

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

Date and Time: 05/09/2023, 13:30 – 14:30

Location: Rotterdam Diergaarde Blijdorp, Blijdorplaan 8

Present in the Meeting: **Ivonne Cune-Noten (chair)**, Sebastiaan Kamp, Nikita Schoenmaker, Jaap Cornelese, Natascha Kraal, Patryk Jarmakowicz, Aleid Fokkema, Ernst Hulst, Simo Azzarhouni, Albert Wagelmans, Emese von Bóné, Wincey Randoe, Erin van Gestel, Luuk van Tol, Nawin Ramcharan, Cagla Altin, Lobke van Steenberg (Clerk), Ellie Cercel (Minutes).

Absent: Veerle Bakker, Friso Roos, Wesley Hennep, Sandra Constantinou, Juhasz, Max Wagenaar, Irena Boskovic.

01 Opening

01.01 Setting of the agenda

The agenda was set without adjustments.

01.02 Minutes third plenary meeting and CM

The action points: Engagement Monitor (Q3 2023), UC-DIT meeting, and missing response from EB on Erasmus Perspective will be taken into the new academic year. The minutes of the previous meeting will be adjusted with a minor typing correction on page 2 (i.e., change *former* into *formal*). With these adjustments, the minutes and the action points were set.

In the CM minutes, the abbreviation EV will be changed to "Educational Vision". With this adjustment, the minutes were approved by the UC.

02 Agenda items plenary meeting UC

02.01 Traffic around Woudestein

The concept letter on *traffic around Woudestein* was finalized over the summer and shared with the councilors via Teams. During the meeting, it was suggested that under *necessary measures*, the example of *improving lighting conditions at crossings* should be added. Also, some members of the UC remarked that the EB was expected to share a quantitative report on accidents around Woudestein to be used in this concept letter; however, the reaction we received could not be added to the letter.

With these adjustments, the UC approved this version of the letter.

Action point: The UC Clerk will format the letter of consent on *Traffic around Woudestein* and send it to the EB and Municipality of Rotterdam.

02.02 Strategy 2024-2028

During the third plenary meeting of the last cycle, the UC discussed drafting a letter to the EB regarding the way the UC would like to be involved in the process of the new Strategy. The TF did not share a letter but offered to give their input to the new UC if possible. The UC was reminded that the advice should be on tips, tops, and the position of the UC with regard to the new Strategy.

Action point: the UC Clerk will share the input of the previous UC with the new members of the Strategy TF in the academic year 2023-2024.

02.03 HOVO

During the third plenary of the last cycle before the summer, the UC discussed drafting a letter regarding HOVO. This letter was not shared with the current council, and the topic will be tabled to the agenda of the new UC. The new members of the UC can take the initiative to research how HOVO is established at other universities and what can be done for EUR.

Action point: the UC Clerk will share the information regarding *HOVO* with the new UC of the 2023-2024 academic year.

02.04 Annual Report UC 2022-2023

Each year, the UC drafts an annual report that will be reviewed and published. No comments were shared in the meeting regarding the concept report. The members of the UC agreed on this version of the document.

Action point: The UC Clerk will publish the annual report without any adjustments.

03 Incoming documents

03.01 38568 - RM 275.764 Response to 38568 Educational Vision

- The former UC urged the new UC to ensure participation in and collaboration on the Educational Vision, ideally by joining a task force. They warned that, if the new UC does not take the initiative, the risk is of not being updated and invited as closely as the previous council was.

Action point: Discuss the scheduling of the Educational Vision sessions with the new UC.

03.02 38571 – RM 275.762 Response to 38571 Institutional Tuition Fees 2024-2025 and 38572 - 293532 Response to Institutional Tuition Fees Ukrainian Students 2024-2025

- A few members of the UC who worked on this agenda topic shared some positive outcomes with the UC: the response of the faculties was positive and 130 out of 140 people who already requested a waiver were granted one.
- The UC will not send a reply to these two letters.

03.03 38664 – VC 275.763 Response to 38664 Sustainability proposal

- A few members of the UC who worked on this agenda topic shared their content with the response and the foreseeable future developments. However, several links within the document were faulty and could not be accessed; the UC requested sharing the document via Teams to resolve the issue.
- The UC will not send a reply to the letter.

03.04 RM 275.765 Response to 38665 Extra Projects Quality Agreements

- No remarks were made, and no reply will be made to the letter.

04 Any Other Business

04.01 Task force functioning

- The members of the previous council advised the new UC to create fewer task forces, which can help with reducing the confusion over ownership and responsibility of certain topics. Also, when assigning new topics to an established task force, the decisive factor should be which policymaker is concerned with it and whether they are already assigned within a semi-permanent task force.

04.02 Thank You UC 2022-2023

- The Chair would like to thank all the members of the University Council 2022-2023 for their hard work and contributions. The Chair would like to thank the former Clerk for her dedication to the UC.
- The Clerk thanked the former UC for the time spent working together in light of her departure from this position.