

**University Council
First Plenary Meeting
Erasmus University Rotterdam**

Date and Time: 14/02/2023, 15:00 – 17:00

Location: Langeveld 1.12

Present in the Meeting: Ivonne Cune-Noten (chair), Sebastiaan Kamp, Max Wagenaar, Jaap Cornelese, Natascha Kraal, Aleid Fokkema, Ernst Hulst, Simo Azzarhouni, Albert Wagelmans, Irena Boskovic, Emese von Bóné, Tom van Dijken, Erin van Gestel, Luuk van Tol, Nawin Ramcharan, Wincey Randoe, Veerle Bakker, Georgiana Carp, Friso Roos, Lobke van Steenbergen (Clerk), Cagla Altin, Nikita Schoenmaker, Sandra Constantinou Juhasz, Wesley

Absent: Ellie Cercel (Minutes), Patryk Jarmakowicz, Chaya Raghoenath, Erasmus Magazine

01 Opening

01.01 Setting of the agenda

The agenda was set.

01.02 Announcements

There were no announcements.

02 Agenda items plenary meeting UC

02.01 Smarter Academic Year

The process of the letter was not clear to the TF. A letter will be drafted for the second plenary meeting.

This topic came to us for our information in the previous cycle, but we can give advice. Since this is one of the first times the UC receives information and documents regarding a topic in such an early phase, the UC is somewhat looking for the way they want to give input at this time. It was asked what the UC thinks of the SAY, since it is important to look at what we as council want to communicate to the policy makers. We have the chance to make our mark at the start of the process.

The TF will arrange a meeting to discuss what they want to give for advice in a letter and table during second plenary. Also, the TF will share the questions that were discussed during the CM in Teams.

Action point: The TF will draft a letter for the second plenary meeting regarding SAY.

Action point: The TF will share the questions discussed during the CM regarding SAY in Teams.

02.02 BSA

Same process as SAY. No additional input from the UC.

Action point: The TF will draft a letter for the second plenary meeting regarding BSA.

02.03 CLI budget

The CLI budget that was shared the previous cycle turned out not to be the right version. We received the final budget for the current cycle, and the TF also received a document with all the changes highlighted.

The HeQa TF will look at the Budget. If any UC-member have input, please share with the HeQa TF. It was stated that the UC will be given consent on the budget of 2023 and not for 2024. During the second plenary the TF needs to have a clear view of what the UC wants to discuss during the CM.

Action point: UC-members can send input to the TF regarding the CLI Budget.

Action point: questions to policy makers need to be shared on Teams before the end of this week.

Action point: the TF will post questions to discuss during the CM in Teams before Wednesday next week.

02.04 Onboarding UC 2023-2024

The draft of the onboarding 2023-2024 was shared with the UC. The UC is asked for any last remarks before the M&C officer will start organising the onboarding.

It was discussed that this year the overnight stay was a bit too busy, and did not have enough breaks, changes were made in the programme to have more breaks in between. Also, the introduction meeting with policy makers was overwhelming. Some UC members prefer to have profiles, instead of meetings with that many people. Some UC members indicate that the information shared during the onboarding is still a bit too much after being elected. It was also stated that not all UC members are able to join an overnight stay at an external location.

Given not all UC members were present during the onboarding week it was discussed to emphasize that all new and staying UC members are present during the team bonding activities. There was some discussion whether or not topics/discussions of the previous year should be elaborated on during the onboarding programme. This lowered the motivation of new UC members.

The suggestion was made to focus more on community crafting activities, to add more activities for team bonding (like an escape room) as a new UC group and discussing the new goals for the coming academic year. There need to be enough “fun” activities. It was also discussed to have a round up session at the end of this academic year, also to discuss the coming academic year.

Action point: send input regarding the onboarding programme to the clerk, deadline second plenary meeting.

Action point: The clerk will discuss the suggestions made with the M&C officer. After some final adjustments the M&C officer will start organising the onboarding programme 2023-2024.

02.05 Starter Grants policy document (short term)

This is the first topic that we will be discussing regarding the Bestuursakkoord funds. This topic will be picked up by the Finance TF. Input can be sent to the TF. Albert joins the TF for this specific topic.

