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Context / Reason

On 6 July 2021 the Executive board decided to increase the statutory fee for the Joint master's degree Eu-HEM* (provided by ESHPM) from 2.209 to 2.550 euro for the academic year 2022-2023.

The faculty requested to collect a higher rate for the international joint degree Eu-HEM for students with an EEA nationality and for those who are following a master's program in the Netherlands for the first time (the statutory rate, WHW 7.45a). That can be done by application of WHW article 7.3f, which makes an adjustment of the statutory fee possible for (international) joint education. By increasing the fee, ESHPM is secured to keep the international program running and to continue to offer good quality education.

* *European Master in Health Economics and Management*, offered in cooperation with the University of Oslo, The University of Bologna and Management Centre Innsbruck.

Jurisdiction UC / Question to the UC

The University Council has no formal role in such a specific topic. However, the Executive Board wishes to keep the University Council *informed* about deviant practices related to tuition fees.

Short Summary

Currently, the tuition fees of all Eu-HEM students are collected by EUR (directly by ESHPM). Due to the international cooperation and coordination between the four educational institutions and the design of the program, Eu-HEM has extra costs to run the program compared to regular programmes, which means that the program runs at a loss, which can be at the expense of the quality of the education.

Over the past five years, Eu-HEM has been able to make up for the shortfall in income by partly using the Erasmus Mundus grant obtained for coordination and student activities of the regular curriculum. However, this does not appear to be a future-proof situation. The Erasmus Mundus funding source will no longer be available as of the coming academic year; the 2020 application has been rejected. It is still unknown whether the 2021 application will be granted. By (temporarily) not having access to Erasmus Mundus funding, it has become clear that ESHPM must be able to run the regular education program at all times, without using incidental resources (subsidies).

ESHPM can guarantee the continuity and quality of the program with this increase of the statutory rate. Without this increase, the faculty will have insufficient resources for, (among other things):

- coordination of the program and coordination between the universities;
- the mobility of staff between the different universities;
- additional activities for cooperation, social bonding, and international labor market orientation.

The WHW offers the option of setting tuition fees at zero or lower for a joint study program or joint specialization. Eu-HEM can set the rate in the EUR administration to 0 euros and have students pay tuition fees of 2550 euros to the partner university in Oslo. We see this practice more often, for example at Joint Masters GLOCAL (ESHCC) and EMLE (ESL).

This increase has no effect on EUR's internal allocation model, in which agreements have been made about intake and diploma funding between CPC and E&S.

Follow-up process

Informing the University Council – E&S

Adjusting education administration – E&S + ESHPM

Adjusting website and other communication channels – ESHPM and M&C

All action will take place before 1 October 2021, when the application period for 2022-2023 is open.

Specifics

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Documents to be attached

Appendix 1 – Request ESHPM (translated)

Appendix 2 – Budget plan Eu-HEM