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**Report public part of the 175th meeting of the Faculty Council FHML
 On Tuesday September 13th 2022
 Present:** see attendance list

0 Preliminary Meeting

- Installation of new members of the Council.

The new members are installed.

Yasemin Kaya is elected vice-chair of the student delegation.

- Introduction by Chair FHML Council.

The Chair makes an introduction about the work, powers and obligations of members of the Council and also refers to some basic documents in iBabs. The sheets with reference 22.2418 were added to the public part of the report.

1 Opening, announcements and setting of the agenda

The Chair opens the meeting.

2 Introduction new members FHML Council

The members of the FHML Council and the members of the Board introduce themselves briefly.

3 Introduction Dean – FHML Board

The Dean made a presentation on the organisation and developments of the faculty. The slides with reference 22.1756 have been added to the minutes.

4 Announcements of the Dean

The Dean has no announcements

5 Housing/area development and renovation Randwyck

The Director of FHML indicates that the agenda item housing/area development and new construction Randwyck building is one of the regular agenda items, where the Board informs the Council about the latest developments. The renovation of the Uns50 building will be discussed regularly. This is an operation in which almost all laboratories and offices will be renovated. This will be done in phases per floor which means that the complete renovation will take several years. Work will start on the South side.

Over time, due to various developments including the corona pandemic, the plans have changed and new ideas have emerged about the number of offices and labs needed, as well as the number of meeting places and the new laboratory animal facility.

The Council asks whether the renovation will affect the division of space between the different departments located at Uns50. The FHML director explains that every year the allocation key is re-examined on the basis of an inventory of the current space occupancy and the (paid) staffing levels of the departments, using July 1st as the reference date. The new calculation is then discussed individually with the Department Chairs. The developments around hybrid working may start to play a role in the allocation of spaces, but this is not taken into account for the time being, pending the results of the working group on hybrid working, which is studying the effects of hybrid working. The Director of FHML then indicates that relatively few home working agreements have been received to date and thus, he expects the effects to be limited. The Chairs of the Departments recently received information about the Uns50 accommodation in the Meeting of the Board FHML and the Department Chairs. If the Council is interested in this, this item could be put on the agenda for one of the Faculty Council meetings.

When asked, the Director of FHML indicates that noise pollution as a result of the renovations will be taken into account. The departments will be informed in good time.

When asked whether the lack of bicycle parking facilities could be looked into, the Director of FHML indicates that a plan for this is being developed at the UM level.

Finally, when asked, the Director of FHML indicates that the accommodation at the car park next to the Deb1 building is temporary. The student delegation indicates that there is a shortage of parking spaces for students.

6 Name change of Department of Medical Microbiology

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The Dean provides an explanation and, when asked, explains that the Department with the same name already exists within Maastricht UMC+, and that the name does not interfere with Immunology and that there are no plans to establish a department for this discipline.

On the basis of the discussion held, the Dean's explanation and the documents presented, the Board agrees to the proposal to change the name of the Department of Medical Microbiology to 'Medical Microbiology, Infectious Diseases and Infection Prevention' and to the corresponding amendment in the Faculty Regulations.

7 Coalition Agreement

The Dean informs the Council about the additional funds from OC&W for research budgets, amongst others. The UMCs have drawn up the so-called 'Sectorplan Medical and Health Sciences' for this purpose. It is expected that the FHML/MUMC+ will receive M€4.9, part of which should already be spent in 2022. The funds will be used to strengthen the themes of prevention, data-driven innovation and translational research. Attention will also be paid to striking the right balance between the number of staff in research and education. The Council will receive more information about this subject at a later stage.

In addition, extra resources will be made available for start-up and incentive grants for young academics. There is still much uncertainty about this, e.g. who exactly would be eligible for these grants. This will be worked out in more detail.

The Council will be kept informed about this as well.

8 Accreditation new programme Regenerative Medicine and Technology

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The programme coordinator, J. Bauer, provides an explanation about the new programme. Recently, the CDHO approved the macro-efficiency application, after which the accreditation procedure was started and work on the educational programme has continued.

The Council comments on the relatively short time-period for writing the research proposal. J. Bauer explains that the research proposal cannot be compared to a thesis. Students must show that they understand enough about the topic. J. Bauer adds to this, that the choice was made to make the internship period as long as possible, because the implementation phase is the most important.

In response to the internships, the Chair asks if any thought has been given to the period of the internships. Many internships of the educational programmes of both Medicine and BMS start in the second half of the 3rd academic year as well. As a result, there is already a shortage of internships. J. Bauer indicates that this fact has been considered. However, it is not practical to have the internship period start at the beginning of the academic year because of exchange programmes with other universities. There is frequent contact with companies and industry though, to create additional internships.

When asked, J. Bauer indicates that the programme does not compete with any of the BMS programmes. In fact, it concerns a different kind of students (different student profile). Besides the compulsory subjects of physics, chemistry and biology, mathematics B is also a requirement for admission to the programme because of engineering. This makes it the only programme within the FHML with mathematics B as a prerequisite. Marketing & Communication also adequately addresses the differences between this programme and the BMS courses. Regarding the number of students, the hope and expectation is that the programme will start with a relatively low number of students to ensure a smooth start. Moreover, sufficient lab capacity is needed, including a new type of lab and sufficient teachers. There are plans for two new labs on the Randwyck campus. When asked, J. Bauer explains that the planning of the assessments of the entire programme is complete.

The Council thinks it is an interesting programme and a nice addition to the total range of programmes within the FHML.

The Council does have concerns about the practical implementation of the programme. A recurring point of concern is the available lab capacity. With the start of this study programme, the pressure

on lab capacity in Randwyck will increase even further. Also, with the start of this programme, the demand for internships will further increase. Finally, the workload; without expansion, this programme will add to the workload of the current scientific staff (WP). The Council advises the Board to take a critical look at this.

Based on the discussion held, the explanation given by the Programme Coordinator and the documents presented, and taking the above comments into account, the Council advises positively on the file 'test new study programme' for the new Bachelor Regenerative Medicine and Technology.

9 Extra items for the agenda

There are no added items for the agenda.

10 Any other business

There is no other business at the moment.

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