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Approved version

**Public Report of the 192nd Meeting of the Faculty Council FHML
 On Tuesday, 11 June 2024**

Present: see attendance list

1. Opening, announcements and setting of the agenda

The Chair opens the meeting.

2a. Approval of the text of the public part of the report of the 191st Meeting dated 21 May 2024

24.0803o – dated 03-06-24 – minutes with annex

Refer to the approved version of the minutes with reference 24.0803/Io.

2b. Comments on the public part of the report

There are no comments.

3. Announcements by the Dean

The Dean informs the Council that on September 18, an artwork will be unveiled on a wall of the Co Greepzaal, Uns60. This artwork will feature images of all past Deans.

The Dean reports on a decision by the Minister of Education, Culture, and Science (OCW) to reduce the number of available Medicine training places nationwide by 66. This will negatively impact FHML's funding, with an estimated annual decrease of approximately €250,000 starting in 2025, leading to a structural reduction of €1.5 million by 2031. The NFU was not previously informed of this decision and reacted unpleasantly surprised. The exact number of places for Maastricht is not yet known.

The Dean also informs the Council about the dismissal of a professor from FHML. After extensive investigation and attempts to find a resolution, UM decided to initiate a dissolution procedure in court. This is not the preferred approach, and usually, such matters are resolved differently. At the Council's request, the Dean explains that the current procedures for handling conflicts are effective but often time-consuming, partly due to the complexity of the cases and the need for careful consideration in the interest of all parties involved. Continuous evaluations are conducted on how best to handle these matters.

4. Proposal regarding the partial continuation of NPO-education activities

24.0809 – dated 19-03-24 – FHML Institute of Education report

24.1137 – dated 07-05-24 – advice from the Programme Committee of Biomedical Sciences

24.1234 – dated 15-05-24 – advice from the Programme Committee of Health

24.1270 – dated 17-05-24 – advice from the Programme Committee of Medicine

M. oude Egbrink explains the proposal for the partial continuation of several activities related to NPO-education. Analysis shows that the demand for certain activities, such as support from student advisors and social activities, remains significant after the COVID-19 crisis. These activities will be monitored. The proposal has limited financial impact and funding will be structurally continued via Luik 2 funds.

The student delegation notes that the bachelor programme Health Sciences does not offer mentoring in the second and third year, and inquires whether this will change in the future. M. oude Egbrink confirms that a mentorship will indeed be included in the revised curriculum of Health Sciences, likely in combination with the introduction of a portfolio.

5. Education and Examination Regulations and Rules & Guidelines for the Biomedical Sciences Programmes for Academic Year 2024-2025

24.0685 – dated 30-05-24 – Dean's letter with annexes

The Education and Examination Regulations and Rules & Guidelines for the Biomedical Sciences programmes for the academic year 2024-2025 are discussed.

Based on the documents and the discussion within the Council, the Council approves the Education and Examination Regulations for the Biomedical Sciences programmes, academic year 2024-2025.

6. Education and Examination Regulations and Rules & Guidelines for the Health Sciences Programmes for Academic Year 2024-2025

24.0788 – dated 31-05-24 – Dean's letter with annexes

The Education and Examination Regulations and Rules & Guidelines for the Health Sciences programmes for the academic year 2024-2025 are discussed.

The Council inquires about the adjustments related to 'Disability'. M. oude Egbrink explains that these changes have been implemented across UM due to the obligations UM has in this area, and these are also reviewed during accreditations. However, these changes do bring an additional workload, about which the vice-Deans have expressed their concerns to the Executive Board. The number of students with disabilities is increasing.

The Council primarily reviewed the changes from previous versions. The programme for the master's in Healthcare Policy, Innovation, and Management has been significantly adjusted, resulting in a new Education and Examination Regulation. The Council appreciates if future new 'OERs' (Dutch abbreviation of 'Education and Examination Regulation(s)') are presented in a separate cover letter.

