

University Council
First Plenary Meeting
Erasmus University Rotterdam

Date and Time: 02-09-2025, 14:00-16:00

Location: Polak 2.09

Present in the meeting: Luca Hellings (Chair), Roxanne Austin (Clerk), Floortje Dekker (Minutes), Dogukan Demirboken, Albert Wagelmans, John Hays, Borja Ranzinger, Anne Vromant (Student-assistant) Jaap Cornelese, Rik Alleleijn, Linda Dekker, Clara Eggers, Bilal El Allouchi, Federica Violi, Max Wagenaar, Sebastiaan Kamp, Mohamed Khalil, Iwona Gusc, Caressa Bol, Adina Popovici, Lourdes Wansink Mangiano, Manuela Bartolovic, Bodi Winkler, Simon Maas, Deniz Alican

Absent: Rosita Boedhai, Hans van Oosterhout, Joseph Ayinla

01 Opening

01.01 Setting of the agenda

There were no remarks on the agenda

01.02 Setting of the minutes of the previous meeting

One member asked whether names are mentioned in the minutes. The Chair answered that this is indeed the case.

01.03 Announcements

Welcome

The Chair welcomed all the new UC-members and the student assistants.

Attendance

The Chair remarked that there will be a track of the attendance of UC members during plenary meetings. The attendance overview will be made publicly available during every first plenary meeting.

Early departure UC member

A UC member remarked that they have to attend another meeting at 3 o'clock and will therefore leave early.

02 Agenda items plenary meeting UC

02.01 Voting Ad interim positions Presidium – Closed meeting

There are two student and two employee positions for the Presidium. The permanent position of the Presidium members will be voted for during the third plenary meeting for the rest of the year. There are two employee candidates. There was a vote for the student members.

02.02 Voting CC members – Closed meeting

A vote was held for the Confidentiality Committee, and members were given the opportunity to give a short presentation on why they were suited for the position.

02.03 Voting Convergence members – Closed meeting

A vote was held for the convergence members and members were allowed to give a short presentation on why they were suited for the position.

02.04 Voting CMT student position – Closed meeting

A vote was held for the CMT position and members were allowed to give a short presentation on why they were suited for the position.

02.05 Voting BRS members – Closed meeting

A vote was held for the BRS members and members were allowed to give a short presentation on why they were suited for the position.

02.06 Semi-permanent Task Forces

- Taskforce HR and staff wellbeing
Deniz, Jaap, Albert, Iwona, Federica, Clara, Linda (lead),
- Taskforce finance
Linda, John, Boria, Adina, Sebastiaan, Federica, Clara, Simon, Bodi, Albert (lead), Mohamed, Max, Hans
- Taskforce strategy
Jaap (lead), Albert, Clara, Deniz, Linda, Iwona, Dogukan, Bodi, Hans, John
- Taskforce BAO
Albert, Linda, Simon (lead), Manuela, Iwona, Dogukan, Federica
- Taskforce sustainability
Sebastiaan, Mohamed, Fedrica(lead), Lourdes, Caressa
- Taskforce D&I
Clara (lead), Fedrica, Bilal, Sebastiaan, Adina, Manuela, Deniz, Rik
- Taskforce Tomorrow's campus
Linda, Jaap, Albert, Sebastiaan, Lourdes, Mohamed, Rik, Simon, Borja
- Taskforce ITK
John, Caressa, Manuela(lead), Iwona, Clara, Mohamed, Deniz, Simon, Linda, Max
- Taskforce security and cybersecurity
Borja (lead), Caressa, Linda, Sebastiaan, Federica, Adina, Deniz
- Taskforce Diversity Travel
Federica, Linda, Clara, Sebastiaan (lead), Borja

02.07 UC Meeting Schedule

There were no remarks. The Chair commented that in the case of no remarks, this topic will be tabled for the third plenary.

02.08 Annual report UC 2024-2025

There were no remarks.

02.09 Professional services organization ISS-EUR

This point is up for information, and the Chair asked whether the council feels sufficiently informed. There were no remarks, and the council therefore feels sufficiently informed.

02.10 Annual Report EUR 2024

A UC member remarked that the document is only available in Dutch. Another member clarified that there is an English version within the document itself if you scroll down. One UC member noted a sentence that reads awkwardly. There were no further remarks. The UC member will send the sentence to the Clerk, who will forward it to the office. The UC members did not see the need for a taskforce.

