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Dear University Council,

Thank you for responding to our letter. You would like to get some clarification on two points. In this letter we will provide you with our answers as best as possible.

First, regarding the consideration of religious events. These activities do not differ from other activities. It is not about whether it is a religious event, it is about who is the external speaker. As a university, we are open to different viewpoints. However, we will draw a line when, for example, hate speech or threatening behaviour is involved. Hence, the procedure is the same.

Second, regarding the feedback mechanism. As Executive Board, we are not able to ensure such an elaborate feedback mechanism. On the other hand, since the policy framework for events with external speakers was established last year, it seems appropriate to evaluate it this year. For that reason, we commit to conducting an evaluation of the policy or complement the policy where necessary in 2024. We will provide the University Council with an update when this has been done.

The Executive Board of Erasmus University Rotterdam,

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President