

Adopted minutes Consultation meeting 15 January 2025

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5 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)

1. Opening and adoption of the agenda

Step Kruisinga opened the meeting and everyone. The meeting will be in Dutch, some items will be in English.

2. Adoption of minutes

10 p.2 EvaSys is replaced by My TUDelft p.2,

r.14, 'in English and Dutch'.

p.4, r.19 advise college, not yet scheduled.

The report was adopted, subject to textual amendments.

3. Communications

15 The Annual Report SR 23/24 has been written and will be sent to the BoE for consideration at the next consultation meeting in February 2025.

The SR is curious about an update on Campus Rotterdam. Hans Hellendoorn reports that a regional survey was conducted among 5 and 6 VWO students. 16,000 students were contacted and 500 surveys were returned.

20 According to Hans Hellendoorn, this does indicate interest in the programmes, but it is not yet . The expectation from the response is that the new initiative will see some inflow yield, but will be on a limited scale.

25 Step Kruisinga reported that many committees and boards of associations are finding it increasingly difficult to find successors. At the VeRa and the SVR, this is an issue that is regularly on the agenda. The number of registrations at associations always moves along with the number of registrations for the Owee, but this involves really to what extent students want to commit to their association. To look for solutions, in January organised a meeting with the associations of the VeRa, SVR and SCVR. The results of the brainstorming will be gladly shared here afterwards.

30 Merel van Gruijthuijsen reported that the SR is concerned about TU Delft meeting the sustainability targets it has set itself. For example, a CvB decision has been taken that the Sustainability core team until 31 Dec 2025 extended, opposed to the previously envisaged date of the end of 2026. The SR welcomes the extension now agreed but is concerned about the impact of the cuts on sustainability goals.

35 Step Kruisinga reported that it was recently announced that the governance model of the Executive Board is going to change. The SR has had several discussions with the Executive Board about this. As a result of the evaluation, the roles of chair of the Executive Board and Rector will be pulled apart. The SR has long insisted on this urged and the outcome of the review. Following this, it was that the appointment term of the VPO will not be renewed, and that RMVC is quitting earlier than planned. The SR is grateful to them for their hard work at TU Delft, and would like to thank them in advance.

Student World Update - Wiek de Bever, along with the other attendees, sings a carol about the past Christmas break 2024 and how it was experienced by students.

40 Step Kruisinga names Daan van Ginkel's birthday today, again a song is .

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4. Social Security

Merel van Gruijthuisen mentions the letter sent by the SR about the social safety hotline. Hans Hellendoorn reports that the SR can expect a response to this soon.

- 5 When asked about the walk-in meeting held by Tim van der Hagen, Hans Hellendoorn reported that it had been a good experience. The time available for each speaker is still under consideration.

Merel van Gruijthuisen would also like to raise again communication to students about social safety. There had been previous discussion about changing the location of Student News on Brightspace so that it is more visible. There were going to be 3 mock-ups that were going to be presented to student panels. How does the
10 with that? That is not yet known, the information has been requested. Danko Roozemonde referred to the tender of the learning management system (LMS). The intended new provider is known, other parties may now submit their views.

5. Review deadlines

When asked, Hans Hellendoorn reported that the topic had not yet on the ODO agenda. Bart
15 Meenderman asks about the quarterly figures, can they be shared with the SR? Hans Hellendoorn doubts because they teacher data. It will be looked into whether the figures can anonymised, or available data are in Tableau. Bart Meenderman will contact Danko Roozemonde about this.

The conversation continues with the question of what to do as a student if the examination mark becomes available (too) late. Hans Hellendoorn talks about his own experience as a lecturer. He advises students to go to the programme director
20 steps, if a conversation with the teacher does not yield anything. He understands that this is difficult because of the dependency relationship between student and teacher, but it should be quite normal ask about it.

There is further discussion on the pros and cons of a review reminder email through the system. Hans Hellendoorn thinks it works very well that he gets a call. Bart asks about advantages and disadvantages if every student also receives such an email. Hans Hellendoorn responds that that seems painful to him. Often a teacher has the exam
25 already checked, but then it has to be put into Excel etc., it is not a fine system. Danko Roozemonde points out On the 'email fatigue' already experienced among students. A teacher gets the email from the system before the review period has expired. This is discussed briefly. Danko Roozemonde reports that the February deadline is not met in the regular deadlines anyway, which has always been a problem. And the resits are now earlier than before. Hans Hellendoorn says that there is simply a need check on time. That realisation needs to come back
30 be fuelled, he will discuss that with the programme directors. The amount of work will not change by. Bart again asks for an email to students. Danko Roozemonde again responds that the organisation is less eager to do so.

