

University Council
Third Plenary Meeting
Erasmus University Rotterdam

Date and Time: 14:00

Location: T3-14, Mandeville

Present in the Meeting: Hans van den Berg (Chair), Pi Cheng Hu, John van Wel, Sandra Constantinou Juhasz, Sebastiaan Kamp, Cagla Altin, Friso Roos, Max Wagenaar, Simo Azzarhouni, Nikita Schoenmaker, Albert Wagelmans, Irena Boskovic, Bianca Jadoenath, Timo Zandvliet, Ernst Hulst, Robbert Rog, Emese von Bóné, Lobke van Steenbergen (Clerk).

Absent: Zohra Hayat, Jasper Klasen, Yusuf Balci, Aleid Fokkema, Patryk Jarmakowicz.

Online: Natascha Kraal, Georgiana Carp, Daemon Kregting, Oriana Morales Hernández (Minutes).

01 Opening Right of the UC

01.01 Setting of the agenda

The agenda has been set

01.02 Setting of the minutes of the previous two meetings and action points

The minutes have been set.

- The Clerk Will request a follow up from the EB on the accessibility on campus so it can be shared in the consultation meeting.

This point will be in the agenda of the consultation meeting once every three months.

- Patryk Forward the email to Carolien Hennekam that a Ukrainian student received explaining that their fees were being halved in this academic year. However, this was a mistake.

This point has been resolved.

- HeQa Clerk Draft a follow-up of the process of the involvement of the UC in the educational vision.

This point has been resolved.

- The clerk will ask for information in English for the Erasmian Professors and inform the policy maker that the UC will try to draft an advice September 6.

This point has been resolved.

01.03 Announcements

- *Onboarding week*

This week will take place from the 29th of August to the 2nd of September. The points that are not relevant to the UC will be filtered out. Some activities will only be relevant to other participatory bodies.

- Last and first plenary meeting, September 6th

The handover to the next Council will take place on September 6th.

- Handing in the iPad and key

All UC members that are leaving the Council should return their UC-related resources.

- Convergence documents

There were some remarks about the lack of documentation that the UC had in the last meeting about the Convergence. It appears as if the EB did share the documents, but they became archived before the meeting itself. Thus, the Council did not read them beforehand. The Secretariat apologizes for this inconvenience.

02 Agenda items plenary meeting UC

02.01 Erasmus Perspectives

As discussed last week, the part of the durability has been taken out and consent will be given for this section at the beginning of the next academic year. This has been taken into consideration in the letter of consent. There were no objections to sending the letter of consent as is.

02.02 HEQA: Budget plan 2022 Student Wellbeing

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Both budget plans have been consented to during this meeting, as well as the letter of consent. Some critical remarks were included in the letter.

02.04 Student charter 2022-2023

This point is under the right of consent. There were no major remarks to this topic. The Council has consented to send the letter as it has been posted online.

02.05 Institutional Tuition fee 2023-2024

This letter was shared some time ago. The Institutional Fees are up for advice. There were some track changes on the letter that were requested and accepted during this meeting. The letter will be sent.

02.06 Midterm Report and follow-up actions: Future Education

At the moment, there is no major feedback to the process proposed by the Clerk of the HoKa workshop. If UC members have feedback in the future, they are welcomed to comment about it in the next meeting. This is important for the process of the future of education.

02.07 Prayer Room

A member of the Council was approached to incorporate a prayer room in the Van der Goot building. The Board members of the Islamic Student Association of Rotterdam (IQRA) were present in the meeting. They explained that there is a meditation room in G building. However, the facilities are not fully adequate for the praying rituals for Muslim and other religious students in Rotterdam. The current room closes at 19:00, which is inconvenient for students

that are present on Campus for longer. Furthermore, the room is quite small. The board of IQRA explained that students would feel more represented and integrated in the university if this room was improved. The IQRA would like the availability of two rooms, one for men and one for women. Both with a washing room. And also, they would like to have a central location on Campus.

In order to ask RS&F for better facilities, it would be important to collect data on how many students would use this room. Then, IQRA could contact RS&F and see the possibilities that they can offer. If this path does not work for the team, then the UC could pick it up and help in the process.

03 Incoming documents

There were no incoming documents.

04 Any other business

04.01 Rotterdam arts institute

The UC is invited to meetings with the participatory bodies of Codarts, Hogeschool Rotterdam, and the Willem de Kooning Academy in relation to the new institute. A student and employee member will be needed for these meetings, but these members will be selected with the new Council.

04.02 Sounding board Consultation Social Security Office

A sound board meeting is being organized. The office would like to request an employee and a student to be there for updates. This meeting will take place on the 1st of September. The Clerk will send out an email asking for volunteers to attend.

04.03 Eurekaweek

The UC is invited for the cortège of Eurekaweek. The Clerk will send out the invitation to see if there are any UC members that would like to attend.

04.04 Remarks of the Chair

This is the last plenary meeting of the Chair of the UC. He reflected on his time on the Council. He mentioned the difficulties in the appointment of SB and EB members, and how complicated it is to appoint various members in a short period of time. Ideally, the period of instabilities in these high positions could stop happening, and more stability could be a part of the University. Furthermore, it is important for the Council to have a good relationship with their Chair.

Council members thanked the current Chair for his work in the last three years.

05 Closing