Based on the documents and the discussion within the Council, the Council approves the Education and Examination Regulations for the Health Sciences programmes, academic year 2024-2025.

7. Education and Examination Regulations and Rules & Guidelines for the Master of Science Programme in Health Professions Education (MHPE) for Academic Year 2024-2025

24.0790 – dated 03-06-24 – Dean's letter with annexes

The Education and Examination Regulations and Rules & Guidelines for the Master of Science programme in Health Professions Education (MHPE) for the academic year 2024-2025 are discussed.

The Council has a textual comment on Article 6.4 of the Education and Examination Regulation. The dates mentioned in this article are incorrect and should be adjusted to the academic year 2024-2025.

Based on the documents and the discussion within the Council, the Council approves the Education and Examination Regulations for the Master of Science programme in Health Professions Education, academic year 2024-2025.

8. Education and Examination Regulations and Rules & Guidelines for the Bachelor Programme in Regenerative Medicine and Technology for Academic Year 2024-2025

24.0686 – dated 08-05-24 – Dean's letter with annexes

The Education and Examination Regulations and Rules & Guidelines for the Bachelor Programme in Regenerative Medicine and Technology for the academic year 2024-2025 are discussed.

Based on the documents and the discussion within the Council, the Council approves the Education and Examination Regulations for the Bachelor Programme in Regenerative Medicine and Technology, academic year 2024-2025.

9. Housing/area development and new construction in Randwyck

The Director of FHML reports that the Executive Board has decided to introduce new housing rates. For FHML, this will also mean a new lab rate, which will be implemented during the upcoming renovation. Furthermore, the investment calendar has been fully aligned with FHML's needs.

The computer landscape will be moved to the Endepolsdomein and modernised in collaboration with FPN and FSE. Additionally, the "Groene Loper" will be extended to Randwyck, contributing to an improved campus environment.

9.a. Risk Inventory and Evaluation of offices at Duboisdomein 30

CRU24.0062/I – dated 22.04-24 – Risk Inventory and Evaluation

The Risk Inventory & Evaluation (RI&E) concerning the offices at Duboisdomein 30 (Dub30) is discussed in the presence of the FHML Facilities Manager, D. Vertommen, during which the Council is informed of the findings.

Employees have reported discomfort regarding indoor climate conditions, particularly the temperature, within the offices of the FHML departments housed in Dub30. To assess the nature and extent of the problem, temperature measurements will need to be carried out by Facility Services (FS). Based on the results, FS will implement measures to ensure a healthy and comfortable indoor climate. Regarding complaints of cold temperatures, it has been advised to evaluate the impact of adjusted temperature settings related to energy-saving measures, as these may exacerbate complaints of feeling cold. Current policy stipulates that heating is turned off at a certain point each year across UM, which can lead to uncomfortably low temperatures. The Director of FHML will discuss this issue with FS.

9.b. Risk Inventory and Evaluation of Offices at Peter Debyeplein 1

CRU24.0063/I – dated 22.04-24 – Risk Inventory and Evaluation

The Risk Inventory & Evaluation (RI&E) concerning the offices at Peter Debyeplein 1 (Deb1) is discussed in the presence of the FHML Facilities Manager, D. Vertommen, during which the Council is informed of the findings.

The indoor climate conditions within the offices of the FHML departments housed in Deb1 have been reported as uncomfortable, with temperatures being perceived as too high for extended periods in nearly all spaces. Temperature calculations, carried out by Royal Haskoning DHV on behalf of FS, confirm the employees' complaints. Due to the structural nature of the problem, organisational measures such as the UM heat protocol are not effective. To ensure a healthy indoor climate for employees that complies with current Occupational Health and Safety regulations, technical building measures need to be implemented promptly. The Executive Board has ordered further investigation into this matter.

10. Additional Agenda Items

There are no additional agenda items.

11. Any Other Business

The Dean notes that the Randwyck University Library has reopened. The formal reopening ceremony will take place in September.

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