

# Faculty Council Report

## December 2020

This report will provide an overview of what has been discussed in the TiSEM Faculty Council, which takes place 6 times in an academic year. Below, you find some information on the topics that are most relevant for students.

### Corona update

At the moment, the corona update is a recurring topic on the agenda of the Faculty Council. We sent an evaluation report regarding the previous exam period, which was briefly discussed. In this report, the opinion of 87 students is gathered, stressing the main problems students faced in the first exam period of 2020-2021. Apart from the Faculty Council, this report was also sent to the Assessment committee for enhancing the quality of education in corona times. The organization for the examinations of the fall semester is going to be ready in time. The organization was slightly behind schedule, but they were catching up the last few weeks.

### Reform of Research Master-PhD program

It was proposed to cancel the Research Master in Business, and instead offer a direct PhD program to students who are interested in an academic career. The direct PhD position would be a 4-year, 1 FTE position.

### Changes and additions to Canvas

An idea handed in by Active TiSEM about improvements in Canvas was discussed. The Faculty Council agreed that improvements can be made regarding the Canvas pages. Therefore, this proposal will be discussed with LIS (Library & IT Services) to see what the possibilities are.

### Uniformization of syllabi

ECCO handed in a [proposal about the uniformization of syllabi](#). A clear and complete syllabus is very important for you as a student to provide structure and information about courses. The idea of a uniform template, where no information can be forgotten, was positively received by the Faculty Council. Small issues like the usage of different software (e.g., Microsoft Word, LaTeX), Copyright, and the coordination with Osiris information needs to be taken into account while making the template for TiSEM's syllabi.

### Marap 2020-5

The fifth management report of 2020, gives insight into the financial performance of TiSEM. Although the financial performance is somewhat lower due to the COVID-19 situation, the Management Team foresees no direct threats in the forecasts in the long term. Positive advice was given by the Faculty Council on Marap 2020-5.



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### Curriculum changes 2021-2022

Positive advice is given regarding the following changes in the curriculum of the respective programs. For the Bachelor Economie en Bedrijfseconomie, the option of doing an internship (18 ECTS) is introduced for all tracks. The internship can be done instead of completing 3 elective courses. For the Masters Marketing Management, Marketing Analytics, and Supply Chain Management, changes are made regarding courses. Some courses which were elective courses are now compulsory courses. Next to that, new courses are introduced which replace courses that are being dropped.

### Quality Agreements spending and new Learning Analytics plan

The Management Team proposed some changes to the Quality Agreement budget. First, there is some budget that can not be used due to the current COVID-19 situation. This amount will be reallocated to the improvement of digital education in 2021 and thereafter. Second, the unallocated amount is proposed to be spent on increasing teaching capacity. As the Quality Agreement budget needs to be spent on improving the quality of education, this budget for increasing teaching capacity should go beyond what is necessitated by the growth in student numbers (net growth of teaching capacity).

Next to that, the new plan on the Learning Analytics project was sent to the Faculty Council. In this plan, €20.000 is freed up in the Quality Agreements which is suggested to be transferred to the Student Wellbeing action plan. This plan is implemented by the University Council of Tilburg University. The idea is that the COVID-19 situation negatively affects the well-being of students. Therefore, a well-being officer will be hired to provide more prevention and early signaling if students face problems. All schools (including TiSEM) are asked to contribute to this well-being officer by the ratio of students in that particular school compared to the total number of students. The Faculty Council wants to give consent on all these points. However, because of the formulation of the implementation of Learning Analytics in specific courses, no consent could be given to the Learning Analytics plan and budget for 2021. The Learning Analytics plan and budget for 2021 will be back on the agenda in the next Faculty Council.

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