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Dear members of the University Council,

Following on from the consultation meeting on 9 March 2021, we are pleased to receive your letter regarding the integral safety and security policy 2021-2024. We appreciate that the University Council is very positive about this policy framework in general. From the perspective of the Council's right of advice, we have received three points of note. Below we would like to take the opportunity to address these specific points.

1. *The UC would like to be involved on further policy implementation on different topics mentioned in the safety and security policy, for example social safety.*

Policymaking will undoubtedly take place on some safety and security topics in the coming years. As far as there is 'right' for the UC, it goes without saying that we will properly involve the UC in these processes. Social safety is one of those topics. However, there are points for improvement on existing policy when it comes to certain safety topics that are more operational in nature. We therefore do not see a specific role of the UC when it comes to operational policy implementation.

2. *The UC asks for a definition of the desired maturity level ambition*

In our policy we mention the five different stages of Integral Safety, where we point out our ambition to work from stage one to stage three in the upcoming period. Stage one doesn't mean that the EUR does not work on safety and security topics. On the contrary, there are different functional columns (pro services) within the organisation that are responsible for certain safety and security themes in their existing policy. For example, Real Estates & Facilities are mainly responsible for the

physical part of safety and security (you can think of the safety of buildings) and the IT/CIO department is mainly responsible for the information safety and security. But in order to thrive in integral safety and security it is necessary to develop cross-connections that transcend the various organisational columns. The intended maturity level is a way to monitor progress, not a goal in itself.

3. *The UC asks to include a student of representative in the crisis management structure or CMT in any event that it is possible.*

A Crisis Management Team is convened when very urgent matters need to be dealt with. A CMT of limited size is essential for rapid decision making. At EUR as with most other universities¹, this is the reason why a student member of the University Council does not have a formal role in the Crisis Management Team. However, the UC will be informed in case of any urgent crisis. From their perspective they have mandate to speak on behalf of their supporters. In the current and specific situation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, a 'student panel' (composed of active students from study associations) is regularly consulted by the Executive Board.

Your sincerely,

The Executive Board of the Erasmus University Rotterdam,



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