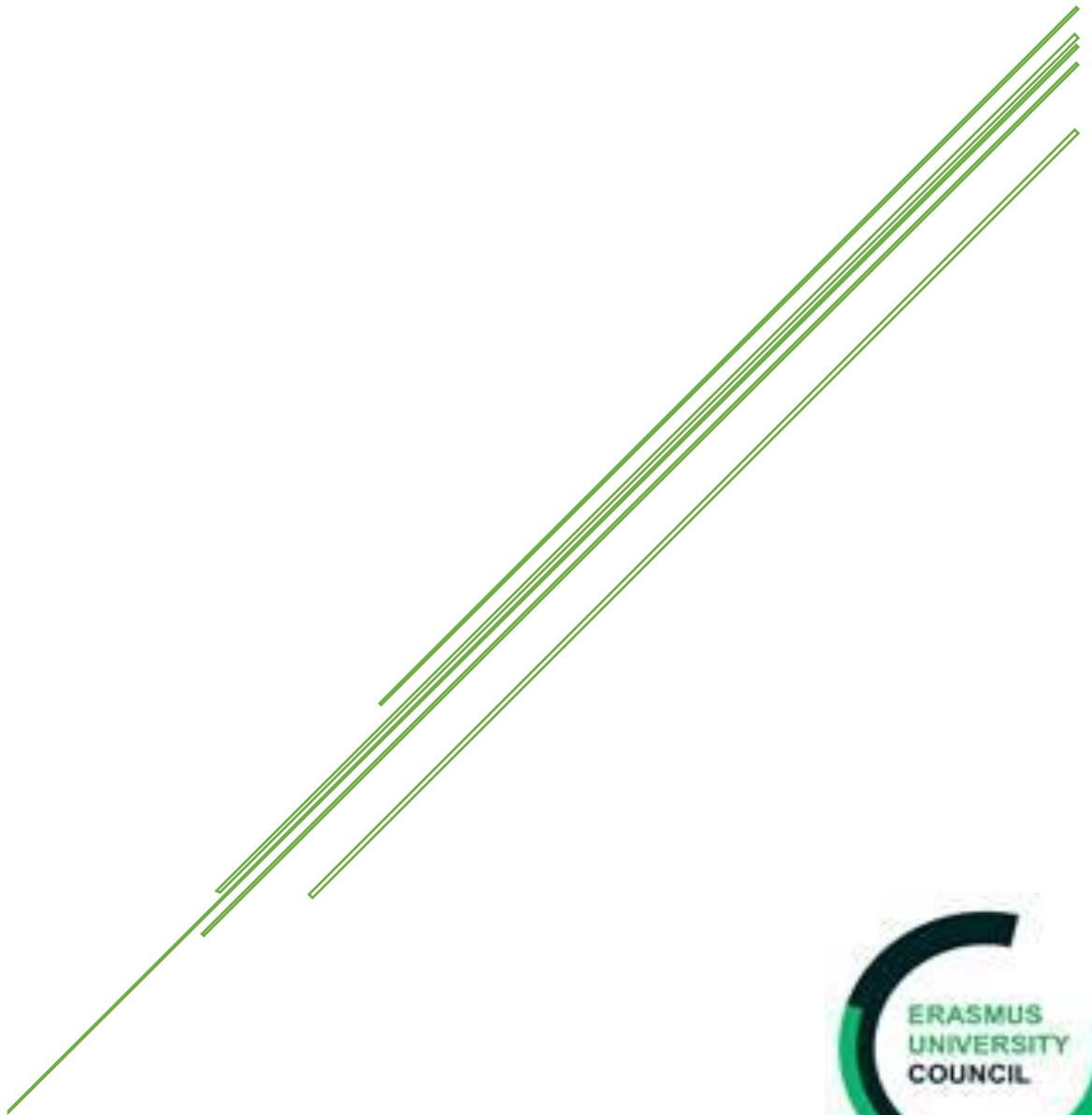


UNIVERSITY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

Erasmus University Rotterdam



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Preface

Dear reader,

We are proud to present to you the annual report of the University Council. We are looking back on a challenging and fruitful year. It was challenging because the unrest in the world and the associated dynamics did not pass by the University Council unnoticed. At the same time, this offered the University Council an opportunity to fully fulfil its role as a sounding board for the Executive Board and fulfil its representative role to the community.

