



**University Council  
Third Plenary Meeting  
Erasmus University Rotterdam**

**Date and Time:** 31/05/2022, 14:00 – 16:00h

**Location:** Polak 2-14

**Present in the Meeting:** Hans van den Berg (Chair), Pi Cheng Hu, Sandra Constantinou Juhasz, Sebastiaan Kamp, Cagla Altin, Friso Roos, Max Wagenaar, Simo Azzarhouni, Nikita Schoenmaker, Albert Wagelmans, Patryk Jarmakowicz, Bianca Jadoenath, Ernst Hulst, Robbert Rog, Lobke van Steenberg (Clerk), Oriana Morales Hernández (Minutes).

**Absent:** Jasper Klasen, Emese von Bóné, Yusuf Balci, Aleid Fokkema, Daemon Kregting, Georgiana Carp, Timo Zandvliet, John van Wel, Natascha Kraal.

**Online:** Irena Boskovic, Zohra Hayat.

## **01 Opening**

### **01.01 Setting of the agenda**

The agenda has been set.

### **01.02 Setting of the minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes have been set.

### **01.03 Action points from the previous meeting**

- *Cagla will email the Clerk with information about the student wellbeing program to include it in the agenda for the next cycle.*

The email was discussed in the presidium yesterday. A response will come soon.

- *Natascha will look at the proposals from the policymakers on the quick actions to improve the feedback on the evaluation of the allocation model and will send information to the UC about it.*

A meeting is taking place at the moment, and no information is available.

- *The Clerk will send an email asking for an update on the highlight report that considers the current economic situation of the country*

This question has been asked to RE&F. There is no response yet.

- *The Clerk will email the EB to ask for updates on the topic of accessibility on Campus.*

This question has been asked to E&S and RE&F. There is no response yet.

### **01.04 Announcements**

- *Good Conversation agenda*

*Attendees: Pi, Simo, Max, Sandra, Patryk.*

The good conversation is meant to discuss participation in the university with the EB. For instance, accessibility to participatory bodies and compensation has been included in the past. The agenda for the upcoming good conversation has been shared. One point has been added to the agenda during the plenary meeting: including student perspectives in the central level.

- *Follow-up request Irena regarding conflict of interests*

According to the regulations of the university, any member that has a personal interest in relation to an agenda point will withhold themselves from voting. This is a suggestion, not an enforceable article. The future Chair will follow up on this, preferably during the onboarding process. The fact that there could be conflict of interest between a member of the Council and a certain topic could be mentioned before discussing a certain theme.

- *Reports interns*

The reports are translated and on Teams. The Secretariat apologizes for the delay of the discussion on the interns' reports. The presidium has decided to discuss these reports in the hand-over of these reports with the future Chair, and also make a comparison these reports with further input from the 2022-2023 academic year.

- *Chairs meetings*

The agenda has been shared with the rest of the Council and can be completed by the other participatory bodies.

- *UC Chairing*

The Chair of the UC will be absent for a few meetings in the upcoming month. Therefore, Friso will chair the first plenary meeting of June, Bianca will chair the second plenary meeting and the Chairs' meeting, and John will be chairing the Good Conversation.

- *ErasmusX Invitation*

There is an invitation on June 9th to go to Pavilion to see a presentation from ErasmusX.

- *Convergence meeting*

Tomorrow, the Convergence meeting will take place.

## **02 Agenda items plenary meeting UC**

### **02.01 CLI Budget (Progress Report CLI 2022)**

The Council took a vote to consent to the CLI budget. There were no objections to consenting among the members of the Council. However, it is important for the UC to provide critical advice in regard to some points of the budget. These points of criticism include: i) the fact that the budget is being consented to half-way through the calendar year, ii) the lack of evidence-based arguments in the investment of online education, such as Erasmus U, iii) unsatisfactory responses regarding the impact of the CLI Fellows. Thus, the HoKa Clerk will draft a letter of consent containing these points of concern.

**Action point: The HoKa Clerk will draft a letter of consent containing the concerns of the UC in relation to the CLI budget.**

### **02.02 Evaluation of the internal allocation model**

*This point was not discussed.*

### **02.03 Numerus Fixus 2023-2024**

In the previous meetings, there have been extensive discussions about the numerus fixus. The major point of concern is the EMC. The task force has started working on a letter, which will highlight the issues signalled by the FC of EMC. As of now, there is uncertainty on the different rules and regulations concerning the numerus fixus regulations both at the EUR and at a national level in relation to medical

students. Friso announced that he will not be withholding from voting, even though he worked in the numerus fixus with ESL, considering that the main point of concern is with EMC.

There is still the question of whether the numerus fixus could be actually changed by EMC. On the one hand, it was communicated to the UC that considering national regulations, there are no possibilities of decreasing the number of students. On the other hand, the vice dean of EMC explained what the consequences of lowering this number would be. Thus, it makes it unclear whether the number of places could be decreased by EMC. There is another question on how it is possible that the EMC is creating new internship spots.

Considering the unclear points, this discussion will be postponed. More information is needed from EMC. The Council does have a positive outlook on the numerus fixus in the other faculties. There is an extra comment about the IBA selection procedure at RSM. A part of the selection criteria for these students contains a motivation letter or a CV. However, the students that hand-in their CV only get rewarded in relation to their “international” experience, which can put some groups in disadvantage. Thus, the Council will recommend changing these criteria. The task force will specify this in their letter and give more points of attention regarding EMC.

**Action point: The Clerk of the UC will ask whether the EB can share the discussion of the Deans at the University in relation to the Numerus Fixus. The task force will draft the letter of advice including the points of concern on the IBA program, and the numerus fixus at EMC.**

#### **02.04 Report Midterm Evaluation HEQA**

There were no final remarks on the midterm evaluation report. The UC thanks the policymakers for their contribution to the report.

#### **03 Incoming documents**

##### **03.01 Response to 38521 Ecosia as a default search engine**

The task force is satisfied with this answer.

#### **04 Any other business**

##### *- Ecosia*

Erasmus Magazine published an article discussing how Ecosia became adapted as the main search engine of the EUR. It appears that the Sustainability Hub made it happen. Considering their great efforts in achieving this goal, it would be good for the sustainability task force to contribute with the hub to have a better connection and collaboration in these types of initiatives.

#### **05 Closing**