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Position letter Research Evaluation Discipline Electrical Engineering (EEMCS)

Dear members of the Faculty Board,



On 20 June 2024, the Electrical Engineering Discipline of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Mathematics and Computer Science (EEMCS) was visited by an international review committee as part of the research evaluation in accordance with the Standard Evaluation Protocol 2021 –2027 (SEP) for research reviews in the Netherlands. The review covered the research of the EE Discipline for the 2017-2022 period.

The committee consisted of Prof. Sonja Berlijn (KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden), Ir. Luc Enthoven (Delft University of Technology, Netherlands), Prof.em. Sabine van Huffel (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium), Prof. Peter O'Brien (Tyndall National Institute, Ireland), Prof. em. Joris de Schutter (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium), Dr.ir. Arnoud van der Wel (NXP Semiconductors, Netherlands) and Prof. Wouter van der Wijngaart (KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden).

As Executive Board, we have taken note of the report and the recommendations of the committee with great interest. We were pleased to read that the committee was impressed by the research quality within the Electrical Engineering discipline and greatly values the sixteen specific committee recommendations on (1) strategy, (2) viability, (3) PhD policy and training, (4) academic culture and (5) Human Resource policy. I have discussed these recommendations with the faculty, with particular attention to the committee's comments on the absence of a clear mission as well as the recommendations concerning many strategic topics.

The discipline council has written a thorough reflection on the committee's recommendations of the evaluation committee outlining the resulting actions. It has concluded that a new mission and strategy are required — one that is specific to the discipline while also aligning with the faculty's and the university's multi-annual strategy.

The Executive Board appreciates the efforts already undertaken by the EEMCS faculty to address the committee's recommendations and is confident that these will continue to guide the ongoing strategic developments.

On behalf of the Executive Board,



Prof. Dr. Ir. A. Veldkamp,  
*Rector Magnificus*