In addition to the challenges that came our way from abroad, we also had internal matters that required the knowledge and expertise of the council members. The financial aspect demanded a lot of attention, first with the implementation of the 'bestuursakkoorden' and later due to the worsening financial position, compounded by negative prospects from 'het Hoofdlijnenakkoord'. Furthermore, the University Council has also provided valuable advice on the Smarter Academic Year, the reassessment of the EUR Strategy, and the establishment of rules concerning order on the premises and in the buildings of EUR, as well as regulations surrounding external speakers and compensation for participation in decision-making.

Despite the full agenda, council members worked on a large number of initiatives this year, such as: Expanding educational offerings at EUR, Research on the Feasibility of Recorded Lectures, EUR policies, Creating an environment where student associations can flourish, Ethical considerations of university collaborations, Sleep pods on the Woudestein campus, Redistribution of All-Gender Toilets, Request for evaluation of institutional ties, Strengthening academic freedom and freedom of expression, Strengthening diversity and inclusivity in our food strategy, Extra sanitation facilities, Study spaces for EUR students, Outdoor outlets and wall outlets in lecture rooms. Some of these topics proved unfeasible, but actions have already been taken on the majority, or discussions with the Executive Board are ongoing.

The large number of initiatives from the council demonstrates the tireless commitment of students and staff to make a positive impact on the world, the Netherlands, and above all, within our own community.

We are curious to see what 2024-2025 will bring, the year where we will definitely see more financial discussions and the year in which a new chairperson will take over.

Thank you for your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

I. Cune-Noten

Chairwoman University Council

Members of the 2023-2024 University Council

Employee Body

Name	Electoral district
Emese von Bóné	ESL
Linda Dekker	ESSB/EUC
Wesley Hennep	ESSB/EUC
Katarzyna Lasak	RSM
Rosita Boedhai-Jansen	ISS
Aleid Fokkema	ESHCC
Ernst Hulst	ESHPM
Sebastiaan Kamp	ABD/PRO/UB
Jasper Klasen (replaced Natascha Kraal)	EMC
Albert Wagelmans	ESE
Max Wagenaar	ESPhil
Jaap Cornelese (replaced Pedro van Gessel)	ABD/PRO/UB

Student Body

Name	Faculty
Cagla Altin	ESL
Tom van Dijken	ESL
Nawin Ramcharan	ESSB
Joseph Ayinla	ESSB
Linguendo van der Klooster	RSM
Anthony van der Linden	ESSB
Timo Zandvliet	RSM
Emre Ulusoy	RSM
Yasin Demir	EMC
Aki Negate	ESSB
Achraf Taouil	ESSB
Esra Kahramanoglu	ESSB

Clergy

Name	Position
Ivonne Cune-Noten	Chair
Roxanne Austin	Clerk
Eline Van Munster	Secretary
Ellie Cercel	Minutes secretary / HeQa
Sophie Luck / Hanna Barkoczi	Marketing and communication officer

Agenda items for the consultation meetings

Most items on the UC agenda are submitted by the Executive Board and its staff. Yet the UC also picked up specific topics during the year. Below it is specified if a topic is sent in by the organisation or if the UC picked up on a topic.

In the first plenary meeting of each cycle the councilmembers put together a TF for each item on the agenda. They are discussed in the TF's and with the specific policy makers if needed, before being discussed in the consultation meetings, where the Executive Board can provide further details if necessary. This section lists these agenda items.

