

**Report on the public part of the 205th meeting of the FHML Council
on Tuesday, 9 September 2025
Present: see attendance list**

0 Preliminary consultation

- Installation of new council members.

The new council members are installed.

- Election of chair and vice-chair of the Council

One candidate, I. de Jong, has put himself forward for the chairmanship of the council. He has served three two-year terms as vice-chairman. The council supports his candidacy, which will see him take on the chairmanship for an initial term of two years.

Council member I. van der Putten has made herself available for the role of vice-chair. Her candidacy is also supported by the council. She will start in this role for an initial term of two years.

Within the student section, student E. van der Veen has put herself forward as a candidate for the vice-chairmanship. The council wholeheartedly supports her candidacy. She will fulfil this role for a term of one year.

- Introductory speech by the chair of the FHML council

The Vice-Chair gives an introduction to the work, powers and obligations of the council members and also refers to some basic documents in iBabs. The slides have been added to the public section of the report with reference number 25.2199.

1. Opening, announcements and adoption of the agenda

The Vice-Chair opens the meeting.

2. Introduction of new FHML Council members

The new members of the council briefly introduce themselves. The student members mention the themes which they would like to discuss during this academic year.

3. Introduction by the Dean

The Dean gives a presentation in which the organisation of the FHML is explained in detail. The slides have been added to the public section of the report with reference number 25.1547.

4. Announcements by the Dean

The Dean has no announcements.

5. Integration of quality agreements accountability into regular QA cycle and continuation of ambitions

-25.1464 – dated 02-09-25 – letter from the Dean with appendix

Now that the funds for the Quality Agreements will be included in the overall budget from now on, the Council wonders how it can be monitored and checked that these funds actually continue to contribute to the quality of education.

The director of FHML explains that accountability will henceforth be based on a single integrated 'pot', but that there will remain a clear separation between education and research. The FHML budget will show how the funds are accounted for. When asked, he further indicates that the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science has determined that separate accountability is no longer necessary. This also means that the Small Committee, which previously met twice a year specifically for this purpose, will be discontinued. The quality of the new curriculum remains guaranteed within the regular programme, partly thanks to the involvement of students in the various committees. When asked, the Vice-Dean of Education adds that the evaluation of quality assurance takes place at domain level, together with the programme director and programme coordinators. He emphasises the importance of students completing the evaluation forms.

Furthermore, a council member notes that in theme 1, the tutor groups contain a maximum of 10–15 students, whereas this has previously been adjusted to 10–12 students for the FHML. There is some uncertainty about the current agreement; the Vice-Dean of Education will inquire about this.

The council attaches great importance to ensuring that the use of funds in the FHML budget is sufficiently transparent and clear, so that monitoring remains possible.

Based on the discussion, the explanations provided by the director of FHML and the vice-dean of Education, and the documents presented, the council recommends approval of the plan to integrate the UM quality agreements for 2019-2024 into the faculty's (quality assurance) cycles and to continue pursuing the ambitions.

6. Proposal to discontinue the 'Biomedical Imaging' specialisation of the Master's programme in BioMedical Sciences (BMS)

-25.1289 – dated 02-09-25 – letter from the Dean with appendices.

The Vice-Dean for Education explains the proposal to discontinue the specialisation in Biomedical Imaging within the Master's programme in BioMedical Sciences with effect from the 2026-2027 academic year.

Student interest has remained structurally low in recent years (fewer than ten students per year). As a result, it is no longer feasible to offer the specialisation as an independent study programme. The intention is not to lose the knowledge and expertise in the field of Biomedical Imaging, but to embed it in other areas of the Master's programme and, where relevant, in courses from other programmes. This will preserve the content and allow the subject to remain in the spotlight in a smart way, without unnecessarily increasing the study load.

During the discussion, the council emphasised that Biomedical Imaging is a valuable programme and that the expertise associated with it must remain closely involved in the further development of the curriculum. In addition, the council endorsed the recommendation of the Programme Committee to carefully monitor the study load for both students and staff during the generic embedding process.

Based on the discussion, the explanation provided by the Vice-Dean of Education and the documents presented, the Council recommends approval of the proposal to discontinue the 'Biomedical Imaging' specialisation within the Master's programme in BioMedical Sciences with effect from the 2026-2027 academic year.

7. Additional agenda items

There are no additional agenda items.

8. Any other business

-The student representatives inquire about the status of recording knowledge clips to replace lectures. Students sometimes experience a mismatch between their learning needs and the content of certain lectures, which are also often perceived as tedious, particularly in the field of Medicine. The Vice-Dean for Education says he will look into this, but also emphasises the importance of completing programme evaluations, as these provide valuable feedback for lecturers. It is agreed to put this topic on the agenda for one of the next council meetings, possibly in combination with a presentation by the Vice-Dean for Education on measures to reduce the workload in education.

-A comment has been made about the limited parking facilities at the Randwyck campus, particularly on rainy days. The director of FHML will pass this comment on to the Facility Services department.

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