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Dear members of the University Council,

In response to your letter of 4 March 2021, we confirm that the University Council has the right of consent regarding the main points of the budget and the use of the study advance funds (*studievoorschotmiddelen, SVM*). This also applies to the CLI's budget, which consists partly of SVM. The CLI discusses the use of the budget twice a year with the University Council. On June 9th 2020, the CLI discussed an Update to the 2020 budget that states the following about testing during the Corona crisis: *Recommendations have been drawn up and discussed for testing during the corona crisis. EUR is pursuing a three-tier policy: Firstly, we are looking at alternative types of assessment, for which the CLI has provided recommendations and instruction materials. Secondly, the digital assessment facility is being scaled up extra quickly so that testing can be implemented efficiently as soon as it is again possible on campus. Thirdly, capabilities for remote assessment are being created by means of online proctoring. It also means that new types of support and communication must be provided to lecturers and students. The CLI and the Digital Assessment project are totally committed to realising and supporting the above measures together with the faculties and departments.*

The project online proctoring is part of the theme digitalisation projects, marked yellow in the table below. The UC was not explicitly asked for consent on the CLI Update, nor for the investment in online proctoring. However, the discussion took place with the UC in a good atmosphere. No objections were raised by the UC to the proposed main points of the budget and forecast.

Budget and forecast 2020	Budget 2020			Forecast 2020			
	EUR	SVM	HOKA	EUR	SVM	HOKA	
	Partial budget	Partial budget	Partial budget	Total	Partial budget	Partial budget	Total
Teaching staff professionalisation	-	522.500	270.000	792.500	-	423.000	708.000
Innovation projects	-	100.000	600.000	700.000	-	293.750	965.000
Digitalisation projects	98.207	1.480.894	846.000	2.425.101	160.000	1.312.500	2.385.500
Education research	287.888	187.802	-	475.690	225.047	97.203	322.250
CLI fellows	-	25.000	402.083	427.083	-	90.690	365.000
Student projects	-	125.000	-	125.000	-	60.000	180.000
Core team, communication, Lab	759.000	-	-	759.000	759.000	-	759.000
Totaal	1.145.095	2.441.196	2.118.083	5.704.374	1.144.047	2.277.143	5.684.750

In the annual, retrospective review of 2020 (which can be found in the Update 2021 that the CLI has recently sent to the University Council), we see that the costs for digitalisation projects have remained within budget:

Budget and realisation 2020	EUR	SVM	HOKA	Budget 2020		HOKA		Realisation 2020
	Partial budget	Partial budget	Partial budget	Total	Partial budget	Partial budget	Partial budget	
Teaching staff professionalisation	-	522.500	270.000	792.500	-	381.487	454.730	836.217
Innovation projects	-	100.000	600.000	700.000	-	265.686	430.028	695.714
Digitalisation projects	98.207	1.480.894	846.000	2.425.101	-	1.643.727	521.986	2.165.713
Student projects	-	125.000	-	125.000	-	92.376	128.289	220.665
Education research	287.888	187.802	-	475.690	112.188	178.125	-	290.312
CLI fellows	-	25.000	402.083	427.083	-	55.476	302.749	358.225
Core team, communication, Lab	759.000	-	-	759.000	638.053	-	-	638.053
Total	1.145.095	2.441.196	2.118.083	5.704.374	750.240	2.616.877	1.837.782	5.204.900

The investments from the SVM mainly relate to the creation of a stable and sustainable facility for online digital assessment and online proctoring. This facility was accelerated and scaled up as a form of crisis management due to the Corona crisis. We see this as an investment aimed at guaranteeing study progress and the quality of the diplomas. The costs for online proctoring amounted to K€ 857 in 2020. It is common practice that the project phase in which a new facility with software and services is set up, also includes the operational costs.

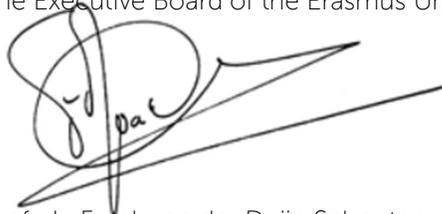
The project phase ended at the end of 2020. On October 6, 2020, the Executive Board decided that the costs for online proctoring will be funded by the faculties from 2021 onwards. The costs for the completion of the Digital Assessment project will be funded from EUR resources in 2021.

The above has been incorporated in the Update CLI 2021 that is on the agenda of the UC for 25 May and for which your consent is requested as far as the SVM and HOKA elements of the CLI budget are concerned.

We propose to dedicate the 25 May meeting with the CLI to discussing the content of the Update CLI 2021, because the CLI is eager to hear your thoughts and feedback on the activities realized by the CLI in 2020 and the prospects for 2021. This means that we will deal separately with eventual comments relating to online proctoring in order to avoid that the discussion of the results and plans of the CLI will be overshadowed by the discussion about online proctoring between the University Council and the Executive Board. We look forward to your response.

Your sincerely,

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