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onderwerp	Vision on Internationalisation of the Universiteit Twente		

Dear members of the Board,

The UCouncil has received your document on a Vision on Internationalisation (UR 10 – 222) with the request for consent.

It is a document with a broad vision on aspects of the subject of Internationalization.

The UCouncil shares your vision on the majority of the aspects. The ideas can be qualified as ambitious, which the UC has sympathy for.

The UCouncil supports your proposal for the improvement of the quality of education at the UT, both on use of English by teachers as well as on more attention to the international classroom.

The UCouncil has heard, however, that the Educational Services Department (Onderwijskundige Dienst) has advised against the proposed adaptation of the BTQ (BKO) and the BTQ-courses, as the BTQ is a 3-TU agreement which cannot be altered by one member and the courses are in compliance with this agreement.

Other aspects that are not clear to the UCouncil at this moment are the financial aspects of the plans, the estimation of international student numbers, and the UT presence in Brussels. UC's concern is related to the quality of application for funding request in Brussels. UT has to become a more dominant European player in the field of education and research by becoming more successful in finding funds. (chapter 3).

The UCouncil therefore has the following questions:

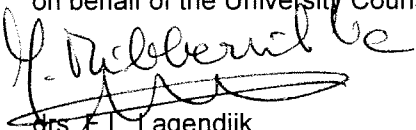
- The expected international student numbers seem very ambitious. Is the ambition feasible and what alternative does the UT have if the figures cannot be achieved?
- From the students concerned, which are financed by government contribution, which are financed by institution money?
- When does UT expect the realization of fellowships from external funds to be realistic and do institutes reserve 1st GS- revenues for fellowships?
- It is unclear how the internationalization policy is financed. Do faculties and institutions co-finance?
- Has the board discussed the proposed changes in the BTQ with the 3-TU BTQ-coordinators?
- Can the board explain why they propose changes in the BTQ when the Educational Services Department has strongly advised against these changes?
- Can the board before the end of 2010 give an overview of (the estimation of) the financing and co-financing of international students for the period 2011 – 2016?
- Can the board before the end of 2010 give an overview of the future plans for the requests for funds in Brussels?
- Given the earlier advice in UR 10 -055: why is the language guideline for the complete UT not a part of the vision when the quality of English for

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educational staff is discussed?

The UCounsel would appreciate a response to these questions before making a decision.

With best regards,
on behalf of the University Counsel,

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