Within the Bestuursakkoord funds we can separate the sector plans (directly linked to the TF), incentive grants and starter grants. This is an extra budget allocated by the ministry of Education to reduce work pressure and focus on societal topics.

An English version will be shared as soon as possible. This is also being discussed and developed on the level of the faculties. Regarding the timeline, this is the first policy drafted for 2023. For the longer term, starter as well as incentive grants, the TF is involved in the way of cocreation similar to HeQa, yet not exactly the same process. A representative of the TF joins the committee discussing the allocation of the money for the longer term.

The chair requests the UC to read true the documents, give input if needed and keep eyes and ears open within the faculties. During the second plenary we need to have an idea what we want to achieve during the CM. The TF is requested to share on Teams what we want to discuss with the UC. Also, the TF is requested to share questions for the policy makers by the end of this week on Teams.

Action point: Albert joins the TF Finance for this topic.

Action point: send input regarding the starter grants to the TF Finance.

Action point: questions to policy makers need to be shared on Teams before the end of this week.

Action point: the TF will post questions to discuss during the CM in Teams before Wednesday next week.

02.06 Educational Vision

The TF indicates that they had a couple of meetings with the policy makes and a concept text was shared. The TF found this document to be fundamentally lacking. Last Monday afternoon a new text was shared and next Thursday a meeting is planned to discuss this new text with the policy makers. A new version of the text will be shared with the entire UC before the second plenary.

Next Monday Sandra will give input regarding this document to the vice-deans of education, after this the concept will be finalised. The policy makers will be asked to reserve a slot for the second plenary meeting.

It was explained that a sum of money linked to HeQa will be reserved within Educational Vision. It would be strange to allocate money form HeQa that has no link with the Educational Vision, also it would be hard to explain if the UC agrees on the educational vision, but we want to allocate the HeQa money to something else.

The UC will not be put under pressure. If the document is not ready the 27th of February, the topic will be moved to the next cycle.

Action point: Documents Educational Vision will be shared with the UC 27th of February

Action point: questions to policy makers need to be shared on Teams before the end of this week.

Action point: the TF will post questions to discuss during the CM in Teams before Wednesday next week.

02.07 Student Civil Servant

It is explained that the previous council agreed on this topic. However, the chair of the EB requested the current council to confirm the agreement.

This topic arose during Covid, was discussed within ISO and run several pilots in Leiden, Delft and Enschede. Together with the universities where the pilots were held, Friso worked out this concept for EUR. This role aims to have a better link between the municipality, the University en the student community. The details for funding are not yet worked out. The idea is that the University pays for the first year and that as of the next year this will be incorporated in the budget of the municipality.

The letter will be exact the same, except for this letter being signed by the current chair.

Action point: The clerk will draft the letter that will be signed by the chair and send to the EB.

02.08 Year Report 2021 network confidential advisers

This topic was sent to the council for our information and therefor the chair asks if any UC members have questions regarding the documents shared.

Points raised are that the amount of cases is hard to qualify and interpretate. What do these numbers mean? Also, the advice that is given does not seem to have a clear connection to the recommendations made in the document. Another comment made is that EM published an article on assault pointing out the current approach within EUR is flawed. This does not seem to reflect the recommendations or advice in the report.

Given the significant of the points being raised the UC will further work on this topic. For the second plenary meeting the TF Social Safety & Wellbeing will pick up this topic. It is asked to share the questions the UC wants to raise towards the policy makers in Teams.

It was discussed that recently a document was drafted about social safety. It was asked to check if these documents are available.

Action point: Nawin will join the TF for this specific topic.

Action point: The clerk will look at the policy documents on social safety.

Action point: questions to policy makers need to be shared on Teams before the end of this week.

Action point: the TF will post questions to discuss during the CM in Teams before Wednesday next week.

02.09 Premaster fees 2023-2024

This topic was sent to the council for our information and therefor the chair asks if any UC members have questions regarding the documents shared.

It was discussed that the fees are not linked with the BSA. Also, it was not clear to the UC that there is a premaster Philosophy. There are no further questions.

The chair concludes that the UC was sufficiently informed. This topic does not need to be tabled again.