6. GO South

Rosalie Fritz explains the background to the SR's questions about the plans around Generic Education Building South
35 out. At the property committee meeting at the end of November 2024, it was caught off guard by the news that there is to be an opinion from the education and campus board space demand advisory board. Later, the SR was informed along with interested student associations that the possibility of possibly establishing GO South's halls, teaching and study spaces on Campus Midden is now being explored.

She reiterated the SR position from the previous meeting whereby the SR chose not to GO South if necessary
40 building is at odds with TU 's policy points, vision and strategic agreements. Regarding the decision-making process, the SR feels that students should be more involved.

Hans Hellendoorn stresses that no decision has been at all yet. That will be done in the coming months, as part of the campus strategy. Rosalie Fritz brings up that the SR should involved in this, she says the effectiveness of the decision depends on student input. Hans Hellendoorn will discuss that with the
45 discuss advisory board education. He himself does not know yet, it involves a lot of money and is complicated. Danko Roozemonde points out that the actions are also prompted by questions from the SB. It mainly concerns the

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campus strategy, and the involved are substantial. Rosalie Fritz stresses again that the SR wants to be involved. She announces that the SR will start giving an unsolicited advice to the Executive Board on GO South.

7. Nameless examination

5 Bart Meenderman explains that several cities are working on name-free examinations. For example, University Utrecht recently did a pilot. Comprehensive story, diversity officer from Enhance. Hans acknowledges that prejudice exists. Hans Hellendoorn points to ANS, software package, has experience with it for 10 years. His experience is that if a student only has to write down a study number on an exam, that is asking for accidents. The check with the name should remain; a software package could extract the name from the work to be reviewed after scanning. Bart Meenderman wonders if online exams could be compulsorily anonymous. Hans Hellendoorn and
10 Danko Roozmond are going to into that. There are different ways of checking, he wants to be careful with that are, says Hans Hellendoorn. If the completed exam is scanned in, and checked on screen, it can be done.

Wiek de Bever returns to paper-based examinations. He would like to explore the option of a notepad with a registration system, linkable back by name. Hans Hellendoorn suspects that this would also be possible for
15 can cause problems. If someone papers, then exams are mixed up and confusion is complete.

Bart Meenderman refers to a pilot run in Utrecht, where it was liked. The SR would like to contribute its ideas. Danko Roozmond knows that Utrecht University has not yet evaluated the said pilot at Humanities.

20 Hans Hellendoorn will discuss the SR's questions and suggestions with Sacha Kroonenberg. Hans Hellendoorn reiterates his good experiences with ANS at Mechanical Engineering, it has been done there for years.

There is a brief exchange of views on the system in Britain. This concludes the discussion for now.

25 Bart Meenderman points to the way of working within universities in the UK. Hans we have a very different system, more tuition fees are there.

8. VOG and KOG

Sara Nagtegaal reported that an evaluation of TU Delft's Regulation on Complaints of Undesirable Behaviour (Regeling KOG) and the Complaints Committee on Undesirable Behaviour (Klachtencommissie Ongewenst Gedrag (KOG)) is currently being carried out.

30 At the CBE (College of Examinations Appeals), a student may appeal a decision of the examination board or an examiner.

Sara Nagtegaal for those present what a VOG is. A Certificate of Good Conduct (VOG) is a document issued by the government that reflects that a person's past behaviour is not an impediment to performing a specific function or task.

35 Social safety is a current issue within the Board of Examinations (CBE) and the Complaints Committee on Undesirable Behaviour (KOG). These are two places at TU where integrity and trustworthiness are very important. They should be places, where a student can raise issues confidentially. However, it is not a requirement for members of these committees to a VOG (Certificate of Good), although this is a standard declaration for many positions education. The SR advocates making a VOG compulsory within these committees. Making a VOG compulsory for members of committees not only ensures
40 a strengthening of social safety, but it also creates more trust and transparency, by providing more care in committee members is achieved. However, it is important that the cost of the VOG should be a responsibility of the university and not of the members/student members.

