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Approved version

**Report public part of the 201st FHML Council meeting
 dated Tuesday 8 April 2025
 Present:** see attendance list

1 Opening, announcements and adoption of the agenda

The chairman opened the meeting.

2a Adoption of the text of the public part of the report of the 200th meeting held on 11 March 2025

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See the approved version with reference 25.0549/Io.

2b Comments on the public part of the report

There are no comments.

3 Dean's announcements

There are no announcements.

4 Final settlement 2024 FHML

J. de Gooijer made a presentation on realisation 2024 and outlook 2025. The sheets are attached with reference 25.0622

In 2024, the FHML's financial position was affected by a lower student intake and announced cabinet cuts, but by deploying resources from Liege 2 (Quality Agreements), educational quality could be maintained. In addition, the financial picture initially seemed much more negative than was eventually realised; the conclusion is therefore that research institutes budgeted prudently and planned too ambitiously. Despite the challenges, research performed strongly, with more contract funding (M€ 65) and PhDs (286) than intended. The FHML continued to invest in infrastructure, including the renovation of Uns50 and the establishment of laboratories. For 2025, the focus is on maintaining teaching quality with fewer resources, further strengthening the research climate, continuing renovation projects and focusing on HRM policy aimed at Recognition & Appreciation, also for OBP. A session for OBP was organised on 22 May 2025 under the motto 'Meeting and Networking'. There are opportunities in making buildings more sustainable and more intensive cooperation with the azM within Maastricht UMC⁺. At the same time, there are risks such as the abolition of Starter & Incentive Grants, rising accommodation and IT costs (including Pay per Account), and the impact of cabinet measures on internationalisation and education funding.

The board thanked Mr J. de Gooijer for the clear presentation and explanation of both the retrospective and the financial outlook.

Based on the discussion held, the explanations given and the document before it, the council advises positively on the FHML's 2024 Final Account.

5 Subsequent agenda items

There are no follow-up agenda items.

6 Any other business

The council refers to a letter from the chair of the Biomedical Sciences Education Committee, included in the mailing list, drawing attention to the use of AI in education and asks about the state of affairs.

In response, it explained that a broader AI Taskforce is active, led by D. Joosten-ten Brinke and H. Woodruff. This task force consults with programme coordinators from all programmes. It is working with a document previously discussed in the council and currently being developed further. The aim is to understand the Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs) of all programmes, which will then be tested for resilience to and resistance to AI. Based on this, the task force will advise the courses.

In addition, several training programmes have been developed, including 'train-the-trainer' sessions designed for both teachers and students. The intention is that each programme will focus on awareness around AI.

The board notes that this does not, as yet, lead to concrete handles. It responds that this is related to the division of roles between examination boards and programmes; both are actively involved in further development. Moreover, the document is becoming more concrete and will be supplemented with best practices and practical tips.

Finally, it states that questions to the task force can be sent to the e-mail address ask-educ@maastrichtuniversity.nl

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