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Approved version

**Public Report of the 189th Meeting of the Faculty Council FHML on Tuesday,
March 12th, 2024**

Present: see attendance list

1 Opening, announcements and setting of the agenda

The Chair opens the meeting.

**2a Adoption of the Text of the Public Part of the Report of the 188th Meeting Dated
February 20th, 2024.**

- 24.0244o - dated 29-02-24- report with attachment

See the approved version of the report with reference 24.0244/Io.

2b. Comments on the Public Part of the Report

A textual change is made to agenda item 4. The sentence: 'The director of FHML indicates that work on the practice labs in Uns50 has started on time' contains an inaccuracy. The word 'Uns50' is replaced by Uns40.

Several textual changes are made to agenda item 5. The words 'years 2 and 3' are added to the phrase: '...it was assumed that mentors were not necessary'.

The word: 'Working group Assessment' is replaced by 'Taskforce Assessment'.

Contrary to what is mentioned in the text, one working group has been established regarding the portfolio system. A second working group will be established at a later time. This is adjusted textually.

The word 'Pebble' is changed to 'PebblePad', the new UM-wide portfolio system.

3. Announcements by the Dean

The Dean informs the Council about the recently held Town Hall meeting on side activities and conflicts of interest. The Dean emphasizes the importance of this topic and thanks the Observant for the clear article on this matter. Some Council members found the meeting interesting.

The Director of FHML reports that some requests following the Christmas wishes initiative of the FHML Board will be granted. Picnic benches will be placed in various locations, and the use of stairs will be encouraged. Regarding the wishes regarding prices and such in the Mensa, it is noted that nothing can be done for now due to ongoing contracts. However, this issue is being discussed at UM level.

4. Housing/area development and new construction Randwyck

The Director of FHML reports that the Municipality of Maastricht has invited Maastricht University to discuss the plans for the 'Groene Loper'. The proposal is to involve Randwyck in the Goene Loper, which is considered a positive development.

Furthermore, the Director of FHML announces that the RI&E's (risk inventories and evaluations) of the various buildings and the ARBO annual report will soon be presented to the Council.

Finally, the Director of FHML informs the Council about the positive progress of some renovation works. To further expedite the process, additional support from Facility Services is required. Discussions on this matter are ongoing.

5. Monitoring implementation plans NPO measures 2023

-24.0217 - dated 02-08-24 - note P. Schoonbrood

The present note is discussed.

The Director of FHML explains that UM must report to the Ministry of OCW on the completed projects of the NPO funds. The report will be submitted to the Faculty Council for approval. The Chairman of the Council notes a minor inaccuracy in the financial overview, to which the Director of FHML confirms that it is a rounding error.

The student section asks about the reason for discontinuing extra assistance to students in using software and technical systems. M. oude Egbrink explains that this measure was introduced due to the shift to online education as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The situation has now returned to normal.

Regarding the return on investment of the NPO funds for research, the Dean indicates that these funds have been very useful and have led to successful completion of doctoral trajectories. No significant issues have emerged in the Planning & Control discussions with the scientific directors, and the Dean has also not received any signals that doctoral candidates are lagging behind. The Dean confirms that relatively few NPO funds have gone to the hospital due to the lower number of doctoral candidates appointed there.

M. oude Egbrink adds that the NPO funds for education have helped to eliminate backlogs and reduce waiting times at study advisors. There is consideration of continuing the increased deployment of student advisors partly and including it in the integrated budget.

Based on the discussions held, the explanations given, and the documents presented, the Council advises positively on the note monitoring implementation plans NPO measures 2023.

6. Revised Faculty Regulations FHML

-24.0295 - dated 03-05-24 - letter from the Dean with attachments

The revised Faculty Regulations FHML are reviewed page by page.

In general

The Council requests that references to attachments be added to the regulations.

Page 3. Article 1.1 Definitions

The Council requests adding the definition of Maastricht UMC+.

Page 4. Article 2.1.2 Advisors

The Council notes that although a student assessor participates in the Board Maastricht UMC+, no student is present at the meetings of the faculty board, which is remarkable in light of participation within the faculty. The Dean clarifies that the Board Maastricht UMC+ consists of a faculty part, where most topics discussed in the meetings of the faculty board are also discussed, and a hospital part. The student assessor is actively involved in this meeting, and the Board FHML sees no reason to change this. M. oude Egbrink adds that there is also a student assessor and 3 student members participating in the Institute of Education FHML's Directorate Meeting.

Page 5. Article 2.1.3 Tasks

The Council requests replacing the word 'the Dean' with 'the Board' in section 3o.

Page 7. Article 2.1.7 Incompatible Roles and Functions

The Council understands the proposal for the position of Vide-Dean education to anchor education in the Board and asks if research should also be similarly anchored. The Dean explains that the scientific directors of the Research Institutes are responsible for thematic scientific research. Periodic meetings are held with the Board and the scientific directors to discuss strategic research policy. In a sense, the scientific directors are important team members with the Board having a supervisory role.

