Jan de Boer as acting director of Education: “Focus on ongoing matters”

On 1 July 2016 Jan de Boer, Professor of Theoretical Physics, was appointed to the Faculty’s management team as acting director of Education. While continuing his other duties, he will take on this role until 1 January or earlier, as soon as the position is filled permanently. Considering the brevity of his appointment, De Boer’s main focus is on managing ongoing affairs. ‘I’m not here to make any drastic decisions,’ he says. ‘However, there are some matters that simply cannot wait, such as the pre-investments for education and following-up on the recommendations made by the 10-point plan working groups.’

He also mentions the collaboration with VU Amsterdam as a matter that will have his attention. ‘We’ve come a long way in developing the content, quality and visibility of our joint portfolio of science education in the past two years, but it is important that we continue to make progress.’

In case you missed it…

If you were busy studying for exams or just started your first year, you may have missed that Prof. Peter van Tienderen was appointed acting dean after Prof. Karen Maex left in June to become rector magnificus.

Van Tienderen was already vice-dean and member of the Faculty’s management team, charged with the Research and Valorisation portfolios. In addition, he continues to be closely involved with the collaboration with the science faculties of VU Amsterdam.

In related news, the executive boards of UvA and VU Amsterdam have decided that the respective faculties of science will be headed by two separate deans going forward, which was also the express wish of the Faculty Student Council and the Works Council. The recruitment process for a new dean of our faculty is currently in progress.