

# NEWSLETTER

# UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

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There were only two topics on the agenda of last plenary meeting, but these were major points: the merger of the faculties Management & Governance and Behavioural Sciences and an unsolicited advice regarding TOM.

We also would like to draw your attention to the upcoming elections for the University Council. Registration as candidate is possible until April 9. For more information see the [election site](#). The UC asked questions to the Executive Board (EB) about TOM students in participation.

## [Merger faculties Management & Governance and Behavioural Sciences](#)

In the previous UC cycle the decision was postponed. Everyone agrees on the goal to strengthen the research in these faculties, but the Executive Board has not made clear if and how a merger will help to achieve this goal. A merger has a large impact and demands on a lot of employees who are already busy with the educational renewal. The structural investment of €1 million for the new faculty will have a positive influence on the profile. If at the same time efficiency can be improved by reduction of overhead at least the financial means are available.

The students asked to involve students to prevent negative consequences of the merger for education. The Board promised to ensure sufficient research expertise to guarantee outstanding educational programs. Good to mention is that those directly involved (represented in the faculty council) are little more positive about the merger than before. To conclude, the employees of the UC decided to consent with the merger, although there still is skepticism. The UC students decided to advise positive, but ask the EB to look into the possibility to have a student in the new faculty board.

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## [Unsolicited advice TOM](#)

The UC struggles with several questions regarding TOM, which suffers from startup problems. The planned integrated educations isn't implemented in all programs, the work load for both student and staff is high and results are disappointing. Student esteem is only moderate and there are too many 'kansrijk gezakten' (fitting, hardworking students failing to obtain ECs). Students with a study disability want clearness on their situation. Study advisors try to find solutions, but don't know what the limits are. Among others, these problems were formulated in an unsolicited advice, which was mainly concerned with the indivisibility of the 15EC modules (Also see: [U-raad: 'Maak TOM-modules deelbaar'](#)). This advice was discussed and established at the plenary meeting on March 26. It once again became clear that both students and employees in the UC strongly agree on this advice. The rector has strong objections against registration of results for parts of a module and letting them be valid for more than one year. Insisting by the UC made him promise to discuss these points with the programs within two weeks to find out what is needed to solve the problems. He will devise solutions on a short term.

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### **TOM students in participation**

The impending deadline for candidate registration for the UC elections raised some questions among students. To have a representative UC it is desirable to also have TOM students on the lists. However, for them it is difficult to combine studying with a membership of the UC. The question to the Executive Board is: is the EB willing to take measures to have TOM students in the UC without them being confronted with a full year study delay. The rector responded that this is an important issue that should be dealt with. For the coming year the problem will be small and he can't give details on the solution, but the EB is willing to let TOM students participate. Interesting to note here: the EB is not completely against evening meetings.

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### **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 UC three parties are currently represented: Campus Coalitie, UReka and PvdUT.

**At the moment the members of the UC are:** Herbert Wormeester (Chairman), Gert Brinkman, Frank van den Berg, Barend Köbben, Victor de Graaff, Jörgen Svensson, Winnie Gerbens-Leenes, Jeroen Tijhuis, Anton Stoorvogel, Carmen Edelijn, Luuk Geurts, Mathijs van de Zande, Janine Koning, Ellen Hamelers, Marijn Horstman, Willemijn van de Meent, Finn Sauër and Teun Lassche.

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