The Council requests making the role of the department chair incompatible with membership in the Board (with the possibility of exceptions). The Dean agrees.

M. oude Egbrink clarifies that the role of scientific director of the Institute of Education FHML is significantly different from that of the Vide-Dean education. As a result of this development, the formation for the Vide-Dean has been expanded, while the position of scientific director of the Institute of Education is over-ridden and replaced by the position of director of the Institute of Education FHML.

This position will be taken by the current deputy director of the Institute of Education, whose position is also abolished. This has led to a redistribution of tasks and responsibilities from the scientific director of the Institute of Education to the director of the Institute of Education FHML,

with a more limited transfer to the education directors. Nevertheless, it has been decided to position the Vide-Dean within the Institute of Education FHML, as it is important to maintain a connection between the Board and education.

The Council notes that the Vide-Dean education is also the chair of the Directorate Meeting *Directie-Overleg* (DO) and sees this as a possible conflict of interest, as the chair of the DO is accountable to themselves. M. oude Egbrink explains the rationale behind this efficient approach, which has also been approved by all members of the OCs and the Institute of Education (OI). The Council understands the rationale but emphasizes that independence must be ensured. This could potentially be addressed by positioning the Vide-Dean education as an independent advisor to the DO.

Page 8. Article 2.2.1

The Dean explains that the M4I institute is currently not treated in the same way in the regulations as the research institutes. The previous regulations stated that the institutes M4I and MERLN were not yet fully integrated. However, MERLN has already taken steps towards integration within the faculty structure and incorporation into the FHML matrix. On the other hand, M4I is more of a technology platform than a research institute, and there is no decision yet on whether M4I will be interfaculty or faculty-based.

It is possible that this situation will change in the coming years. In that case, the regulations will be adjusted and submitted to the Council.

Page 10. Article 2.2.6 Tasks of the Faculty Board with Regard to a Research Institute
Regarding section 2e, the Council asks whether approving the training and guidance programme for doctoral candidates is indeed a task of the Board or of the respective scientific director with possible advice from the doctoral candidate coordinator. The Board will check this.

Page 12. Article 2.3.1 Task

The Dean explains that the Scientific Committee Maastricht UMC+ advises the Board Maastricht UMC+ on matters that are subject to decision-making within the Board Maastricht UMC+.

Page 12. Article 2.3.3 Consultation: Regulations

In section 1, reference is made to the Faculty Board and the Maastricht UMC+ Board separately, while in article 2.1.8 section 2 it is stated that the Maastricht UMC+ Board is a composition of the Faculty and Hospital Boards. This is contradictory.

Page 12. Article 2.4.2 Director of the Institute of Education; Directorate Meeting; Education Directors

In section 8, the incompatibility of the department chairmanship and membership in the Directorate Meeting should be added at the request of the Council.

Page 16. Article 2.5.2 Term of Office.

When requested, P. Winkens indicates that the two-year term of office for members of the teaching staff of the program committees is legally established.

Page 16/17. Article 2.5.3 Tasks; Consultation

The Council notes that the advisory role of the OC regarding the education budget has been deleted. P. Winkens indicates that this task has no legal basis, allowing it to be removed from the regulations. In coordination with the OCs, work agreements have been made that provide for timely involvement of the OCs in the preparation of the budget.

Page 21. Article 2.8.2 Chair of Department

At the request of the Council, section 2 will be maintained. "Approval for appointment and discharge of chair of department with clinical counterpart of the Maastricht UMC+ Board". At section 4: please add: member of Faculty Board.

Page 23. Article 2.9.2 Faculty Services and Central Education and Research Facilities

At the request of the Council, the word 'Dean' should be changed to 'the Board'.

Page 23. Sections 2.10 and 2.11 Appointment of Professors and Committees

The Council requests these two sections to be maintained.

Page 25/26. Article 3.2.1 General

In section 1, the Council requests to delete 'haar' (her) from 'hem/haar' (him/her).

Furthermore, the Council asks for the reason for deleting section 3 and part of section 5. The Council believes that the new section 5 should be maintained.

Page 27. Article 3.2.3 Advisory Authority Faculty Council

In section h, the appointment of the scientific director of the Institute of Education has been deleted. M. oude Egbrink explains that this role no longer exists, and the new position of director of the Institute of Education does not need to be added, as it concerns a position and not a role, in which someone is appointed.

It is agreed that the adjusted Faculty Regulations FHML will be submitted to the Council for decision-making during the April meeting.

7. Additional items for the agenda

There are no additional items for the agenda.

8. Any Other Business

The Council inquires about the progress of Recognition & Rewards for OBP (nonscientific staff). The Vide-Dean reports that a working group has been formed after the UM-wide World Café meeting. Soon, there will be an initial session with this working group to obtain input from the constituency. To monitor progress, a project group structure has been established. The Vide-Dean expects to provide the first feedback soon.

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