

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

**Date and Time:** 07/03/2023, 14:00 – 16:00

**Location:** Langeveld 2.12

**Present in the Meeting:** **Ivonne Cune-Noten (chair)**, Sandra Constantinou Juhasz, Sebastiaan Kamp, Max Wagenaar, Nikita Schoenmaker, Jaap Cornelese, Natascha Kraal, Aleid Fokkema, Ernst Hulst, Albert Wagelmans, Irena Boskovic, Emese von Bóné, Luuk van Tol, Nawin Ramcharan, Wesley Hennep, Wincey Randoe, Veerle Bakker, Georgiana Carp, Friso Roos, Lobke van Steenbergen (Clerk), Ellie Cercel (Minutes).

**Online:** Chaya Raghoenath.

**Absent:** Patryk Jarmakowicz, Tom van Dijken, Erin van Gestel, Cagla Altin, Simo Azzarhouni

## **01 Opening**

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

The agenda was set without any adjustments.

### **01.02 Minutes second plenary meeting**

The minutes were set without any adjustments.

### **01.03 Announcements**

#### *- Attendance Task Forces*

It has become a recurring issue that members of the UC do not always maintain consistent attendance in the TF meetings. Consequently, the TF Leads were requested to remove from TFs any UC members who had not been available since December; they are required to share the new overview with the Clerk.

#### *- Mandatory Tuesday April 18*

A training aimed at the skills of active listening or dialogue will be organised on the Mandatory Tuesday of April 18<sup>th</sup>; all UC members were requested to be available for the entire day. Based on the timetable of the training, the TF meetings on that day might also be adjusted. Afterward, a dinner will be organised.

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

### **02.01 Smarter Academic Year**

The letter of informal advice on the Smarter Academic Year was shared in Teams on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February. Also, a meeting with the dean of ESL/head of SAY was organised in which the councillors were given more information and several issues were clarified. Since there were no adjustments in the letter based on the previous meeting, the UC agreed to share the letter in its current format.

**Action point:** The UC Clerk will format the letter of informal advice on the *Smarter Academic Year* and send it to the EB.

### **02.02 BSA**

The letter of informal advice regarding the BSA norms was shared in Teams on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March. This topic was also discussed in a separate meeting with the Dean of ESL and the project lead of BSA. Since

there were no objections to the letter based on this meeting, the UC agreed to share the letter with the EB.

**Action point:** The UC Clerk will format the letter of informal advice on the *BSA* and send it to the EB.

### **02.03 Budget CLI 2023**

The letter of consent was shared in Teams on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March. The UC approved sharing the letter without any remarks.

**Action point:** The UC Clerk will format the letter of consent on the *Budget CLI 2023* and send it to the EB.

### **02.04 HeQa Reflection Annual Report 2022**

Annually, the members of the HeQa TF are requested to write an evaluation of the functioning of the TF in relation to the HeQa projects and stakeholders which is included in the EUR Annual Report. The concept reflection was shared in Teams on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March. Several remarks were made about typing errors. The UC agreed on sending the document with these minor adjustments.

**Action point:** The UC Clerk will send the *HeQa Reflection Annual Report 2022* to the policymakers.

### **02.05 Starter Grants policy document (short term)**

As discussed in the CM, the UC is reserving the consent to the Starter Grants policy document until two adjustments in the policy are made: 1) transparency on the 20% of the grant division and 2) elaboration on the policy which allows grant receivers to adjust their teaching hours in favour of more research hours. As the TF members have not received these adjustments, the UC decided to delay consenting until we receive satisfactory documentation; the UC hoped to receive this by the next two Plenary meetings. The Clerk will inform the EB via email of this decision.

**Action point:** The UC Clerk will email the EB the decision of the UC to delay consenting to the *Starter Grants policy document (short term)* until we receive the requested documentation.

### **02.06 Convergence April 5**

A separate meeting on the topic of Convergence is scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup>. On the 17<sup>th</sup> of March, the UC received the document which will be discussed in the meeting via email and was requested to share remarks of questions that will be addressed in the meeting before March 30<sup>th</sup>. For this purpose, councillors Max (lead), Jaap, Natascha, Albert, Aleid, Veerle, and Luuk will prepare in a separate meeting.

**Action point:** Councillor Max will organise a separate meeting to prepare remarks or questions of the UC in preparation for the *Convergence* meeting.

### **02.07 OccupyEUR**

The UC was informed that the OccupyEUR report will be available in May; this topic will be tabled in the first cycle once we have access to the full documentation. However, the Presidium discussed tabling this topic earlier if the UC considers it necessary. The UC decided to share a few questions with the EB in writing and not table a discussion in the upcoming cycle: *Are you aware of the upcoming occupation in May? How are you preparing for it? Can you give us updates?*

**Action point:** The UC Clerk will share the questions of the council regarding the upcoming occupation with the EB. A discussion on the answers to the questions will be tabled in the future cycle.

### **02.08 Evaluation Consultation Meeting**

The councillors evaluated the previous CM. Overall, the councillors were satisfied with the meeting as well as their progress looking back at previous CMs. Also, there was good progress in time management. Also, the councillors saw positive development by having been involved at a strategic and high level (e.g., discussions about the Parliament decisions), which is a result of a lot of work being done early in the cycle.

### **02.09 Preparation meeting Ombudsperson 28-03**

At the beginning of the first Plenary on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March, the new Ombudsperson will join our meeting to get acquainted. The UC discussed how to better prepare for this guest.

It was suggested to ask the Ombudsperson what his concerns are and how can we as a council help. These questions provided a fruitful discussion in the past when the previous Ombudsperson joined a UC meeting.

### **03 Incoming documents**

#### **03.01 Letter University of the Arts Rotterdam**

A meeting on updates regarding Arts Rotterdam is planned for next week on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March; the programme manager will join the meeting. The council discussed how to better prepare for the meeting. The UC members are requested to share their remarks and questions in preparation for the meeting via Teams by Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> of March. After the meeting, a discussion will be tabled in which the UC members will evaluate the outcome.

**Action point:** The UC members are requested to share their questions via Teams on the topic *Arts Rotterdam* before Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> of March.

### **04 Any other business**

- Meeting ISS (in the Hague): The ISS secretary will share two meeting options with the UC via the UC Clerk; this will be communicated with the council in the upcoming weeks.
- Smoking on campus campaign: the updates can be found in the minutes of the CM.
- The document Strategic Framework for Conceptualising Societal Impact at EUR (by Armin van Buuren): this is a serious document for determining the course of the university, but it has not been checked with the UC as a participatory body, and it is almost about to be officially communicated. The UC Clerk and Chair will investigate this. Councillor Albert will share the document with the UC Clerk.

### **05 Closing**