45 Hans Hellendoorn thinks such a proposal should be seriously examined. Adjustments are being made now, it would fit there, says Danko Roozmond. There will be further discussion. Hans Hellendoorn will discuss the opportunities (to be) explored.

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9. Personal development

Bart Meenderman refers to a personal development pilot at Bk, there would an evaluation. An evaluation has not yet been held as far as Danko Roozmond knows. It was agreed that Bart Meenderman should contact Maarten Jan Hoekstra of Bk directly.

5 10. Master's thesis

Daan van Ginkel talks about the survey conducted on the expected run-out of the master thesis among students. He reads some quotes about workload from students interviewed. The results of the survey have not yet been worked out. It proved difficult to get in touch with master's students. Research has now been carried out at one study, ME. At Applied Sciences research is being conducted on social safety, at Earth there are concerns about this voiced.

10 When asked, Hans Hellendoorn reported that the Executive Board is aware of students' concerns regarding the master's thesis. There should be a graduation tracking system to get more data. Hans Hellendoorn thinks this should be worked on. There are 4 education workshops planned on efficiency in the coming months.

15 Daan van Ginkel refers to My Case. That's a digital platform, where a workflow tool is available that facilitates the MSc thesis process supports. It gives users better planning, administration and reporting capabilities. It is briefly discussed. Hans Hellendoorn that My 's predecessor was ultimately not . He believes that TU Delft urgently needs a system like My Case so that better feedback can be given towards lecturers.

20 Daan van Ginkel mentions dependence. The SR would like to be involved in digital excellence. Hans Hellendoorn explained that he is having discussions about that, he will see what is .

11. Thesis abroad

Bart Meenderman posits that foreign experience, such as taking MSc courses and graduating from another university, is one of the cornerstones of international collaborations such as Enhance.

25 Hans Hellendoorn emphasises that ENHANCE more than that, TU Delft is working within ENHANCE on more to one become whole. The Erasmus programme is designed for exchange.

Bart Meenderman believes a student should be able to find out as fully as possible about the opportunities for experience abroad as soon as possible to increase accessibility. Hans Hellendoorn says master's students themselves can approach their lecturer and express the desire to go abroad. He does not see a minor-like system emerging. That will be through the lecturer's network. It involves graduation, it goes on a personal basis with the graduation supervisor. That is not where an international office comes in watching. In internships, it is different. Graduation is much more personal, it is different from other universities. TU Delft has much more of a master's thesis philosophy. Hans Hellendoorn is not in favour of saying that a student can go abroad to graduate. We don't recruit with that, you study in Delft.

35 An extensive discussion takes . The SR is of the opinion that this appears confusing to students. Bart Meenderman asks for a central platform to increase accessibility, with information on foreign experience. Hans Hellendoorn is not so enthusiastic about this: abroad experience, what does that do to sustainability. You can study excellently in Delft.

Bart Meenderman explains that the SR is not about promoting study abroad, but about accessibility. Some programmes have an explicit study abroad programme, such as at LR. Furthermore, it is a 'nice to ' and a student will after the information themselves. There will be a brief discussion about the website Partneruniversities.tudelft.nl. Hans Hellendoorn says that the website mainly indicates which university has the level of TU Delft. It is agreed to forward him the link to the website. Danko Roozmond thinks that if the website contains outdated information, it may have to be taken down. Hans Hellendoorn reiterates his view that he does not see any point in a central platform. He recommends contacting ESA Communication.

45 12. Accessibility lecture halls

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Lisa Kurstjens touches on the accessibility of the lecture halls by the hall pool. Most halls are eventually accessible to people with disabilities, but often with a large diversions. There is a lack of clarity as to who is responsible for this.

5 The halls must be , the SR agrees with Hans Hellendoorn. In particular, there are problems with CiTG and EWI halls. Hans Hellendoorn has already consulted with Jacco van Noppen, CRE director. There will be a conversation. Wiek de Bever points out that the FSRs have already been questioned. It is agreed that Lisa Kurstjens will provide a list of the so-called problematic halls. The responsibility for making halls accessible lies with CRE, which does not necessarily have to be a lift. This will be discussed.

13. Internationalisation and (Dutch) Language lessons

10 Bart Meenderman wonders what the latest is on Dutch language lessons. Hans Hellendoorn says he won't advise that. He refers to the department of OCW. We cannot provide Dutch lessons because there are not enough teachers.

