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**Report public part of the 185th meeting of the Faculty Council FHML
On Tuesday September 12th 2023
Present:** see attendance list

0 Preliminary meeting

- Installation of new members of the Faculty Council.
The new members are installed.

- Election of chair and vice-chair of the Council

There is one candidate for the presidency of the Council. B. Houben would like to continue as a chair. The Council supports his candidature. He will hold the presidency for a third two-year term. One member of the Council has applied for the position of vice-chair. I. de Jong would like to continue as a vice-chair. The Council supports his candidature. He will assume the vice-presidency for a third two-year term.

No candidate has yet come forward from the student section. The chair asks the student delegation to decide on this in the near future.

- Introduction by the Chair of the FHML Council

The chair gives a presentation about the work, powers and obligations of the members of the Council and refers to some basic documents in iBabs. The slides are added to the public part of the report with reference 23.2615.

- Language during meetings

After the elections, last May, it emerged that one of the elected student members is non-Dutch-speaking. The student only discovered after the elections that the language of communication during meetings as well as 95% of all documents is in Dutch. Before the summer, we discussed this with the student, the chair and the vice-chair. The Council also checked with the dean whether translation into English of all documents would be possible. The dean however has indicated that this is currently not possible due to staff shortages. During the preliminary meeting, this is being discussed within the Council. In the end, the members of the Council have decided on a hybrid model in terms of language used during meetings. Thus, the student will prepare the meetings and documents together with a Dutch-speaking student member.

1 Opening, announcements and setting of the agenda

The Chair opens the meeting.

2 Introduction new members FHML Council

The new members of the Council introduce themselves briefly.

3 Introduction Dean/Vice-Dean

The Dean briefly introduces herself and presents the organisation of the FHML. The slides are added to the public part of the report with reference 23.1924. M. oude Egbrink explains the slide about the organisation chart of the FHML Institute for Education with the corresponding bodies. She notes that student input is declining compared to a number of years ago, and asks the student section for suggestions as to what the Institute for Education can do to increase student input again. The student section feels that student positions are not sufficiently promoted and/or visible. M. oude Egbrink indicates however that promoting certain positions and initiatives has not changed over the years.

4 Explanation Dean/Vice-Dean concerning Vision and Strategy document 'Healthy Living 2025'

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The vice-dean presents the Vision and Strategy Document 'Health Living 2025'. The slides are attached to the public part of the report with reference 23.1925.

The vice-dean explains that the present Strategy Document 'Healthy Living 2025' is a vision and strategy of the Maastricht UMC+ Board, which was already released in 2019, but was further explicitly elaborated mid-2023. Strategic alignment with the hospital may become easier in the future as an exploration of further integration between the hospital and UM is currently taking place.

When asked, the vice-dean indicates that a limited number of portfolio areas will be chosen to focus on. The remaining portfolios will be put on hold for a while. The dean adds that the portfolio areas are chosen based on a number of criteria. The positioning of the research institutes and the choices in education are integrally included in the portfolios. When asked, the vice-dean indicates that the innovation circle is part of the Healthy Living 2025 document.

For more information on the exploration of the proposed further integration between UM and Maastricht UMC+, the dean refers to UMPLOYEE. A question session was recently held with R. Letschert, H. Mertens and quartermaster D. Schmidt. This livestream can be watched again on UMPLOYEE. Finally, the dean indicates, that the Council will be carefully included in this whole process. Asked about a possible joint CAO (collective labour agreement), she indicates that it is too early to speculate about this, as it is still in the exploration phase.

5 Announcements Dean

There are no announcements.

6 Housing/area development and new construction Randwyck

-a) State of affairs renovation Uns50

D. Vertommen, buildings manager and R. Bartholomé, Uns50 renovation project leader, give a presentation on the state of affairs regarding housing in the Uns40 and -50 buildings. Several projects are underway as part of the Uns50 renovation and, consequently, the renovation of the laboratory animal facility (CPV). The starting point was to use the existing housing area as efficiently as possible, which means that, among other things, the use of shared facilities and hybrid working are being looked at. It also anticipates the new Regenerative Medicine and Technology bachelor's programme. The aim is to set up labs in a uniform way so that other courses can also use them. The slides have been added to the public part of the report with reference CRU23.0183.

