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Dear Executive Board,

Thank you for informing us on the plan on governance and embedding of UCT/ATLAS in faculty ITC. After internal deliberations we decided to give you an unsolicited advice on this plan, due to some concerns we have with that plan.

Our first concern lies with the UCT dean, since we do not see a clear reason for UCT/ATLAS to have its own dean. The responsibilities described within the plan do not clear this, since in our opinion we believe those responsibilities are either the Programme Director or the ITC faculty dean's responsibility. Part of the confusion lies in the fact that we as a council yet need to receive the description of the Programme Director. Therefore, in this plan a UCT dean seems out of place.

Furthermore, stating that the UCT dean being the 'primus inter pares' in the management team of UCT, while also supervising over the same team, seems contradictory. The role of 'primus inter pares' is supposed to be among equals, but we perceive that not to be the case in UCT/ATLAS, because of the supervising position of the dean over the same positions.

Another concern of ours was the question whether or not this is the final document. Within the document the role of a college director is still mentioned, while when asked about the details of that role, the written response was: 'In the final adopted governance setup, no College Director is foreseen'.

Lastly, this plan raises a budget alarm in the council, since it is not clear what benefit the move to ITC has budget-wise. The business case of UCT/ATLAS would become stronger by sharing facilities with ITC. However, governance-wise this does not seem to happen; therefore, we expect additional costs needed to be paid from the central funds.

To conclude, our unsolicited advice is to take another look at the necessity of the UCT dean, the dean's role of primus inter pares, and the budget. We are looking forward to receiving a substantiated written reply on this advise.

Yours sincerely,
On behalf of the University Council,


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