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**Report public part of the 177th meeting of the Faculty Council FHML
 On Tuesday November 8th 2022
 Present:** see attendance list

1 Opening, announcements and setting of the agenda

The Chair opens the meeting.

2a Adoption of the text of the public part of the report of the 176th meeting dated 11th of October 2022

-22.1815o - dated 28-10-22 – report and attachment

See the approved version of the report with reference 22.1815/Io.

2b Comments on the public part of the report

There are no remarks.

3 Announcements of the Dean

The Dean informs the council about staff developments within FHML's policy support. The Grants Office provides support for grant applications and strategic projects. A. Gilsing was recently transferred to the Research Office and is working intensively on the Sector Plans and Starter- and Incentive Grants, and W. Wolters has retired. This has resulted in the appointment of two new employees in the Grants Office. With this, policy support for the Schools is back at full strength.

Furthermore, the Dean informs the Board of the departure of J. Prickaerts from the FHML Board.

4 Housing/area development and new construction Randwyck

The Director of FHML indicates that the renovation of the rooms of the Biochemistry department at Zuid 1 is proceeding according to plan, allowing the department to move in the week of 5 December. New furniture is also in place.

Furthermore, the director of FHML informs the Council about the Energy Reduction Plan about which the employees have already been informed via a communication email from the Executive Board. A number of both short-term and long-term measures have been considered. For example, outdoor lighting around the UM buildings will remain switched off in the evening and at night. This will take effect from 18.30pm because teaching activities can take place until 18.00pm. UM-wide, buildings will close earlier. For Randwyck, the current opening hours (until 22.00pm) of the buildings at Uns40 and -50 will be maintained.

In the long term, an investment plan will be made for the installation of LED lighting, insulations and heat pumps.

Further consideration will be given to locating the ICT service at one location and to the possibilities of switching off certain devices after office hours.

Finally, there will be an awareness campaign on how to deal with energy use.

When asked, the Director of FHML indicates that there is a digital suggestion box where employees can send ideas/tips on energy saving to: www.wooclap.com/UMAMA.

The Council indicates that the 'Grindbak (*Gravel Pit*)' car park adjacent to Debyeplein 1 is overcrowded and that this may be due to the structural opening of the barriers. The Director of FHML will inquire with Facility Services.

5.a FHML Budget 2023-2027

-22.1957/I - dated 07-11-22- report FHML Budget Committee Council, dated November 3rd, 2022 with attachment

-22.1849/I - dated 25-10-22- draft Budget

P. Schoonbrood, Department Head Control FHML, made a presentation on the Budget FHML 2023-2027 and explains the figures. The sheets are attached to the public part of the report with reference 22.1832. P. Schoonbrood indicates that the FHML is generally in good financial shape.

In response to the present budget and based on the present report of the FHML Budget Committee Council, some additional, substantive questions are put to the FHML Board.

When asked, the Dean indicates that the implementation of the Starter- and Incentive Grants will take place in the course of 2023.

The Council asks when the revision of the 'norm-hours system' will take place.

M. oude Egbrink explains that the possible adjustment of the norm-hours in education will only be possible once it is clear how the shortening of the academic year will look like. The idea behind shortening the academic year is to give staff no teaching duties for 4 extra weeks. To this end, several pilots are taking place at FASOS and FSE faculties, as well as at the Ministry of OC&W. M. oude Egbrink further indicates that talks are currently being held with tutors, programme coordinators and block coordinators about what, in their eyes, will lead to a reduction in workload, as merely increasing the standard hours for tutors will not be enough to reduce the workload.

When asked, M. oude Egbrink indicates that within the domains there are no longer any backlogs for catching up on practical lessons, which had arisen as a result of the corona pandemic. It is possible that parts of the administrative processing still require attention.

The Council asks about the status of the new Master's programme on Health and Digital Transformation.

M. oude Egbrink indicates that the macro-admissibility test had now been approved and has received a positive assessment. The next step is the New Programme Assessment (*Toets Nieuwe Opleiding*) by the NVAO. A visitation will take place early next year and if this goes well, the new study programme can start in September 2023. During the Open Days, this new master's programme was presented preliminarily.