Annual topics	Tabled by
Annual Report Legal Protection	Organisation
Annual Report EUR	Organisation
Annual Report University Council	UC
Annual Report Network Confidential Advisors	Organisation
Social Annual Report	Organisation
Changes to the Management and Administration Regulations EUR (BBR)	Organisation
EUR Budget	Organisation
Erasmus Perspectives	Organisation
Numerus fixus bachelor's programmes and capacity-based selection for master's programmes	Organisation
Student Charter	Organisation
Institutional tuition fees	Organisation
Highlight reports	Organisation
Financial semiannual reports CiO III	Organisation
<i>The 'Annual Report Social Safety' and Annual Report Network Confidential Advisors was not shared with the UC this Academic Year</i>	

Other topics	
Starting and Incentive grants EUR	Organisation
Action plan studying with a functional impairment	Organisation
Policy Development cycle	Organisation
Ties with the fossil fuel industry	Organisation
Mindlab – HR Awareness campaign social safety 2023/2024	Organisation
Policy framework for events (with external speakers)	Organisation
Application for accreditation UNIC joint master's programme RePIC (ESSB)	Organisation
NVAO-application for accreditation ('Toets Nieuwe Opleiding') E-Master	Organisation
Employee survey (Engagement & Enablement Scan 2023)	Organisation
Expanding educational offering EUR	UC
Research on the Feasibility of Recorded Lectures	UC
EUR Policies	UC
Budgets HeQa Programmes	Organisation
Order Regulations for EUR Buildings, Grounds and Facilities 2024	Organisation

NVAO-application for accreditation ('Toets Nieuwe Opleiding') E-Master	Organisation
Compensation student members participation	Organisation
Erasmus MC Bachelor of Medicine Selection Regulations 2024-2025	Organisation
Code of conduct for elections Erasmus University Rotterdam	Organisation
EUR campaign budget rules for the student elections of the University Council 2024	Organisation
Additional budget request Convergence	Organisation
EUR Leadership Policy	Organisation
Creating an environment where student associations flourish	UC
Ethic consideration university collaborations	UC
Evaluation Mindlab	Organisation
Sleep pods on campus Woudestein	UC
Redistribution of All-Gender Toilets	UC
Compensation participatory bodies (faculty staff)	Organisation
Compensation participatory bodies (program committees)	Organisation
Request evaluation institutional ties	UC
Crisis Protocol/EUR Emergency Fund 2024	Organisation
Programme Plan for Strengthening EUR Educational Quality Assurance 2024-2027: 'Quality dialogues: Connecting and Improving'	Organisation
Proposal to Develop EUR Guidelines	Organisation
Increase parking fees EUR	Organisation
Strengthening academic freedom and freedom of expression	UC
Strengthening diversity and inclusivity in our food strategy	UC
EUR Strategy – Draft recalibrated mission / vision	Organisation
Emeritus Professorial Policy	Organisation
Strategic Implementation Plan Smarter Academic Year	Organisation
Extra sanitation toilets	UC
Main Language University Council	UC
Study spaces for EUR students	UC
Outdoor outlets and wall outlets lecture rooms	UC
Permanent professional meeting room for the uc	UC

Working method of the UC

Representative work is not always an easy task. In complex institutions, like our University and Council, one of the biggest challenges is to maintain a working method that is not only transparent, but also efficient and overall suitable to its end. Since 2020 the UC has a working method which consists of 8 cycles each year, and each cycle consists of 5 weeks:

- *Week 0: submitting documents in Corsa (note! Documents are shared publicly in My Meeting, unless indicated otherwise)*
- *Week 1: 1st plenary meeting: UC divides topics into Task Forces*
- *Week 2: time for the council to discuss the topics*
- *Week 3: 2nd plenary meeting: if requested by the Task Force, policy officers are invited to provide substantive explanations and answer questions.*
- *Week 4: time for the council to discuss the topics and Consultation meeting with the Executive Board.*
- *Week 5: 3rd plenary meeting: decision making by the full council, the Task Force gives advice, and the UC decides.*
- *Decisions are then shared with the Executive Board as soon as possible.*

First plenary meeting

During the first meeting the UC discusses all the topics that are tabled for the new cycle. Therefore, all UC members are kindly requested to read the documents and see if they have specific points of attention for these topics.

