

Annual Report University Council

Academic Year 2021-2022

Composition of the Council in 2020-2021

The University Council (UC) consisted of 20 members in 2021-2022, with ten people from the student delegation (Isabel Groenen, Charlotte Lenhard, Lotte Meerhoff, Alexandra Panou, Stephan Seijsener, Moritz Maximillian Takacs, Stijn Vinken, Iris de Visser, Bram Dela Haije, Freddy Leppert (Chair Strategy Committee)), four from the support staff delegation (Collin Prumpeler, Nathalie Dirks, Maarten van Wesel, Wilma Klinkhamer (Chair Operations committee)), and six from the scientific staff delegation (Vanessa Lapointe, Katlijn Haesebrouck, Luana Russo, Mark Govers, Jenny Schell (Chair of R&E committee), Kim Kuypers (Chair confidential committee of the UC)).

The Council was chaired by A. Kluveld (chair) and L. Meerhoff (vice-chair 01-09-2020-15-11-2020), Moritz Maximillian Takacs (vice-chair from 15-11-2020-31-08-2021).

Public meetings of the Council

In 2022 the University Council (UC) met **nine** times in its **plenary** meeting to discuss a list of topics (see **list 1** below). The presidium met weekly to discuss the daily business of the UC. The members of the **Strategy** committee met **seven** times, those of **Research and Education** and **Operations** met each **ten** times to discuss topics that were either discussed only in the respective committees (see **list 2** below) or were put on the agenda of the plenary meeting. The confidential committee of the UC discussed the nomination for the honorary doctorate and the Tanspenning. It was also part of the selection committee for the new rector.

Dates of council meetings

The plenary meetings took place three times in 2021 (22-09; 20-10; 24-11) and six times in 2022(26-01; 23-02; 23-03; 20-04; 25-05; 29-06). The committee meetings took place four times in 2021 (08-09 (not Strategy); 06-10 (not Strategy); 10-11; 08-12) and six times in 2022 (12-01; 09-02; 09-03 (not Strategy); 06-04; 11-05; 15-06).

Internal meetings

Next to the official meetings, the UC also organized **two theme days**, to discuss internal workings and brainstorm about predefined topics. These theme days took place on October 13, 2021, and April 13, 2022. The UC also traditionally met twice with the Supervisory Board to exchange ideas in February and June.

Summary in February and June

The UC discussed a wide range of themes concerning UM policies, progress reports of running projects, the initiation of new projects, planned investments, and the budget, amongst other. A full list of the public topics is shown below with the annotation whether it was only to discuss/take note/to be updated, or to additionally give advice or consent. Next to that three letters were sent by the UC to the EB, and they were also discussed plenary: Student housing (student delegation), Student wellbeing (student delegation), Reaction to letter UC regarding the budget.

Future outlook

The UC aims to improve its communication, to inform the UM community about what we are doing, to focus on work pressure and digitalization.

List 1. Public topics on the plenary agenda

- Corona updates and consequences; Safety protocol; Verschoningskader (recurring, for information)
- Racism overview of current situation and action plans (Take note)
- Information Security Policy and Acceptable Use Policies (AUP's) (Consent)
- Investment calendar (Advice)
- Format/design of the budget (Take note); T8 report (Take note);
- Strategic developments (Update)
- Brightlands Smart Services Campus (For information)
- Proposal for new QA initiatives: UM Advising optimizing the student experience & Technology-Enhanced Education program (Approve new funding QA and take note of draft new study places)
- Additional admission requirements in the context of educational concept of the European Law School (Advice)
- Student housing (For information)
- Sexual violence (For information)
- Research data management (For information)
- Campus Venlo (For information)
- Student wellbeing and BSA (Discussion)
- Electoral rules (Consent)
- Not My Debt Campaign (Discussion)
- Vision of the UM on the digital society (Take note)
- (Re) appointment of chairs and academic staff members of the Board of Appeal for Examinations (CBE) (Consent)
- Enrolment Provisions 2022-2023 (Take note)
- Accessibility of buildings and facilities of Maastricht University (For information)
- (Re) appointment of the members of the Observant Committee (Consent)
- Numerus fixus bachelor BMS (Take note & Advice)
- Language Policy (Take note)
- NPO progress update (Take note)
- Accessibility of buildings (For information)
- UM Platform research ethics and integrity (For information)
- Student charter (Approve)
- UM Annual Management Report 2021 (Take note)
- 'Profileringfonds' Regulation for students at Maastricht University 2022-2023 (Accept proposed changes)
- Administrative months (Consent)
- Joint regulation 2022-2028 Interuniversity Centre for Educational Science (Advice)
- Regulations on Selection for Bachelor's Programmes with restricted intake 2023/2024 (Advice)
- 2023 Funding Framework Memorandum UM (Consent)
- Annual Report 2021 (Advice)
- Recognition & Reward (Advice)
- Election evaluation (Discuss)
- Update Action Plan Sustainable Employability (Take note)
- Institutional Tuition Fees 2023-2024 (Advice)

The Speaker's quarter was used once by someone to bring 'StudentenStad' under the attention.

List 2. Extra topics discussed in the respective committee meetings

The members of the **Strategy** committee met **seven** times to discuss topics with the president. ITK/CeQuInt mid-term review; Artificial intelligence; VSNU & YUFE update; UM scholarship policy implementation plan 2022-2025; Cooperation of Maastricht University with Zuyd University; Formulation of annual Strategic Programme plans; Leadership programme; Social Safety proposal;

The members of the **Research and Education** committee met **ten** times to discuss topics with the rector; Diversity & Inclusivity; Tuitionfee waver; ITK – CeQuint; Taskforce sustainable employability; Overview education groups @ UM; Quality Agreements Calendar 2021 – 2022; Implementation NPO means; Disability guidelines; Academic pipeline; National Survey for Research Integrity; Global Citizenship education; Graduate Survey; Educational Support; Difficulties for FC/UC student members combining Council meetings and Educational Responsibilities; Open Science; Effects of BSA; Sustainability minor; Extracurricular activities; Update PBL training for master students; Spring report quality agreements; CPD

The members of the **Operations** committee met **ten** times to discuss topics with the vice-president. Absenteeism figures 2020 ; Dashboard Renewal of business operations ; Additional resources - investment in HR and IT ; Follow up Actions Task Force Sustainable Employability ; Leave hours; Issues for cross border workers; Taskforce sustainable UM; Stability IT-systems; Consequences coalition agreement for UM Status update Knowledge axis projects; MECC update; Test Vision; Future of working @UM; Bricks & Bites; Themes I-domain / I-focus; Energy management Program; Brightlands Letter Ministry