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The discussed documents can be downloaded here. The agenda for the meeting between the University Council and the Executive Board contains two items which led to a decision in addition to an informative item about the evaluation framework of the UT.

The University Council gave a positive advice about the new registration scheme for 2013-2014 and an agreement was reached between the University Council and the Executive Board about the renewed educational organisation. A report about the last two subjects can be seen in our next Newsletter.

[Agreement new educational organization](#)

The executive board and the University Council have reached an agreement about the new educational organisation. This renewal was more than useful because of the implementation of the new Twents Onderwijsmodel (TOM) and the impending institutional test which will be done on short term with stricter requirements to the internal educational quality assurance.

The discussion between the Executive Board and the University Council, which preceded the agreement, took several months. In this discussion it was made clear by the University Council that it did not agree with the intention of the Executive Board towards the new educational organisation in which Educational Directors are on the same level as the new educational clusters.

The University Council had several important arguments for the rejection of the plan from the Executive Board. This plan would have led to a division in responsibilities and powers between the Director of Education and the Director of Studies. The new Director of Education would be responsible for the educational and financial aspects of the studies while the Director of Studies would be responsible for the content of the studies. The Director of Education on cluster level would form a new management layer within the organisation of the University apart from the Faculties and institutions. This way there was great distance between the management level and the implementation level and it would withdraw itself

from the influence of the faculty participation council. The Executive Board did not give a satisfactory answer about the transition from faculty organisation towards cluster organisation in the upcoming years. This would cause great insecurity for the supporting staff. Due to the plan of the Executive Board a stalemate was created which was undesirable for both parties. The University Council was prepared to give some ground in the form of [a new design framework](#), consisting 13 points, for the new educational organisation. This new design framework has been almost completely adopted by the Executive Board on the 8th of May. The result is a permanent organisation of education within the existing faculty organisational structure. With clear responsibilities for the Directors of study who are recruited from current scientific staff. With an appropriately organised educational support system within the faculties and with an improved educational quality assurance.

The University Council recognizes the fact that within the new agreement there still is a, to be appointed, functionary whose task bare similarities with the proposed Director of Education. The position of this functionary is however significantly different and the responsibility for the education is back where it belongs, namely with the scientific staff.

Next to this the Executive Board and the University Council have both expressed that an expansion of the management layer within the UT is unwanted and that they will keep a close eye on the new organisation and that it will be evaluated in two years.

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[Registration scheme 2013-2014](#)

The executive board asked the University Council to give an advice about the registration scheme of 2013-2014. Noteworthy is the fact that the executive board extended the transition period for “the Harde Knip”, this makes it possible for students to register for a new master study at the first day of the first month after their bachelor graduation. Next to this there will be a clause in the new registration scheme for students who partake in two studies at the same time. This clause will guarantee them they can finish their second study for the statutory tuition fee after they finished their first study.

These intended alterations are all positive for students so it seemed there would be no reason for the University Council to withhold a positive advice. However part of the registration scheme is the institutional tuition fee. When the master guide for the 3TU was published it was noted that the other 3TU universities charged a different and lower tuition fee for students who wished to follow a second bachelor or master study. This was different than the agreement made between the 3TU partners. On the basis of this agreement the University Council agreed on the institutional tuition fees earlier this year.

During the consultation meeting the University Council asked for a clarification from the Executive Board on the differences between these tuition fees. The Executive Board noted that it is outdated to charge institutional tuition fees when it is possible, due to the current registration scheme, to complete a second study at the statutory tuition fee when the registration for this second study was done before the completion of the first study. Because of this it will become a rarity for a student to have to pay the institutional tuition fee for a second study. When the Executive Board agreed to make sure that students who wish to pursue a second study will be registered during their first study the University Council concluded to give a positive advice.

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About the University Council

The University Council is the central participation body of the UT and discusses regularly with the Executive Board. The University Council contains of 18 members; nine staff-members and nine students. The University Council has a say in the policy of the UT at the central level. In the council currently three parties are present: Campus Coalitie, UReka and PvdUT.

The current members in council are:
 Herbert Wormeester (chairman), Gert Brinkman, Frank van den Berg, Victor de Graaff, Jörgen Svensson, Winnie Gerbens-Leenes, Jeroen Tjihuis, Anton Stoorvogel, Niek Tax, Jelmer Boter, Marc Hulsebosch, Roy Stroek, Barend Köbben, Robin Buijs, Rien Lagerwerf, Henno Wolswinkel, Luuk de Vries and Geert Olthuis.

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