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onderwerp	Written question on transparency at the University of Twente.		

Dear Executive Board,

Transparency is a key component for the efficient functioning of the Executive Board and the University Council. The University Council receives information for the decisions the Executive Board intends to take. These decisions are based on carefully weighed recommendations from the organization and often includes several layers of prior recommendations made by the platforms, the UC-OW and the Strategic Board.

However, at times the information provided does not include these recommendations in full. As such, they do not reflect the complete true story. This inhibits the University Council to take an informed decision.

Information presented in this way can be misleading. We would like to request the Executive Board to agree to attach all relevant advices from platforms as a written document either as appendices or as supporting documents for future documents submitted to the University Council.

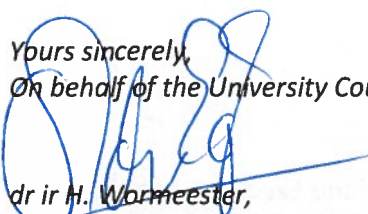
Background info

Examples of this are the decision regarding SBD 2.0. Here the University Council was informed that the Strategic Board gave a positive advice. As the University Council did not receive written advice from the Strategic Board it was impossible to verify what the balance between the five faculties was. Did every faculty give a positive advice? Or perhaps only three faculties gave a positive advice and two faculties opposed it.

Another example where a written advice might have helped, is in the process of starting a pilot for an application fee. In the document presented to the Executive Board, it was mentioned that "EEMCS has requested to start the pilot for an application fee" and "PIA advised to start with a pilot with faculty of EEMCS". Although both statements are not false we feel this information was not complete. Upon further enquiry, we found out that this pilot was proposed several times before in the University of Twente. During the PIA meeting, four faculties and M&C recommended against starting the pilot. This information was not conveyed to the University Council and from the document delivered it seems as if the PIA agreed with the idea and then chose one faculty although in reality four faculties disagreed with the idea and the one faculty that wanted to do it, was selected for the pilot.

The University Council would like to hear your answer to the above mentioned question during the upcoming consultation meeting.

Yours sincerely,
On behalf of the University Council,



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