The Chair asks about the status around Epass. M. oude Egbrink says she has received the Council's inventory of users' experiences. The next step is to set up a committee, also involving students, with the objective: what is the purpose of the portfolio and could certain actions be organized in a less complicated way.

Regarding the intention of increasing OBP in education by 1 FTE per year, the Council notes, that the total number of OBP remains the same according to the table. The Director of FHML explains that the data do not include employees appointed through InterUM. The Director further indicates, that as much OBP will be appointed as is deemed necessary.

The Council has some (textual) comments:

- page 2, paragraph 7, P. Schoonbrood explained that the text incorrectly described that the Starter and Incentive Grants are partly intended to compensate for the Van Rijn rebate and has asked the Council to amend the text.
- On page 7, paragraph 1, there is a typographical error. 'Whooclap' should be 'Wooclap' and the Council requests that this be adjusted.

Based on the discussions held and the explanations given for the documents before us, the Council, taking into account the above comments, agrees with the outline of the FHML Budget 2023-2027 and advises positively on the content.

5.b Elaboration of model allocation of revenues and costs of regular education activities for the 2023-2027 Budget

- 22.1847 - dated 26-10-22- letter Dean

The Director of FHML provides information.

Following agreements between the Executive Board and the University Council on providing insight into the resources available for regular education and the costs of said regular education, the present figures have been made transparent based on the model used within UM. In summary, the figures mean that the FHML has received M€ 69.5 in funds meant for education and paid just under M€ 71 in costs. This also includes €700k from the Quality Agreements, reducing the difference and making it a balanced budget for the faculty.

6 Information file Bachelor Brain Science

-22.1953 – d.d. 02-11-22 – letter Dean with attachment

The Chair welcomes G. Kenis, programme coordinator, who starts by providing some information.

The development of the Bachelor Brain Sciences is a collaboration between three faculties: FPN (leader), FHML and FSE (40-40-20) and has been under construction for some time. The first marco eligibility assessment was rejected because too little was known about employment possibilities. The Bachelor was resubmitted and approved in 2022 after which preparations started for the New Programme Assessment (*Toets Nieuwe Opleiding*). The programme has been fully developed. As soon as the Executive Board agrees, the documents can go to the NVAO. The new bachelor's degree in Brain Science aims to train a new generation of professionals who can contribute to obtaining the necessary new insights and technologies needed to counter the large increase in the frequency of brain diseases and to be able to treat brain diseases better. The three disciplines, in which research into the functioning of the human brain currently take place are cognitive psychology, biology and the computational neuroscience. These disciplines are running up against the limits of their own ability, making new breakthroughs in brain research much more difficult. The full integration of the three traditional perspectives on the functioning of the brain leads to a new, transdisciplinary science we call 'Brain Science' which forms the core of the new undergraduate programme.

The Council notes that most assessment methods are summative in nature and thinks there should be more room for formative tests. G. Kenis says that the main focus has been on finding a good balance between the different assessment methods that will be used, but in year 1 in particular, the emphasis is placed on summative testing in order to make rapid progress across disciplines.

The Council notes that in the course outline, several blocks have been designed in parallel and asks why the planninggroup had decided against making one multidisciplinary block. G. Kenis explains that this was considered, but it was finally decided to keep it separate because they are such different disciplines.

Finally, the Council notes, that the competency domains (IIOs) lack the aspect of 'working together'. G. Kenis indicates that this is still being looked into.

7 Extra items for the agenda

There are no added items for the agenda.

8 Any other business

When asked, M. oude Egbrink indicates that from the teachers' point of view, partly in the context of work pressure, it is not desirable to spread the resits of all courses throughout the year.

The Council notes that the UB in Randwyck is often overcrowded, bicycle racks are full and there is currently too little lab space for the new courses, and this while FHML continues to grow. The Council asks how the FHML Board is dealing with this.

The FHML director says that renovating Uns50 takes into account various developments within the FHML. For example, the new courses have been taken into account and more space is expected because of hybrid working. At the moment, renovations are taking place, which means some floors are out of use. The FHML does not expect huge growth in students and scientific initiatives in the coming years and does not foresee a space shortage in the long term.

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