

University Council: what exactly were we up to in 2023-24?

The University Council works closely with the Executive Board on all university affairs. Consisting of students, academic staff, and support staff, we regularly discuss new policies and current developments relating to strategy, research & education, and operations. We have briefly summarised last year's main efforts for you.

Diversity and inclusivity

- Advocated for the interests of **students with (invisible) disabilities, chronic conditions or neurodivergence**, through a working group that met with a number of stakeholders and made proposals
- Discussed the report of the **social safety** team for staff and students
- Advocated for improved **accessibility of UM buildings**
- Submitted a proposal to revise the **language policy** to prevent the exclusion of non-Dutch speakers



Research

- Discussed and questioned the **review framework International Cooperation and Knowledge Security**
- Was informed about the distribution of **Starters and Incentive Grants**
- Approved the plan to realise the **Brightlands Circular Space Facilities**



Education

- Monitored the implementation of **Quality Agreements and NPO funding**
- Approved funding for **UM Digital Labs**



UM and the world

- Was involved in the establishment of UM's **Global Engagement policy** and its ties with institutes in conflict zones
- Provided input on the realisation of the **Human Rights Due Diligence tool**

Student housing

- Contributed ideas on **student housing** with an eye on the growing student population



Future of UM

- Participated in the selection committee of the **new vice president** of the Executive Board
- Exchanged insights with the Executive Board on the **integration between UM and azM/MUMC+** and indicated points of attention going forward
- Closely followed developments in **internationalisation** and discussed the consequences for UM with the Executive Board



University Council Way of Working

- Installed a **Representation Communication Coordinator** to make the participatory bodies within UM more visible to the UM community.



Next year, the University Council will

- Play an important role in the development of the **Human Rights Due Diligence tool**
- Remain involved in the discussions surrounding the **integration between UM and azM/MUMC+**
- Keep an eye on the **internationalisation** debate and the implementation of the Internationalisation in Balance bill

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