The chair has heard that departments are being allocated fewer square metres of space and has also picked up (unofficially) that a number of specific departments at level 5 will have to give up a huge amount of square metres. When asked, D. Vertommen confirms that the standard for the number of square metres of office space had been adjusted from 10m² to 8m². This new norm has been carefully analysed. On the one hand this has to do with observations of the occupancy rate, and on the other hand with dividing spaces more efficiently. This was communicated earlier and, for specific groups, will be subject of further consultation with the building manager. It is up to the departments themselves to make a new division.

The Council wonders whether the possibility to provide workspaces for students who are doing an internship has been considered. Departments will not be able to provide for this in the current 'scarcity model'. Moreover, it seems that relatively many people work in the office rather than at home. The vice-dean indicates that there is a wide variety of ways of working from home among the different departments. The FHML Board is open to concerns/reasoning as a result of which there are discussions between department chairs and the Board on a regular basis.

Furthermore, the chair asks whether expansion to other buildings is possible, given the growth of the faculty and (the number of) new study programmes. As an example, he indicates that a recent education programme (WESP start week) was forced to stay online because there was insufficient teaching space available.

The director of FHML explains that additional study places as well as teaching facilities are being realised in the former MSM building on the Endepolsdomein. When asked, M. oude Egbrink indicates that it is currently not possible to facilitate interactive education. However, work is in progress on the construction of 'sliding walls' in the teaching group rooms, so that rooms can be made larger and smaller. Furthermore, M. oude Egbrink indicates that new teaching programmes should be reported to the FHML Institute for Education in good time, as rooms are allocated on the basis of a schedule, and preferred times cannot be honoured in all cases.

D. Vertommen explains, when asked, that the new CPV (laboratory animal facility) will have the same functionality as initially conceived in the new building. R. Bartholomé agrees that less lab space will be needed when the different labs are shared among users (shared facilities). Concrete steps at present include certain groups making joint use of the ML1 and ML2 labs. This will be monitored in the coming years. The Council indicates that some equipment is used jointly, such as the Microscopy Core Lab, and asks whether knowledge sharing of the equipment is also being considered. The director of FHML indicates that this is definitely being considered. J. Wildberger, member of the Board, is responsible for this specific subject in his portfolio. One example is the centralised stem cell facility.

The Council asks whether attention will be paid to the exterior of the campus or the Bamboo Garden. D. Vertommen indicates that the renovation projects focus primarily on the inside of the buildings. The vice-dean indicates that the development of the Randwyck area is at the top of the agenda of the municipality in Maastricht. The Bamboo Garden can be handled by the faculty itself, separate from the Uns50 renovation. However, at the moment the Uns50 renovation is taking up much, or all, of the time and money.

When asked, D. Vertommen informs the Council about the status of the work being done on the University Library. The glass roof, the fire alarm system and the lighting system are currently being renovated, which is scheduled to be completed by the end of December. The director of FHML adds that an upgrade of the interior of the building will take place after that. A working group has been installed for this upgrade, in which two students are involved as well. The same number of study places will return to the University Library and, in addition, 150 (extra) study places will remain structural in the former MSM building on the Endepolsdomein.

7 Compensatie leden Faculteitsraad FHML

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In response to the letter before him, the vice-dean indicates that the amounts for WP and OBP members' compensation were/are indeed indexed annually. However, this has not been recorded in writing since 2007. The FHML Council will receive a letter with the current amounts.

8 Extra items for the agenda

There are no extra items on the agenda

9 Any other business

The chairman informs the Council that the next meeting of the FHML Council will be cancelled and the annual dinner will be postponed to the meeting of 7 November 2023.

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