If there are any 'technical questions' (think of questions as: how many students were enrolled, what reasoning is behind this choice, were alternatives as X and Y considered) these questions will be gathered during the meeting and send to the policy makers involved in the topic.

During the first plenary meeting taskforces will be set up to take the lead in handling the topics.

Week in between First and Second plenary – taskforce work

On the Tuesday between the first and second plenary, the taskforces will meet and work on the topics. If the taskforces have technical questions, they will send them to the Clerk or policy makers on this day. If the taskforce decides that a policy maker should be invited to the Second plenary, the taskforce informs the Clerk as soon as possible, but on this Tuesday the latest, so that the Clerk can invite the policy maker to the meeting.

Second plenary meeting

During the second plenary meeting the UC discusses the topics on the agenda more in depth and prepares these topics for the Consultation Meeting with the Executive Board. Our stance towards the topic and the goals that we would like to reach during the Consultation Meeting are discussed. After the second plenary meeting, the taskforce will draft a concept letter of consent/advice or initiative.

Consultation meeting

The Consultation meeting is the meeting between the UC and the Executive Board. This meeting is chaired by the chair of the UC. During this meeting we will discuss the topics with the Executive Board. The goal of these meetings is to have a discussion with the board on a

strategic level. During the second plenary meeting we will decide who will take the lead in the discussion on specific topics. After the meeting the draft letter of consent/advice or initiative will be completed by the taskforce and uploaded to teams for the rest of the UC to read, check and add suggestions to.

Third plenary meeting

During the third plenary meeting the UC will make final decisions on the topics that are on the agenda, or if there is need to continue topics during the next cycle. Please note that the UC is obliged to deal with a topic within 8 weeks after the subject is tabled. If the council needs more time to reach a decision this should be also approved by the Executive Board /Policy makers.

Task Forces

As stated in 'Working method of the UC' topics are divided by the council members by compiling TF's. Each TF chooses a TF-lead. The UC aims to have student as well as employee representatives in every TF.

There was informal cooperation between members that are not mentioned in the following TF's. Additionally, other topics that are not mentioned in this list may have been tackled by the entire UC, or through alternative strategies.

Task Forces (semi/permanent)	UC members
Diversity & Inclusion	Emese von Bóné, Rosita Boedhai-Jansen, Ernst Hulst, Sebastiaan Kamp, Nawin Ramcharan, Joseph Ayinla, Yasin Demir
Wellbeing / Social Safety	Aleid Fokkema, Linda Dekker, Rosita Boedhai-Jansen, Natascha Kraal, Ernst Hulst, Yasin Demir, Joseph Ayinla, Achraf Taouil
Finance	Aleid Fokkema, Albert Wagelmans, Max Wagenaar, Tom van Dijken, Anthony van der Linden, Timo Zandvliet, Esra Kahramanoglu, Jaap Cornelese, Natasha Kraal, Pedro van Gessel
Strategy EUR	Aleid Fokkema, Albert Wagelmans, Max Wagenaar, Tom van Dijken, Linqundo van der Klooster, Timo Zandvliet, Yasin Demir, Jaap Cornelese
Professionalization of the UC	Rosita Boedhai-Jansen, Tom van Dijken, Nawin Ramcharan, Joseph Ayinla
Study spaces	Rosita Boedhai-Jansen, Nawin Ramcharan, Joseph Ayinla
Sustainability	Emese von Bóné, Linda Dekker, Ernst Hulst, Sebastiaan Kamp, Cagla Altin, Tom van Dijken, Linqundo van der Klooster, Yasin Demir, Achraf Taouil

