

University Council
Third Plenary Meeting
Erasmus University Rotterdam

Date and Time: 08-07-2025, 14:00-16:00

Location: Sanders 0-12

Present in the meeting: Luca Hellings (Chair), Roxanne Austin (Clerk), Floortje Dekker (Minutes), Hugo Speelman, Sebastiaan Kamp, Achraf Taouil, Jaap Cornelese, Aleid Fokkema, Esra Kahramanoglu, Linda Dekker, Nawin Ramcharan, Reinier van Woerden, Federica Violi, Timo Zandvliet, Bachar Farousi, Luna Becirspahic, Sara Ouljour, Albert Wagelmans, Rosita Boedhai, Katarzyna Lasak, Jaron Buitelaar

Absent: Max Wagenaar, Jasper Klasen, Deniz Alican, Daan de Boer, Clara Egger

01 Opening

01.01 Setting of the agenda

A UC member commented that some letters were posted earlier today, and they had not yet had the time to read them. The Chair remarked that this matter would be discussed later in the meeting.

01.02 Setting of the Second Plenary minutes
no remarks, therefore the minutes were set.

There were

01.03 Announcements

Last plenary meeting
last plenary meeting of the year. Afterwards, we will have a farewell dinner at Supermercado.

Today is the

02 Agenda items plenary meeting UC

02.01 Erasmus Perspectives 2026-2030

A UC

member from the taskforce remarked they posted the letter on Teams and that an earlier comment by another UC member was incorporated. The Chair inquired whether there were any objections to sending this letter. There were none.

Action point:

- The Clerk will send the letter regarding '*Erasmus Perspectives 2026-2030*' to the EB

02.02 EUR Strategic Framework

A

letter of consent was posted on Teams. A UC member remarked that academic freedom should be explicitly emphasized in the letter as it's important. Another UC member responded that this matter had already been discussed with the EB and that academic freedom is sufficiently addressed in the document, so they did not see the need to include it in the letter. One UC member added that the importance of academic freedom is also reflected in the minutes, and therefore does not need to be repeated in the letter. Another UC member reiterated that academic freedom is already mentioned in the letter. The Chair then asked whether there were any objections to sending the letter as currently proposed on Teams. There were no objections from the UC.

Action point:

- The Clerk will send the letter regarding '*EUR strategic framework*' to the EB

02.03 EUR Campaign Budget rules

A letter

was posted on teams. There were no objections from the UC members to sending out the letter as proposed on teams.

Action point:

- The Clerk will send the letter regarding '*EUR campaign budget rules*' to the EB

02.04 Numerus fixus bachelor programs 2026-2027

A

standard letter of positive advice was posted on teams. There were no objections from the UC members to sending this letter.

Action point:

- The Clerk will send the letter regarding '*Numerus fixus bachelor programs 2026-2027*' to the EB

02.05 Institutional tuition fees 2026-2027

A letter of positive advice was posted on teams. There were no objections to sending this letter.

Action point:

- The Clerk will send the letter regarding '*Institutional tuition fees 2026-2027*' to the EB

02.06 Revision Regulation for enrolment, deregistration & tuition fees EUR

A letter

of positive advice was posted on teams. The Chair inquired whether there were any objections to sending this letter. A UC member remarked they are against sending the letter. Therefore, the Chair proposed a vote which resulted in the following:

- In favour: 14
- Against: 1

Therefore, the letter will be sent out as posted on teams.

Action point:

- The Clerk will send the letter regarding '*Revision Regulation for enrolment, deregistration & tuition fees EUR*' to the EB

02.07 Vision, mission and roadmap on Services & Operations (DV & BV)

A letter

was posted on teams. There were no further remarks on the letter from the UC members. Therefore, the letter will be sent as posted on teams.

Action point:

- The Clerk will send the letter regarding '*Vision, mission and roadmap on Services and Operations (DV & BV)*' to the EB

02.08 Social Annual Report 2024

No

letter was posted on teams. A UC member from the taskforce remarked they considered writing a letter but felt the conversation they had within the taskforce proved sufficient.

02.09 End report EUR Strategy 2024

No letter

was shared and the UC considers itself sufficiently informed.

02.10 Mandatory Presence of Teachers at Exam Review Sessions

Two letters

were shared on teams this morning. The Chair remarked that the letters were shared too late and therefore the UC cannot vote on them today. A UC member inquired what will happen with this topic as this is the last meeting. The Chair answered that the UC members who want to continue this initiative can make a proposal again next year. Another UC member inquired whether there were any other possibilities as a lot of members will be gone next year. The Chair answered that there is no other option and that it is the responsibility of members to share the letters on time.

02.11 Strengthening Faculty Council Democracy through the Introduction of a Party-Based Electoral System

The Chair remarked that this

letter was also shared too late and, as a result, there would be no vote on it. A UC member commented that they felt the letter could still be voted on, as its content was not controversial. However, the Chair reiterated that there would be no vote due to it being posted too late.

02.12 Review and assessment framework for collaboration with the fossil fuel sector

A UC member from the taskforce remarked that the taskforce saw no need to write a letter at this time but noted that they may choose to use the right of initiative in the future.

02.13 Recognition for full-time board positions in Study Associations

A UC member from the taskforce remarked that the taskforce felt there was no need to write a letter, as they are already in contact with the policymakers.

02.14 Diversity travel

A letter was posted on teams. The Chair remarked that this letter will be sent as a response to an earlier letter by the EB. A UC member remarked that it is indeed a response to the letter but also an ongoing conversation. A UC member asked whether the letter will be publically available. The Chair remarked that it will be. There were no objections to sending this letter.

Action point:

- The Clerk will send the letter regarding '*Diversity travel*' to the EB

02.15 Evaluation consultation meeting (01/07)

A UC

member remarked that in some earlier consultation meetings they felt the EB was not really in tune with the UC. They did not have this feeling during the last meeting and felt there was an improvement.

03 Incoming documents

03.01 Letter 38889 - Financial Support Fund Regulations
no remarks.

There were

04 Any other business

Initiative EUR poll

A

UC member from the taskforce remarked there will be a meeting with someone from marketing and communications after the plenary on this initiative.

Professionalization Party System

A UC member remarked that a letter regarding this initiative was sent out some time ago and noted that the EB's response letter seemed to be missing several things, such as a reflection on the 'recognition rule.' The Chair reminded the council that it was previously decided not to include this in the letter, a point another UC member agreed with. Additionally, a UC member pointed out that the letter requested ongoing contact with the policy makers, which has not yet happened. The Chair replied that the UC member should put in writing the points they feel the EB has not sufficiently addressed in the letter, so these can be addressed next year.

05 Closing