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Dear members of the University Council,

The Executive Board would like to thank the University Council for their extensive letter and feedback.

Regarding the stated misalignment in the understanding of roles in the KRUR Process, the Executive Board would like to thank the University Council for the point of attention as raised in the letter. The Executive Board stresses that a good working relationship is extremely important and is committed to further future improvement. In that context, the Executive Board is of course open to a discussion to clarify the roles of co-participation.

The Executive Board regrets that the University Council feels it has not had enough time to consider the proposals to amend the KRUR. The Central Election Office has tried to involve the University Council as early as possible by holding scheduled meetings with the Presidium on 28 November 2023 and 19 February 2024. During this meeting, possible amendments to the KRUR were discussed, albeit at a very early stage. The Executive Board acknowledges that the two meetings may have been insufficient, and that more effort could have been made to involve the University Council in this process. The desire of both the Central Election Office and the University Council to finalise the KRUR before the 2025 elections, with a latest effective date of January 2025 has caused some time pressure in the later stages of the process. Of course, the Executive Board together with the Central Election Office are open to improving this process for future amendments.

In order to do so and improve the process regarding possible amendments of the KRUR and other possible future policy changes, the Central Election Office has suggested strengthening the cooperation between the University Council and the Central Elections Office by, for example, inviting the

secretary of the Central Election Office on a more regular basis. The Central Elections Office would like to express their willingness to join University Council meetings at any time to answer any questions, provide guidance on processes and go through draft initiatives of the University Council or Central Election Office. By means of such improvements the Executive Board and Central Election Office also hope to provide more helpful feedback and help during the process of, for example, initiatives made by the University Council. This would hopefully also create a more substantive response at a meaningful early stage as mentioned under 4 in your letter.

Regarding point 5 and 6 made in the letter by the University Council, the Executive Board would like to add that they acknowledge the importance of representation of PhD candidates. As currently the possibility of a PhD-council is also being explored, the Executive Board finds it important to prevent potential overlap between responsibilities, powers and representation of this council and the proposed dedicated PhD seat within the university council. Therefore, the proposal is to keep this proposal of the dedicated PhD seat on hold until the PhD-council is getting shape.

In addition, a close cooperation between the two bodies would possibly ensure a more structural and clear representation of the interests of the PhD community within the EUR.

The Executive Board understands that there has been a previous conversation between the initiator of the proposal and the initiators of the possible PhD council. The Executive Board welcomes these discussions and suggests that such discussions should be held with the entire University Council.

The Executive Board of Erasmus University Rotterdam,



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