Agenda Items	TF / UC members
Starting and Incentive grants EUR	TF Finance
Action plan studying with a functional impairment	TF Diversity & Inclusion
Policy Development cycle	TF Wellbeing & Social Safety
Ties with the fossil fuel industry	TF Sustainability
Mindlab – HR Awareness campaign social safety 2023/2024	TF Wellbeing & Social Safety
Policy framework for events (with external speakers)	Full UC
Application for accreditation UNIC joint master's programme RePIC (ESSB)	Full UC
NVAO-application for accreditation ('Toets Nieuwe Opleiding') E-Master	Full UC
Employee survey (Engagement & Enablement Scan 2023)	TF Wellbeing & Social Safety
Expanding educational offering EUR	Linda Dekker, Ernst Hulst, Anthony van der Linden, Timo Zandvliet, Achraf Taouil
Research on the Feasibility of Recorded Lectures	Esra Kahramanoglu, Achraf Taouil, Joseph Ayinla, Timo Zandvliet, Emre Ulusoy, Pedro van Gessel
EUR Policies	Sebastiaan Kamp, Albert Wagelmans, Cagla Altin, Anthony van der Linden, Achraf Taouil
Budgets HeQa Programmes	TF HeQa
Order Regulations for EUR Buildings, Grounds and Facilities 2024	Aleid Fokkema, Sebastiaan Kamp, Nawin Ramcharan, Aki Negate, Wesley Hennep
NVAO-application for accreditation ('Toets Nieuwe Opleiding') E-Master	Full UC
Compensation student members participation	Katarzyna Lasak, Rosita Boedhai-Jansen, Aleid Fokkema, Cagla Altin, Linqendo van der Klooster, Yasin Demir
Erasmus MC Bachelor of Medicine Selection Regulations 2024-2025	Albert Wagelmans, Linqendo van der Klooster, Yasin Demir, Achraf Taouil
Code of conduct for elections Erasmus University Rotterdam	Sebastiaan Kamp, Tom van Dijken, Nawin Ramcharan, Joseph Ayinla, Timo Zandvliet, Emre Ulusoy, Achraf Taouil
EUR campaign budget rules for the student elections of the University Council 2024	Nawin Ramcharan, Joseph Ayinla, Timo Zandvliet, Emre Ulusoy, Aki Negate, Achraf Taouil, Wesley Hennep
Additional budget request Convergence	TF Finance
EUR Leadership Policy	TF Wellbeing & Social Safety
Creating an environment where student associations flourish	Ernst Hulst, Sebastiaan Kamp, Tom van Dijken, Linqendo van der Klooster, Aki Negate
Ethic consideration university collaborations	Sebastiaan Kamp, Cagla Altin, Tom van Dijken, Joseph Ayinla, Emre Ulusoy, Yasin

	Demir, Aki Negate, Achraf Taouil, Albert Wagelmans
Evaluation Mindlab	TF Wellbeing & Social Safety
Sleep pods on campus Woudestein	Achraf Taouil
Redistribution of All-Gender Toilets	TF D&I
Compensation participatory bodies (faculty staff)	Katarzyna Lasak, Rosita Boedhai-Jansen, Aleid Fokkema, Cagla Altin, Linquendo van der Klooster, Yasin Demir
Compensation participatory bodies (program committees)	Katarzyna Lasak, Rosita Boedhai-Jansen, Aleid Fokkema, Cagla Altin, Linquendo van der Klooster, Yasin Demir
Request evaluation institutional ties	Sebastiaan Kamp, Cagla Altin, Tom van Dijken, Joseph Ayinla, Emre Ulusoy, Yasin Demir, Aki Negate, Achraf Taouil, Albert Wagelmans
Crisis Protocol/EUR Emergency Fund 2024	Full UC
Programme Plan for Strengthening EUR Educational Quality Assurance 2024-2027: 'Quality dialogues: Connecting and Improving'	Ernst Hulst, Tom van Dijken, Achraf Taouil
Proposal to Develop EUR Guidelines	Joseph Ayinla, Linquendo van der Klooster, Pedro van Gessel
Increase parking fees EUR	Linda Dekker, Cagla Altin, Joseph Ayinla, Anthony van der Linden, Achraf Taouil
Strengthening academic freedom and freedom of expression	Linda Dekker, Ernst Hulst, Nawin Ramcharan, Linquendo van der Klooster, Wesley Hennep
Strengthening diversity and inclusivity in our food strategy	Linda Dekker, Ernst Hulst, Cagla Altin, Nawin Ramcharan, Joseph Ayinla, Anthony van der Linden, Achraf Taouil
EUR Strategy – Draft recalibrated mission / vision	TF Strategy
Emeritus Professorial Policy	TF Wellbeing & Social Safety
Strategic Implementation Plan Smarter Academic Year	Jaap Cornelese, Linda Dekker, Achraf Taouil, Linda Dekker, Rosita Boedhai – Jansen, Sebastiaan Kamp, Max Wagenaar, Cagla Altin, Emese van Bone
Extra sanitation toilets	Anthony van der Linden
Main Language University Council	Anthony van der Linden, Sebastiaan Kamp, Joseph Ayinla, Linda Dekker, Wesley Hennep, Linquendo van der Klooster
Study spaces for EUR students	Anthony van der Linden, Ernst Hulst, Sebastiaan Kamp, Joseph Ayinla, Linquendo van der Klooster, Achraf Taouil
Outdoor outlets and wall outlets lecture rooms	Joseph Ayinla, Wesley Hennep, Nawin Ramcharan

