision on Research 2020-2030.		

Dear Executive Board,

The University Council has taken notice of the document *People-Centered Technology. Vision on Research 2020-2030* (UR 19 181). The University Council has been asking for a long time and on several occasions for a policy research document, and in that sense the University Council is pleased with the document and the intention from which it was written.

Nonetheless, the document is somewhat disappointing to a majority of the University Council, on important points. The piece looks a lot like the 'Shaping 2030' in terms of tone and atmosphere (which in itself is good and logical), but the piece has (too) little news to report on the subject theme, research. In other words, the theme Research is not elaborated in such a way that it is possible to speak of research strategy, i.e. a strategy that makes clear in which specific direction(s) our research should develop.

The Council understands that the research strategy should evolve from the 'Shaping 2030' and in that sense should be incorporated with it, or rather should result from that vision. Looking at it that way one could state that the document is "not timely", i.e. too early. However, that does not alter the fact that, in the eyes of the University Council, this is not the document we have been asking for for some years, as has been argued and indicated above.

DRAFT - ADVICE:
the University Council,
seen:

- 'People-Centered Technology. Vision on Research 2020-2030, University of Twente', UR 19 - 181;
- Concept of Shaping 2030

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hear:

- the internal OOS Committee meeting on October 9th, 2019;
- the external OOS Committee meeting with Mr. Thom Palstra on the October 16th, 2019;
- The Plenary meeting on November 6th 2019;

considering:

- the considerations set out in the above mentioned explanatory commentary of the University Council;

advices:

1. *To use this vision document as the starting point of the announced research strategy document and use this as chapter 1 of this document.*
2. *To elaborate in the research strategy at least on the following points:*
 - a. *Infrastructure*
 - b. *Strategic budgetting*
 - c. *Selection of partners*
 - d. *Quality management*
 - e. *Open science / citizen science*
 - f. *Research awarding*
 - g. *Guideline for selecting and assessing larger projects depending on the values defined in Shaping 2030*
 - h. *Research directions*
3. *To install a committee on behalf of the University Council to act as a quick feedback group in the development of the research strategy to ensure that a strategy document is available for discussion in the plenary meeting in March 2020.*
4. *To appoint the following members to this committee:*
Dr ir J.G.M. Becht
Drs. G.W. Brinkman
Prof dr ir D.J. Schipper
Dr ir H. Wormeester

Yours sincerely,
On behalf of the University Council,


dr ir H. Wormeester,
Chairman