

Adopted minutes CoB-SR consultation meeting 10 October 2024

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Present: Hans Hellendoorn (VRM-VPE a.i.), Danko Roozemon (staff ESA), Merel van Gruijthuijsen (secretary SR), Step Kruisinga (chairman SR), Nathan de Jong (TV), Lisa Kurstjens, Daan van Ginkel, Guus Doldersum, Sara Nagtegaal, Rosalie Fritz, Bart Meenderman, Wiek de Bever, Koos Meesters, Nanette van de Luitgaarden (ASSR, staff BB, report)

5 1. Opening and adoption of agenda

Hans Hellendoorn opened the meeting and everyone.

2. Adopt report 28 August 2024

p1.r. 44, 'of the study associations' is changed to 'with the study associations'.

10 p.2, r.23-24 here, NPO refers to the Dutch Public Broadcasting Service. The clarification will be applied.

p.3 top-separate compensation CSC and RPF.

With these amendments, the report was adopted.

3. Communications and incoming mail

15 - Impact of cuts for students

Step Kruisinga explains the impact of the 1 billion in cuts announced in the cabinet plans on students will have. The impact of cuts in higher education is . The SR is concerned about their knock-on effect on students. The basic grant has gone down 439-to-303 euros, and the return of the long-study fine (3000 euros) has been announced. TU Delft, as a technical university, has a

20 special position. The SR will therefore also participate in the national protest on 18 October next in The Hague. Step Kruisinga invites the BoE to join the SR at the national protest.

Hans Hellendoorn recounted the meeting with all the rectors; the announced cutbacks and other measures also concern them. Regarding the long-study fine, he believes that a run-out in years is also a responsibility of TU Delft, the programmes must be made even more studyable. With UNL

25 consideration is being given to a lawsuit against the government over the long-study fine.

- Compensation for participation

Koos Meesters asks the BoE to make a proposal on compensation for co-determination, in line with the contents of the letter sent by the Minister for Education, Culture and Science to the House of Representatives in June 2024

30 has sent. It concerns compensation for participation in SR, FSR and Education Committee. Danko Roozemon reported that he will have a discussion this next Monday with staff from Legal Service, Finance, ESA and Board support. It will be returned to at a future meeting.

- Compulsory study check

35 The SR received the proposed Executive Board decision to launch the pilot 'compulsory study choice check (SKC)' for Electrical Engineering, Applied Physics, Technical Mathematics and Maritime

Engineering for academic year 2025-2026 and 2026-2027. The compulsory SKC requires a prospective undergraduate student to in an activity, from which a non-binding recommendation is issued by the programme. The prospective student then chooses whether to start the programme or

40 not.

The SR has previously submitted a written positive opinion to the Executive Board regarding the extension of the compulsory SKC because of the following points:

- Student dropout rates are reduced.

45 - Prospective students take the SKC more seriously if it is compulsory and are more likely to follow the advice.

- A non-compulsory SKC is mostly done by motivated prospective students and not by the at-risk group, who should make it right.

- Prospective students report having a better idea of the programme after an SKC.

50 - It is perceived by prospective students as pleasant to interact with teachers and students.

In addition, the SR also recommends the introduction of compulsory SKC in other courses, so that

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prospective students in other programmes can also enjoy the positive effects that compulsory SKC has. In particular, Mechanical Engineering, where there is a high dropout rate of students.

Hans Hellendoorn thanks the SR for the advice received. Ideally, he would also like to see an extension of the SKC see. He explains what the introduction of an SKC would mean in practice for a large faculty like

5 ME, he is also mindful of the additional workload that such a measure entails.

- RPF reaction BoE

The SR received a letter from the Executive Board detailing the SR response to the RPF consent request. In addition, the SR informed the BoM that it agreed to the contingency part of the

10 RPF. Hans Hellendoorn is pleased that the contingency part of the scheme can now be put into effect. The BoE is now a little ahead of formal processing, but otherwise students affected by this will have to wait too long for the decision. Efforts are underway to further deal with the RPF. To this end, another meeting with representatives of the SR, Danko Roozemon et al will take place soon.

4. Student world update

15 Daan van Ginkel recalls the opening of the academic year with the SR's input on stage. The constitution drinks (CoBo's) brought a lot of fun and noise, it is a nice tradition of the boards to meet with getting in touch with each other.

The Brunel Solar team finished 3^e in the Sasol Solar Challenge in South Africa, TU Delft students made a good impression there.

20 The student council groups ORAS and Lijst Bèta attended an ISO meeting. There was plenty of opportunity to network with students from other universities. With faces the same problems as consequence of the cabinet's outline agreement.

Hans Hellendoorn is present today as acting Executive Board member. The SR expresses the hope that a good academic year will follow with the new director, as the council was previously used to with Rob Mudde.

