

To the Executive Board

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Dear Executive Board,

The University Council appreciates the efforts made for the strategic plan of the Student Union, we appreciate the invitation to contribute to this strategic plan. The general remarks of the University Council are summarised below. The advice and the decision of the University council are at the end of this letter.

The strategic plan highlights important themes and topics consistent with the vision of the University. The University Council appreciates the focus on internationalization, student well-being and greater transparency. The efforts to support and educate students about recognition and coping with mental health problems is appreciated.

The University Council is concerned how the Executive Board intends to make sports accessible to all students considering the increased number of students participating in sports. The council was ensured in the external meeting (on the 11th of September 2019) that steps are being taken to resolve this and remedies are planned. The council eagerly awaits the implementation of these plans to ensure sports facilities remain accessible to all students.

The Student Union mentions a desire to increase their capacity to safeguard the interests of students. It was clarified in the external meeting that the Student Union does not intend to hire more personnel rather the idea is to increase their capacity through re-shifting of tasks.

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Although, the desire of Student Union to be more transparent is highly appreciated; the formulation is vague and does not explicitly mention what is meant by greater transparency, how they intend to be more transparent and why is it not possible before 2023.

DRAFT-DECISION

**The University Council,
seen:**

- The Covenant Student Union en Universiteit Twente and the Strategy 2020-2023 (UR 19 -130);

heard:

- the discussion in the Internal Committee Meeting OOS on 4 September, 2019;
- the discussion in the External Committee Meeting OOS on 11 September, 2019;

considering:

- that the Strategic Plan is consistent with the ambition of the university;
- that the themes chosen highlight relevant concerns of the student population;

decides:

the University Council gives his consent to the Strategic Plan of the Student Union.

*Yours sincerely,
On behalf of the University Council,*

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Dr ir H. Wormeester
Chairman