Permanent professional meeting room for the uc	Wesley Hennep
Annual Report Legal Protection	Full UC
Annual Report EUR	Full UC
Annual Report University Council	Full UC
Social Annual Report 2023	Achraf Taouil
Changes to the Management and Administration Regulations EUR (BBR)	Anthony van der Linden, Sebastiaan, Yasin Demir
EUR Meerjarenplan 2024-2027	TF Finance
Erasmus Perspectives	TF Finance
Numerus fixus bachelor's programmes and capacity-based selection for master's programmes 2025-2026	Achraf Taouil, Linda Dekker, Joseph Ayinla
Student Charter 2024-2025	Joseph Ayinla, Nawin Ramcharan, Achraf Taouil, Wesley Hennep
Institutional tuition fees policy 2025-2026	Aleid Fokkema, Achraf Taouil, Cagla Altin, Ernst Hulst
Highlight reports	Full UC
Financial semiannual reports CiO III	TF Finance

Appendices

Appendix I – Composition of Presidium, Confidentiality committee and formal Task Forces

Presidium

I. Cune-Noten	Chair
Aleid Fokkema	Employee member
Pedro van Gessel – first until the seventh cycle	Employee member
Jaap Cornelese – Eight cycle	Employee member
Cagla Altin	Student member
Nawin Ramcharan	Student member

CC

The names of the Council members that have taken a seat in the Confidentiality Committee remain confidential.

I. Cune-Noten	Chair
Employee member	
Employee member	
Student member	
Student member	

HeQa

The names of the Council members that have taken a seat in the HeQa Taskforce

I. Cune-Noten	Chair
E. Cercel (Clerk)	Clerk
Emese von Bone	Employee member
Linda Dekker	Employee member
Albert Wagelmans	Employee member
Linguendo van der Klooster	Student member
Anthony van der Linden	Student member
Timo Zandvliet	Student member
Emre Ulusoy	Student member

Appendix II – UC Decisions

Topic	Decision	Date
Action plan studying with a functional impairment	Right of advice	4 October, 2023
Draft Policy Development cycle	Right of advice	4 October, 2023
Mindlab – HR Awareness campaign social safety 2023/2024	Right of information	11 October, 2023
Appeal for Enhancing Measures Against Smoking on Campus	Right of initiative	1 November, 2023
Policy Framework for Events with external speakers	Right of Information	1 November, 2023
Application for accreditation UNIC joint master's programme RePIC (ESSB)	Right of advice	1 November, 2023
NVAO-application for accreditation ('Toets Nieuwe Opleiding') E-Master	Right of advice	1 November, 2023
Employee survey (Engagement & Enablement Scan 2023)	Right of information	15 november 2023
Starting and Incentive Grants	Right of consent	15 november 2023
BBR-EUR 2024	Right of consent	15 november 2023
University Ties with the Fossil Fuel Industry	Right of initiative	15 november 2023
NVAO-application for accreditation (Toets Nieuwe Opleiding) MHBA	Right of advice	13 december 2023
Budgets HEQA Programmes	Right of advice and consent	20 december 2023
Erasmus MC Bachelor of Medicine Selection Regulations 2024-2025	Right of Advice	20 december 2023
Compensation student members participation	Right of Advice	21 december 2023