5. Social security

The previously announced Delta article in the series on social safety has just been published. Merel van Gruijthuijsen points out that the entire TU population should be involved to make TU Delft a socially safe place. The SR experiences that this is not the case now. She explains that the only thing students are fresh in their minds about

30 have is that the Education Inspectorate report rates TU Delft as inadequate. Further reports reach them not. The SR blames this entirely on the communication from TU Delft towards students. Students are presented with the

current messaging does not reach them and that is a shame, because students do need information on social safety. They also want to be involved in the culture change. They will also *need to* be involved to make this change happen.

35 Merel van Gruijthuijsen recounted a meeting she and Step Kruisinga had Evelyne Esveld and Marjo van Koppen of the Communication Directorate on this topic in the past week. She discussed this consultation as disappointing, repeatedly referring to ESA for communication. Danko Roozemon replies that there is no staff member who has the SR's specific question regarding Brightspace in his or her portfolio. The request to have the 'student news' RSS feed visible when opening the

40 home page of Brightspace cannot therefore be realised. He believes the responsibility for the contract with Brightspace probably lies somewhere at the Teaching Academy.

Hans Hellendoorn stresses that the SR's call for more communication towards students is very clear on his mind.

How will he ensure social safety, asks Merel van Gruijthuijsen. This is an issue close his heart, says Hans Hellendoorn. He suggests that perhaps one time a separate meeting with the SR

45 about this. Hans Hellendoorn will send an invitation to this effect.

6. Onboarding

Hans Hellendoorn says that the search is on for how a prospective student coming straight from secondary school can properly 'land' at TU Delft. This has to be done in a pleasant way, but the right balance is being sought. There are many different stakeholders in this process. There are already discussions with deans about this

50 spoken, how can we that? Hans Hellendoorn would like something new for the BSc during this year

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set up. For MSc's, there is already a good programme that is already running well, but even then it will be looked at to see if it can be even better. The SR's input is highly desired, and that question will be in the coming months. Hans Hellendoorn talks some more about his experiences with Owee and as an honorary member of Leeghwater. Daan van Ginkel asks if there will be a sounding board group. Hans Hellendoorn will discuss the set-up with Danko Roozemonnd and Alexander

5 Lokhorst.

Danko Roozemonnd added that a more uniform approach from faculties is advocated.

7. Campus Rotterdam

10 Daan van Ginkel reports that the SR is positive about the plans, the growth in Delft is . There are some matters that clarification. The SR believes that a study cannot be moved if it is not communicated beforehand. Hans Hellendoorn explains that it is preferable to start in year 1 in Rotterdam. One understands the importance of the student; if travel is required then it should be announced in advance.

15 Daan van Ginkel points out the ideas of admitting new students with non-technical profiles. The SR asks wonders whether this a good idea, and believes that a well-developed plan should be drawn up beforehand. The SR fears that something other than training to become a 'Delft' engineer will be created.

Hans Hellendoorn sees it as an opportunity to train engineers as *different* from those in Delft. We train TU Delft engineers, they should all become 1^e grade engineers. Z.i., in curriculum renewal, they are on that quest.

20 Accreditation should also go through TU Delft standard, said Daan van Ginkel. Not only the curricula in Rotterdam have to good, it has to be top quality. Hans Hellendoorn says he is also in talks with the University College Rotterdam, and gives some more examples. If BSc is started in Rotterdam, it should also be possible to transfer to an MSc in Delft.

25 When asked, Hans Hellendoorn reiterates that going ahead with the plans really depends on available external funding. Otherwise, the plans will not go ahead, as TU Delft has no funds for this. The SR would like to know what happens if there is no funding? Is there a clear exit strategy? There will be considered, says Hans Hellendoorn, we will only start if there multi-year funding. Discussion continues. The topic is closed for now.

30 8. Brightspace page Central Student Council

Merel van Gruijthuijsen again indicates that the SR wants to be centrally visible. An average student only looks to Brightspace. She again asks the question, may the SR have its own page on Brightspace, like some study associations and FSRs. Danko Roozemonnd refers to the Sr's conversation Evelyne Esveld about TU Delft's communication strategy. Brightspace is not a communication channel. Merel van

35 Gruijthuijsen calls for an open ; for example, she only found out as a student in the interview that there was a *student portal* exists. Danko Roozemonnd points out that a student will have all the necessary information on the formal

channels when registering at TU Delft. He recommends a (SR) button in the My TU Delft app. There are several channels. There is discussion again. Danko Roozemonnd points to the offer made by Evelyne Esveld. He insists on notification via the website and the student portal. Merel van

40 Gruijthuijsen again asks for a button on Brightspace. Danko Roozemonnd says that is difficult to achieve because it an external vendor's product. Through My TU Delft app, we can add buttons ourselves.

Merel van Gruijthuijsen asks for an input on this app. Danko Roozemonnd explains that there are currently sick colleagues which may cause a delay in answering the questions. He adds that the boards also consider ESA and Communication visibility important.