Action point:

- The Clerk will forward the comment regarding '*Annual Report EUR 2024*' to Administrative Affairs

02.11 Annual report Legal Procedures 2024

A member remarked that they had a question about the content. The Chair commented that a taskforce could be established to examine the content further.

- Taskforce Annual report Legal Procedures 2024
Lourdes (lead), Federica, Linda, Bodi

02.12 Quarterly update report Labor Inspection

This point is up for information. The Chair inquired whether the UC feels adequately informed. A UC member from the HR taskforce remarked that the taskforce previously had continuous meetings with policy makers and would like to continue that. The Chair noted that the HR taskforce can always have discussions with policy makers and that a topic on the agenda is not required for this. The UC member clarified that this topic will also be discussed with policy makers, and therefore the HR taskforce will take it up.

03 Incoming documents

03.01 Response to 38902 regarding Diversity Travel

A UC member stated that the Diversity Travel taskforce will look into this.

03.02 Response to 38901 Vision and Roadmap on Services and Operations

A UC member remarked that they would like to look at this with the Strategy Taskforce, as they feel the rights of the UC were not upheld. The Chair responded that they, together with the Clerk, have looked into the rights of the UC and confirmed that in this case the right to information is being correctly applied. However, the UC has the right to provide unsolicited advice, so if the taskforce wishes, they can discuss the topic content.

03.03 Response to 38900 Strategic Framework Strategy 2025-2030

There were no remarks.

03.04 Response to 38899 Erasmus Perspectives 2026-2030

There were no remarks.

03.05 Response to 38998 Numerus fixus bachelor programs 2026-2027

There were no remarks.

03.06 Response to 38897 EUR campaign budget rules for the student elections of the University Council 2025

There were no remarks.

03.07 Response to 38896 Institutional tuition fees 2026-2027

There were no remarks.

03.08 Response to letter 38895 Revision Regulation for enrolment deregistration & tuition fees EUR

There were no remarks.

03.09 VVZ 300.735 Response to 38893 Letter of Advice Planetary Health Diet

A UC member remarked that, in the second paragraph, a policy maker stated that they would like to be invited to meetings instead of exchanging letters. The UC member suggested that the UC could keep this in mind for future correspondence. The Chair noted that it is important to have discussions with policy makers before sending a response letter.

03.10 RM 300.734 Response to 38892 Revision of the recognition regulations

There were no remarks.

03.11 Response to 38890 Enhancing Dutch Language Education

A UC member remarked that they would like to continue working on this topic from last year. A new taskforce was formed, as there are many new members in the council.

- Taskforce Enhancing Dutch Language Education
Deniz (lead), Boria, Iwona, Bilal, Adina, Rik

04 Any other business

04.01 Evaluation onboarding

A UC member remarked that they felt the presentations were not very in-depth due to limited time and would have liked more time for discussion. Another member noted that the meeting at ISS was quite intensive, making it difficult to concentrate during the last presentations. A member also commented that the timing of the onboarding could be adjusted, as the last week of August is quite busy for many people, resulting in some members not being able to attend. Lastly, a member suggested that the first day could be more interactive, as much of the day involved sitting in one room and listening to information.

The Chair thanked the UC members for their feedback and assured them that it will be taken into account when creating next year's onboarding programme.

Any other AOB

Prize winner

A UC member remarked that a prize winner in a wheelchair could not get onto the stage, while all the other winners could. They suggested that all the winners could have stood in front of the stage instead, to include the person in the wheelchair. The UC member felt that this was an example of the need for greater inclusivity and expressed the intention to bring this up to the EB.

Finance and Strategy taskforce meetings

A member from the Strategy Taskforce remarked that there are regular meetings with the Strategy Office and emphasized the importance of members attending these meetings. A member from the Finance Taskforce added that there are also additional information sessions for new members.

Sustainability taskforce meetings

Last year, there was an agreement between the taskforce and the Vice-Chair of the EB to continue monthly discussions. A UC member from the taskforce asked whether the Clerk could contact the Vice-Chair of the EB to arrange these meetings.

Action point:

- The Clerk will contact the Vice-Chair of the EB to set up the meeting with the sustainability taskforce.