

UNIVERSITEIT TWENTE.

Student-ondersteuning	<i>kennen de weg naar de studieadviseur, studentendecaan, studentpsycholoog en coördinator diversiteit bij Student Affairs Coaching & Counseling;</i>
	<i>kennen de weg naar extra ondersteuning voor studenten met bijzondere omstandigheden.</i>

To the best of our knowledge these goals, formulated as such, are not met.

The specific aspects addressed above were not touched upon earlier, which generates concern within Council. From this the following questions arise:

- How will the Executive Board ensure that the responsibility for restructuring the introduction period becomes clear, as a prerequisite for executing the restructuring of the Faculty Kick-In?
- How will the Executive Board ensure that the goals of the Faculty Kick-In are met?

Then, regarding the further development of the introduction period of students. The faculty Kick-In has set up clear goals to contribute to introducing the new student to the whereabouts of a student on the University of Twente, including information on the student support services offered by the university.

However, programs generally disregard this informing part of the Kick-In and present the information on the whereabouts of students in Twente during the first day of the lectures, since all students are present at that time, which is not the case during the Kick-In. This renders the goal of information provision in the Kick-In superfluous.

Besides this, it was mentioned that introducing a new student to the educational environment and settling down of the student takes approximately three months into the educational program. The Kick-In takes about 10 days and is considered the 'Introductory period' of the university. There is a significant difference between the yearly Kick-In and the three-month period mentioned earlier, the Kick-In mainly focusses on the social aspect of university life and the city of Enschede and this period of settling down is concerning the student in the academic environment. Therefore, both having their (potential) added value. Nevertheless, the question arises whether the University of Twente should get an expert team together to reconsider our approach to introducing students to all aspects of student life in Enschede.

- Does the Executive Board intend to re-design the introductory period, not limited to the Kick-In, to ensure a welcome, to both international and national, that is in line with the values of the university, and if so, how does the Executive Board want to realise this?

Sincerely,
On behalf of the University Council

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