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Meeting minutes

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Subject

Executive Board meeting

Present

D.C. van den Boom (acting president), H.M. Amman, H.M. de Jong, L. Schmidt (student assessor), G.M. van Velzen, E.A.M. Crijnen (minutes)

Absent

C.E. du Perron

1. Minutes of the Executive Board meeting of 21 September 2015

The minutes were adopted with some amendments to the text.

2. Announcements

- *Review of Amsterdam Economic Board strategy day held on 25 September 2015*: Amman said that the Amsterdam Economic Board, in consultation with its partners, recently formulated five metropolitan and societal challenges for the Amsterdam metropolitan region: a) Health b) Digital Connectivity c) Mobility d) Circular Economy and e) Jobs of the Future. Over the coming period, attention will be focused on these challenges and on the already existing eight clusters. During the strategy day, Amman stated that the universities (AUAS, UvA and VU) will remain committed to being the ‘motor’ for the programmes Human Capital Agenda and International Talent Acquisition, both of which will probably be grouped under the ‘Jobs of the Future’ challenge. As for the other challenges, he sees several opportunities for the AUAS and UvA, but for the time being the universities will not take a leading role in these. De Jong added that today he would lead the executive management table at the work event *Werk maken van talent* (Advancing Talent) taking place under the auspices of the Human Capital programme. All those holding an employment portfolio in the municipalities of the Amsterdam metropolitan area will be attending.
- *Vacancy, Executive Board, Duitsland Instituut, University of Amsterdam*: The Executive Board discussed the vacancy on the Board of the Duitsland Instituut. Van den Boom will contact Nijhuis on this matter.

3. Reform agenda

- Van den Boom indicated having spoken with Mr Van Moorsel (chair) and Mr Eiff (vice-chair) about decision-making on the facilitation of the Committee on Finance and Real Estate. It is expected that the Executive Board will decide soon (outside this meeting) on this matter. A similar decision will be taken in due course on the facilitation of the Democratisation Committee.

4. Appointment of professor of Clinical Genetics at the Faculty of Medicine (AMC-UvA)

The Executive Board approved the appointment of Prof. E.J. Meijers Heijboer as a professor of Clinical Genetics at the Faculty of Medicine (AMC-UvA) for a 19/38 portion of the full-time working hours and for a period of five years.

5. Appointment of a professor by special appointment of Biomaterials Analysis, endowed by the Foundation Bèta Plus, at the Faculty of Science

The Executive Board approved the appointment of Dr R. Peters as a professor by special appointment of Biomaterials Analysis for the Foundation Bèta Plus at the Faculty of Science for a 7.6/38 portion of the normal working hours.

6. Deviating fees, institutional tuition fee rate 2016 – 2017

The Executive Board decided in favour of the proposal of the Committee on institutional tuition fees regarding the exceptions in the 2015-2016 Enrolment Provisions. Schmidt asked to what extent attempts were made, in calculating the tuition fees, to meet a request from students to see the actual costs of a study programme next to the institutional tuition fees. Amman replied that a calculation is provided in the annexes of total revenues vs. total costs per student to ascertain whether the opportunity costs are appropriate as a basis for the tuition fees. The overall calculation shows that the average cost for the UvA amounts to €14,700 per student and that the average revenues per student are also approximately €14,700. From this it can be concluded that the opportunity costs, in terms of lost government funding and tuition fees, can be used for calculating the institutional tuition fees.

7. Reorganisation plan, Amsterdam Institute for Lifelong Learning in Education (*Centrum Nascholing Amsterdam*)

The Executive Board discussed the draft reorganisation plan for the CNA. De Jong said that he will meet today with the president of the *Domein Onderwijs en Opvoeding* (School of Education and Upbringing) to discuss the transfer of responsibility for the management/leadership of CNA, in light of the director's departure, including the transfer of activities and the redeployment of redundant staff.

8. Programme for 2016 working visits

The Executive Board discussed the proposal for the programme of the working visits to faculties in 2016. Diverging from the proposal, it was agreed that the visits - in coordination with the faculties - would be organised around current, faculty themes/topics. The idea is to organise the visits for a broad faculty audience, including students, with sufficient time for the exchange of ideas. Unlike in previous years, the visits will last for two hours provided there is sufficient reason. Van den Boom will oversee agenda-setting. The Board will discuss this proposal at the next Central Executive Council with the deans.

9. Management meetings

- a. *Timetable, representative advisory bodies*. There were no remarks about the timetable.
- b. *Timetable, Supervisory Boards*: There were no remarks about the timetable.
- c. *Draft report, VSNU Steering Committee Education, 10 June 2015*: There were no remarks about the draft report.
- d. *Draft report, Periodic Consultation, Alumni Relations and University Fund (BAU), 15 June 2015*: There were no remarks about the draft report.
- e. *Report, VSNU General Board, 11 September 2015*. There were no remarks about the report.
- f. *Draft report, UvA Central Executive Council, 17 September 2015*: There were no remarks about the draft report.
- g. *Agenda, Education Steering Committee, 30 September 2015*: Van den Boom indicated that, as yet, not all Dutch universities are aligned with regard to the reorganisation of the

university teacher training programme. This is an absolute requirement of the Minister before she decides to proceed with restructuring. There were no further remarks about the agenda.

- h. *Draft agenda, Central Executive Council (CBO), 15 October 2015:* The signing of the core agreements with the faculties remains on the agenda. Should it appear that it is still too early, then this agenda item will be pushed to the next CBO. Van den Boom will ask Van Dissel if he can give a presentation on the cooperative initiatives of the FEB and the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. Schmidt indicated she would like to attend this CBO.

10. Areas of concern and action lists

- a. *Areas of concern:* There were no remarks about the list of areas of concern.
- b. *Timetable, Executive Board meetings.* There were no remarks concerning the timetable.

11. Any other business

Van den Boom proposed scheduling an informal meeting with the executive branch of the Central Student Council (CSR) and the Central Works Council (COR), including the financial committees of both bodies, to further discuss the 2016 Framework Letter.

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