

# UNIVERSITY OF TWENTE.

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

The UC consists of 17 members: eight staff members and nine students. Six parties are represented in the council. For the students: UReka and DAS. For the staff members: Campus Coalition, PvdUT, List Weppelman and the P-NUT party.

For the academic year 2021 - 2022 the members of the University Council are:

***Employees:***

Herbert Wormeester (chair), Hanneke Becht, Dick Meijer, Anton Atanasov, Pieter Boerman, Cynthia Souren, Emile Dopheide and Jacqueline Weppelman.

***Students:***

Sjoerd van den Belt, Giel van Weezel, Atis Kazaferi, Jeroen Assink, Jaime de Bruin, Tim Achterkamp, Danique Damen, Imke Verschuren and Bram van Uden.

## FEBRUARY MEETING CYCLE

During the consultation meeting on 16 February 2022 a number of important [topics](#) were discussed. A written report of the following topics discussed is provided below: the status of PhDs, the revised guidelines 'Joint education programmes (JEPs)' with international partners, the mastervision (80%), the Gender Equality plan, the NVAO

recognition of the joint degree Master Geographical Information management and applications, the communication on the housing situation to international students, transition of mailboxes for students, the ECIU University, the regulations on personnel matters, the lifelong learning roadmap and the vision and roadmap on digitalisation.

## THE STATUS OF PHD'S CANDIDATES



### Status PhD's who are not employed by the university

The UC has raised with the Executive Board the issue that the status of certain groups of the PhD candidates, in particular the ones that are not employed by the university, like the scholarship PhD candidates, is not unambiguously defined.

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## GUIDELINES



### Revised Guidelines Joint Education Programmes (JEPs)

In 2020 the University Council (UC) had asked the Executive Board (EB) for a more unified procedure to check whether Double Degree agreements with international partners are up to par with Dutch law (WHW), European rules and the UT strategy.

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## MASTERVISION 80%

The UC received an update of the vision on Master education, named the [Mastervision 80% version](#). In the UC the discussions on the Mastervision were very constructive and the EB was very open to input. The UC voiced its [concern](#) that various aspects were missing in the vision, which included the link with accreditation, freedom of implementation for programmes and the viewing point and wishes of students.

At the same time the EB also had conversations with Programme Directors. The EB decided that the process towards completing the vision on Master education had to be redesigned a bit. In this new process the input from the UC and other bodies will be taken into account. The UC is happy to hear that the EB is going to use the input to work out this vision.

## GENDER



### Gender Equality Plan

University Council discussed in detail the Gender Equality plan which was available on [the UT website](#) since 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2022. This plan was initiated by Horizon Europe, and all universities in the Netherlands participated.

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## NVAO RECOGNITION OF THE JOINT DEGREE MASTER GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND APPLICATIONS

The University Council has [consented](#) with the NVAO recognition of the joint degree Master Geographical Information Management and applications. The council did not have any remarks due to the fact that the faculty council provided a positive advice and no faults in the procedure could be found.

## COMMUNICATION



### Communication Housing Situation to international students

The Council was pleased to see such an extensive plan on how to communicate the housing situation to not only international students, but also other international UT employees.

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## Transition of mailboxes

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2022 the University of Twente underwent the transition of mailboxes from Google to Microsoft 365.

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## ECIU UNIVERSITY STATE OF AFFAIRS

Although the UC is optimistic about the plans and information on the progress of the [ECIU University](#), in the discussions the UC has pointed out a lot of concerns and remaining questions. The UC has given an [advice](#) on two main topics where the UT should be aware.

These topics are: the involvement of the UT-staff and students and the connection to other policy issues of the UT. Like discussions about Challenge Based Learning (CBL), Shaping2030 and the consequences for the HR-policy. Both issues have a lot to do with internal communication.

## PERSONNEL MATTERS



## Regulations

In 2018 the University Council (UC), the Labour Unions (OPUT) and the Executive Board (EB) agreed on two related regulations, based on proposals of a working group of HR, UC and OPUT: the UC [consented](#) to the Regulation for Organizational Changes

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## LIFELONG LEARNING ROADMAP

The University council (UC) received [the roadmap on LifeLong Learning](#) (LLL), which includes the general vision of the University of Twente (UT) continuous and lifelong learning. [The UC](#) got a doubtful feeling on the general idea of the LLL roadmap.

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### Digitalisation vision and digitalisation roadmap

Digitalisation is the most rapid development pushing universities to adapt in each domain, in education, research and valorization.

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