

University Council: what exactly were we up to in 2022-23?

The University Council works closely with the Executive Board on all university affairs. Consisting of students, academic staff, and support staff, we regularly discuss new policies and current developments relating to strategy, research & education, and operations. We have briefly summarised last year's main efforts for you.



Sustainability

- Approved over €27 million in **Sustainable Investments in Real Estate** to reduce UM's carbon footprint
- Provided input on eliminating **Paper Cups**
- Discussed improved **Recycling**, and put **Ecological Soap** on the agenda

Diversity and Inclusion

- Helped shape UM's contribution to the national debate on **Internationalisation**
- Reviewed **Diversity and Inclusion** activities to promote a safe and welcoming community
- Demanded publication of key statistics on **Gender Distribution of Roles at UM** to promote equity and fairness



Education

- Participated in the **Smarter Academic Year** project to reduce staff work pressure
- Monitored implementation of **Quality Agreements and NPO Funding**
- Brainstormed with the Executive Board about **AI in Education**

Social & Sexual Safety

- Discussed the implementation and revision of **Sexual and Social Safety Procedures**
- Provided input for the **Mandatory Sexual Safety Trainings** for students



University Council Way of Working

- Revised the University Council **Rules of Procedure**

Work Pressure and Recognition & Rewards

- Lobbied for a more attractive **D4/Teaching Fellow policy**, incl. more permanent contracts
- Provided input for the distribution of **Starter Grants** for assistant professors
- Monitored implementation of **Recognition & Rewards**, also for support staff, to value everyone's contribution to UM
- Pressed for **Sustainable Employability Monitor** measures, to make UM a more attractive employer



Student Facilities

- Approved over €350,000 per year for **New Learning Spaces** in Randwyck and the inner city
- Approved eligibility of international students for **Student Support Funding**
- Got **Microwaves** installed in Inner City Library and at UM Sports
- Ensured more students receive **Board Months** for their contribution to student associations

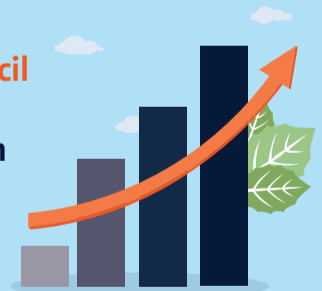


Strategic Cooperation

- Exchanged insights with the Executive Board on **Strategic Cooperation with Radboud University**

And next year the University Council

- Will play a key role in exploring possibilities for **Cooperation with Academic Hospital Maastricht**
- Will discuss implications of **Internationalisation** debate



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