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*Subject: Approval of research assessment report FASoS 2017-2022*

Dear Prof. Neuhold, dear Christine,

The FASoS external review committee, chaired by Prof. dr. Amy Verdun, has recently shared the final report of the FASoS research assessment 2017-2022. The Executive Board has taken note of the outcomes and recommendations provided in the report and found that it adheres to the guidelines that are outlined in the Strategy Evaluation Protocol (SEP) 2021-2027. Within the report, the committee speaks highly of FASoS and commends its organization, high quality research output and societal impact. The interviews conducted by the committee with FASoS staff also underscore the vibrant and strong community at FASoS that thrives on collaboration and community engagement. The level of satisfaction shown by the staff is also indicative of a well-managed academic environment that prioritizes inclusivity and openness within the faculty and its six different institutes. We are pleased to inform you that we hereby approve the report and we would like to congratulate you with the positive outcome of the assessment.

The committee has also provided a comprehensive array of actionable recommendations, aimed at enhancing the quality and scope of the research conducted at FASoS. The Executive Board is pleased to note that these recommendations are specifically tailored to FASoS, encompassing for example opportunities to amplify collaboration and outreach with regional partners, networks, and local communities, and developing contingency plans for fluctuations in external funding. As a follow up, we kindly request you to start formulating a strategic action plan based on the recommendations provided by the committee and submit it to us before the end of November 2024.

We want to thank you and the FASoS community for your dedication to maintaining and amplifying the high quality of research at FASoS and look forward to the submission of your action plan. In addition, we want to thank the committee for their comprehensive assessment and hereby formally discharge them from their assignment.

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Yours sincerely,  
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