15 Bart Meenderman would like to see more communication around the plans for the WIB, the CSC is disappointed that no communication is done. He asks Hans Hellendoorn whether he is open to the idea that a text to communicate about the WIB is being placed on the student portal. Hans Hellendoorn says he will do no such , because TU Delft is still in negotiation with OCW. We need more discussion. Bart Meenderman feels that learning Dutch is an important factor for students to stay in the Netherlands after their studies. Hans Hellendoorn says that TU Delft will provide Dutch lessons, but it needs to an intrinsic motivation for students, it is their responsibility, not ours. We do so for employees, but not for students. There is limited capacity and there is a large demand. The idea of a Mooc together with other universities is being discussed. Bart Meenderman states that ITAV was positive about it. Hans Hellendoorn says it is a good idea, but it costs money. Bart Meenderman thinks it would be a logical choice if you can provide international students with this advantage.

25 Bart Meenderman makes other suggestions, such as a Dutch buddy, a platform or TAs. Hans Hellendoorn knows that this already happens on an individual basis, but he does not see the point of doing it as a university. Bart Meenderman sums : TU Delft has no places on a course, no other options, so why don't we do it? No, says Hans Hellendoorn, and we will explain this fact to the minister. We do not have the means to do this. We are here to provide technical education, not language education.

14. AOB

- 30 • **Additional points of interest in decision-making:** Hans Hellendoorn does not favour including in the decision-making documents to tick a BVM box for sustainability. There is discussion on this. Hans Hellendoorn believes that not everything has to with sustainability. There was further discussion about whether emphasising points of interest in the BVM form by including check boxes was useful. The question is whether we are going overboard with this. It has to be in the heads, and it is about the culture, says Hans Hellendoorn. Check boxes have no appeal.
- 35 This is again under discussion. You can add boxes, but perhaps that increases the bureaucracy and then we shoot ourselves in the foot, says Hans Hellendoorn. Bart Meenderman believes it is good to be able to reflect.
- 40 • **Code of :** Wiek de Bever reports that he is in contact with the Integrity Office given that they are revising the code of conduct and previous OV's points might be better pursued there.
- 40 - **Paying off study debt via IKB** -Bart Meenderman understood that employees could use their individual choice budget (IKB) can pay off their study debt fiscally advantageous. Will TU Delft also introduce this? Hans Hellendoorn says that this a collective bargaining agreement, which he will have to discuss with HR. He is positive about it, though. He will contact the unions.
- 45 • Guus Doldersum reports that it is unclear to students how to with **AI**. Hans Hellendoorn points out that he had a discussion about this last Monday; people within TU Delft are very much in favour of students working with AI. A condition would be that students mention it if they use AI. It is very different among the faculties, which should looked at. He would like to refer the SR to Geert-Jan Houben, Pro Vice Rector Artificial Intelligence, Data and Digitalisation.

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- **TU/e - cyber attack.** The SR would like to know what the state of play is. Hans Hellendoorn explains that there intensive contact with TU/e. TU Delft has offered support, and Tu/e has offered openness so that this can anticipated. Hans Hellendoorn emphasises that TU Delft is very alert to these calamities; we are not going to cut back on IT.
- 5 - **Student onboarding-** Hans Hellendoorn reports on how plans for student onboarding are progressing. There how to bridge the period from summer to September is being considered. The SVR is involved in the consultation tables. Bart Meenderman would like to know who the contact person is, Danko Roozemonnd will find out.
- 10 • An informal meeting with director ESA was . The SR would like to build on that, as would they doing so with other directors within the UD. Hans Hellendoorn speaks to her weekly. He favours the good conversation, but he wants to think about this. He is careful about this; he does not want to speak for the ESA director.
- 15 • Merel van Gruijthuijsen refers to the good discussion regarding the agenda item on tuition fee-free boards of Dreamteams last November. In that light, she asks how the Executive Board views the student associations? Are these associations in the opinion of the CvB of importance for TU Delft and its students? Hans Hellendoorn stresses that the student associations are of very great and crucial importance to TU Delft. Danko Roozemonnd points out the tangible appreciation through the RPF months of appreciation. Rosalie Fritz , she recognises this and says the study associations are not worried about the relationship between them.
- 20 • Daan van Ginkel touches mapping the central problem around studyability. There come workshops in January/February, says Hans Hellendoorn.

15. Closure

Step Kruisinga closed the meeting at 10:.

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