45 Hans Hellendoorn understands that if students look in Brightspace, the SR then wants them there too serve. This comment concludes the topic for now.

9. Moral Deliberation Chamber report- cooperation with fossil fuel industry

50 Koos Meesters introduced the report and explained why it had been . The SR finds this approach pleasant and thinks this is a repeatable way of dealing with these types of issues. The SR is happy to see action being taken on it. Koos Meesters pleads for normal discussion on the ethical aspects of these collaborations. Black-and-white thinking is less .

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Openness and transparency are important to students, the report shows. Far-reaching measures do not enjoy broad support from the student community. "We stop all fossil industry contributions to student activities", 76% oppose. "We are ending existing research with the fossil industry and TU is setting a fund". Students want this to be the

5 least, 93% are against.

The advice and recommendations are discussed, and TU Delft's role in energy transition is touched .

The conversation then focuses on conditions on which this happens. The recommendation for a of partners also raises questions. The SR prefers to see framing at the project level, rather than at the partner level to set research efficiency as the main goal.

10 There is much talk of a core team, who will implement these opinions? The Sr would like to know if students are represented in this core team.

The SR thinks this way of dealing with difficult issues is a good development. The Moral Deliberation Room is a good initiative and nice way to give people a say.

15 Hans Hellendoorn points out the existence of the sustainability core team led by Andy van den Dobbelseen.

There is a brief discussion about TU 's fossil bonds. Hans Hellendoorn cites the

Climate Action programme. This ensures that each faculty has two staff with 2 PhD students appointed to think together about how we can deliver better sustainability education etc, in addition to the core sustainability team.

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10. D & I implementation

This item will not be today.

11. Lagerhuysch

25 Koos Meesters explains that an advisory letter from the SR was sent to the CvB in July 2024 regarding the closure of the Lagerhuysch at faculty ME. The SR finds it incomprehensible that the alcohol licence will not be continued. Koos

Meesters thinks it shows a lack of bonding at ME; instead, he would like to bring together the diverse groups within the . Leeghwater, Variscopic and students have more trouble finding a graduation place. The meeting place is gone, the social cohesion is gone, the connection between students and the

30 professors has less.

Dorus van Toor, chairman of Leeghwater Society, is today. He reports that they are experiencing problems with filling committees. Closing the Lagerhuysch has done more damage to the bond between faculty and student. Social cohesion is affected; in their opinion, it was decided just like that. They would like to reopen the conversation, to see integration between staff and students improved again.

35 Koos Meesters asks Hans Hellendoorn if the conversation between CvB and the dean has started? Hans Hellendoorn

says

That this really the dean's decision and competence. He wants to be the lubricant, but it is the

Dean's responsibility. Alex Lokhorst has also offered to bring the two parties together; the SR would like to this offer taken up. We need to restore togetherness, but it is not yet clear how that will happen, says Hans Hellendoorn.

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12. RPF

Sara Nagtegaal thanks the Executive Board for the quick and comprehensive response to the SR letter sent. The response has clarified some issues, however, there are still some points on which the SR has questions. Sara Nagtegaal names these issues. The SR will also email those points to Hans Hellendoorn and Danko after this meeting.

45 Roozmond send. In addition, the SR informed the BoE to agree to the unforeseen part of the RPF, so that students who might be eligible could informed in good time. The SR sees

the need in these force majeure situations and does not want these cases to be .

The SR would like to engage with ESA soon to these points further. The SR also stresses that we would also like to see the revision completed soon and hopefully applied for the upcoming year

50 become.

13. Alcohol policy review

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Koos Meesters points to the promised regular review of the alcohol policy. This was also requested on 20-12-23, according to Koos Meesters. When asked about a timeframe, Hans Hellendoorn reports that he does not know. This will be checked, Hans Hellendoorn will share the outcome with the SR.

Danko Roozmond points out that with regard to the alcohol policy, there is consideration of who what where and how. Koos

- 5 Meesters says the study associations and the OWee in particular are curious about the evaluation. Danko Roozmond points out the potential marginal scope for adjusting the current policy. Hans Hellendoorn adds added that we live in a society where you see certain trends and changing attitudes towards alcohol consumption. He thinks the impact of the current alcohol policy is reasonable and is satisfied with it.

10 **14. Wvttk and any other business**

RGU and campus strategy- the sounds of students perceiving that faculties are already anticipating the 4-day instead of 5-day study week . There is no update says Danko Roozmond. This intention is still before the Education Board, and discussion may take another two months. He clarifies that is meant by " 4 day study" only 4 days **on campus**, a student may study as much as he wants. This

- 15 intention will not be brought to fruition in the foreseeable future, by the way, some time will pass before it gets there, said Danko Roozmond.

15. Closing

Hans Hellendoorn closed the meeting, thanking those present for their input.

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