

# UNIVERSITY OF TWENTE.

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## ***About the University Council 2019 - 2020***

The University Council is the central participation body of the University of Twente and holds regular consultations with the Executive Board, which enables the University Council to exert influence or give advice on the policy of the University of Twente at a central level.

The University Council consists of 18 members: nine staff members and nine students. Six parties are represented in the council.

For the students they are: UReka, DAS and UTop.

For the staff members these are: Campus Coalition, PvdUT and ET.

For the academic year 2020 - 2021 the members of the University Council are:

**Employees:** Herbert Wormeester (chair), Hanneke Becht, Dick Meijer, Dik Schipper, Pieter Boerman, Cynthia Souren en Petra de Weerd-Nederhof.

**Students:** Max de Vries, Dirk Koelewijn, Lefika Otisitswe, Alina Ritter, Maarten Bonnema, Kevin Witlox, Margo Dietrich, Timon Metz en Saikiran Samudrala

During the consultation meetings in September and November 2020, a number of topics were discussed:

the Diversity and Inclusion office, the lack of recorded physical lectures, the Arbo Unie annual review 2019 and the Enrolment Regulations 2020-2021, SBD (organization and implementation plan), action plan for alteration of the allocation model, the

financial issues of students in current circumstances and the ECIU multi annual funding.

## DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION OFFICE



### **Diversity and inclusion office**

The Executive Board informed the university Council about their decision for the installment of a Diversity and Inclusion Office at General Affairs as a means of further investing in actively recognizing and supporting focus groups (next to gender and cultural background also including age, people with handicaps or illness; LGBTQ+); initiating, advising on and co-implementing more comprehensive inclusion policies and practices; connecting information on already available policies and practices (like the UT integrity website does); maintaining existing and building up new (external and internal) associations, networks, etc.

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## JOINT EDUCATION WITH WWU



### **Joint Education with WWU (Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster): IBA-LAB and BIS-DS**

In September we discussed the Double Degree BSc program “International Business Administration - Learning Across Borders” (IBA – LAB) between the School of Business and Economics (SBE) of the University of Münster and the Faculty BMS of the UT and the Double Degree MSc program ‘Business Information Systems and Data Science’ (BIS-DS) between the School of Business and Economics (SBE) of the University of Münster and the Faculty EEMCS of the UT.

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## PROCTORING



### **Proctoring**

In September we discussed an advice about the implementation of proctoring. The Executive Board wanted to make provisions, in case we need to switch to online-

testing. The University Council understands that we need to make these provisions, although we are not really happy with the implementation of proctoring.

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## THE LACK OF RECORDED PHYSICAL LECTURES



### **The lack of recorded physical lectures**

In today's new normal of social-distancing and quarantine, an issue was raised within the Convention of Educational Officers about the lack of recording of physical lectures. In normal circumstances, it would be up to the student to make sure that they go to class; however, during the corona crisis, students have a new responsibility to stay at home if they are displaying even mild symptoms of Covid-19.

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## ARBO UNIE ANNUAL REVIEW 2019



### **Arbo Unie annual review 2019**

In its review of the year 2019 the **Arbo Unie** advised to pay more attention to prevention of work related absenteeism and lack of wellbeing. The (large) differences in actual personnel policies, the role of superiors and special groups such as PhD's were specifically mentioned.

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## ENROLMENT REGULATIONS 2020-2021



### **Enrolment Regulations 2020-2021**

Like every other university, the UT has enrolment regulations. This policy lays down the guidelines for prospective students to (re-) enrol in the study programs. These regulations are regularly reviewed and changes are made accordingly. Next to the binding and legal version in Dutch, there is an English translation as well.

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## Strategic Business Development 2.0

In November we discussed the formation of SBD 2.0 as a separate service department. The council understands that a clearly identifiable SBD can contribute to its visibility and will strengthen its support role.

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## THE ALTERATION OF THE ALLOCATION MODEL



### The alteration of the allocation model

The University Council received an action plan for the Alteration of the Allocation model, an initiative of the Executive Board and the Finance department. The action plan includes 4 foci, namely: research funding, master funding, strategic budgets and, in addition to the aforementioned, also the contribution of education and research to central overhead.

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## FINANCIAL ISSUES OF UT-STUDENTS



### Financial issues of UT-students

The University Council had observed the financial issues of the students surrounding the outbreak of Coronavirus. Students face economic issues all the time, but during this pandemic, the problem has more significance.

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## ECIU-UNIVERSITY



### ECIU-university

The UT has ambitions with Shaping 2030 and with the further development of the EU-network of innovative universities, the so-called 'ECIU-university'. On the EU-level the UT is project leader and attracted already 1M€ project subsidy.

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### By-elections employee members University Council

Following the elections in June 2020, not all of the employees' seats have been filled. Before these elections there were too few candidates for all 9 seats. By-elections were held from 14 December to Friday 18 December 2020 (12:00 h) to fill the 2 vacant seats.

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