EUR Meerjarenplan 2024-2027	Right of Consent and Advice	21 december 2023
Budget HEQA Programmes Erasmus X	Right of Consent and Advice	11 january 2024
Policy Framework for Events with external speakers	Right of Information	23 january 2024
Order regulations for EUR Buildings, Grounds and Facilities 2024	Right of Advice	24 january 2024
EUR campaign budget rules for the student elections of the University Council 2024	Right of Advice	7 february 2024
EUR Leadership Policy	Right of Information	7 february 2024
Additional budget request Convergence	Right of Consent	7 february 2024
Code of Conduct for Elections Erasmus University Rotterdam – Right of Advice	Right of Advice	7 february 2024
Request evaluation institutional ties	Right of Initiative	12 february 2024
Redistribution of all-gender toilets	Right of Initiative	2 april 2024
Compensation participatory bodies (faculty staff & program committees)	Right of Advice	23 april 2024
Order regulations for EUR Buildings Grounds and Facilities 2024	Right of Advice (follow-up)	23 april 2024
Student Charter 2024-2025	Right of consent	6 june 2024
Programme Plan for Strengthening EUR Educational Quality Assurance 2024-2027: 'Quality dialogues: Connecting and Improving'	Right of consent	6 june 2024
Institutional tuition fees 2025-2026	Right of advice	6 june 2024
Proposal to Develop EUR Guidelines	Right of advice	6 june 2024
Increase parking fees	Right of advice	6 june 2024
Strengthening diversity and inclusivity in our food strategy	Right of initiative	6 june 2024

Protect and promote academic freedom and freedom of expression	Right of initiative	11 june 2024
Permanent professional meeting room for the uc	Right of initiative	5 july 24
EUR Strategy - Draft recalibrated mission/vision	Right of advice	11 july 2024
Emeritus Professorial Policy	Right of advice	11 july 2024
Numerus fixus (institution) and Selection of master programs 2025-2026	Right of advice	11 july 2024
Social Annual Report 2023 (HR)	Right of information	11 july 2024
Proposal extra sanitation toilets	Right of initiative	11 july 2024
Proposal Main Language University Council	Right of initiative	11 july 2024
Proposal Main Language University Council	Right of initiative	11 july 2024
Proposal study spaces for EUR students	Right of initiative	11 july 2024
Strategic Implementation Plan Smarter Academic Year	Right of advice	11 july 2024
Erasmus Perspectives 2025-2028	Right of consent	16 july 2024

Appendix III - Abbreviations

CC	Confidentiality Committee
CM	Consultation meeting between University Council and Executive Board
EB	Executive Board
EBUC	Employee Body of the University Council
Erasmus MC	Erasmus University Medical Centre
ESE	Erasmus School of Economics
ESHCC	Erasmus School of History, Culture and Communication
ESHPM	Erasmus School of Health Policy & Management
ESL	Erasmus School of Law
ESPhil	Erasmus School of Philosophy
ESSB	Erasmus School of Social and Behavioural Sciences
EUC	Erasmus University College
EUR	Erasmus University Rotterdam
HeQa/HEQA	Higher Education Quality Agreements
ISS	International Institute of Social Studies
LDE	Leiden-Delft-Erasmus
PRO	Professional Services
SB	Supervisory Board
SBUC	Student Body of the University Council
RSM	Rotterdam School of Management
TF	Task Force
UC	University Council