02.10 Improving time management CM

It was asked to table this agenda point since there was not sufficient time to discuss this topic during the previous meeting.

A few observations were shared. The UC tends to ask questions that can be answered by policy makers or that personally interest us. Today the chair and clerk had a discussion with the secretary of the EB, given the EB is also looking to improve the meeting by asking input at an earlier time to be better prepared for this meeting.

We should distinguish technical questions and political questions. Technical questions can be sent on paper in advance. Political questions can be asked during the meeting and a conversation can take place in regard to, for instance, the direction EUR should be heading in regard to a specific topic/policy. Political question can provoke an in-depth discussion.

It is discussed to have look for a specific training on this during the onboarding. On the other hand, it is explained that it is difficult to make such a distinction when you start your term as UC member. It is indicated that during the meetings the chair could facilitate the discussion and to steer it if necessary. This way the chair can facilitate but keep being a technical chair.

It is asked to look for a debate training for the current UC, to distinction between technical and political questions.

Action point: The clerk will ask the M&C officer to look for a debate training and to incorporate this in the onboarding.

Action point: the chair will more actively steer the questions and direction of discussion in preparation of the CM.

02.11 UC members x TF (see teams)

This overview will be on Teams tomorrow. UC members can share adjustments to the clerk

Action point: send adjustments of the UC members x TF document to the clerk.

02.12 Overview presence UC (see teams)

It is asked to share adjustments with the clerk. It is also discussed to publish this document on My Meeting. Therefore, the clerk requests all UC members to contact the clerk if they want to make changes in the document.

Action point: send adjustments of the UC members x TF document to the clerk.

Action point: the clerk will publish the overview in My Meeting.

03 Any other business

03.01 Policies

One of the UC members got a request to review a document about indoor cameras. Following this the question arose where all EUR policies can be found and looked into and intends to send a letter about this. The clerk will pick up this question.

Action point: the clerk will inform where all EUR policy documents can be viewed.

03.02 Accessibility

A student working on accessibility related issues wants to share context of bottlenecks with the council and pass on her experience. A physical meeting will be planned Tuesday next week between 15.00h – 16.00h.

Action point: the clerk will organise a meeting in the UC officer Tuesday 21 February between 15.00h and 16.00h.

03.03 Earthquake Turkey and Syria.

The earthquake had a great impact on the students. Until now there was no form of communication from EB. The UC will link the activities that were organised to our own Instagram account. The chair is asked to contact the chair of the EB to raise attention to this topic. To ask what was already communicated and what will be communicated in the future.

Action point: the UC chair will contact the EB chair regarding the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

03.04 Safety for students / employees

There was another incident at the Burgemeester Oudlaan. The UC member will pick up this topic to discuss with the EB how the EB is working together with the municipality on the safety of students and staff in the surrounding area of the campus.

Action point: Ernst will prepare input on safety students/employees for the CM and share it on Teams.

03.05 Programme Committee

A few months ago, the topic about a “Kwartiermaker” (coordinator) passed the council. The UC was invited to join the selection committee. Max participated on behalf of the UC.

03.06 Mandatory Tuesday

It is asked if activities are planned March 14. If not, it is requested to cancel this day in the agenda.

Action point: The clerk will check the programme of the Mandatory Tuesday March 14.

03.07 Date dinner.

UC members who will join the date dinner are asked to bring food, 8-10 small bites, and to specify if the bites are Vega, vegan or otherwise.

03.08 smoking on campus

UC members are receiving questions about people still smoking on campus. Also, it seems that this problem is increasing. To prepare the discussion Erin will gather all information and prepare this for the second plenary meeting.

Action point: send input regarding smoking on campus to Erin so she can gather input for the second plenary meeting, and this can be prepared for the CM.

03.09 Informal Lunch

The UC members are asked to join the informal lunches.

03.10 Status C&C/Art Institute

During the previous meeting it was concluded that the UC would like to arrange a separate meeting to discuss these topics. In April a meeting is planned for which all UC members are invited regarding the Convergence.

Action point: The clerk will arrange a separate meeting regarding C&C and Arts Institute.

04 Closing

The chair closed the meeting.