

# Minutes 262<sup>nd</sup> FC meeting (ext) Public

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## Agenda

1. Update on new Faculty Model
2. Update on WIB (wet internationalisering in balans)
3. Update on PMB
4. Update on Futureproof

## Summary of External Meeting of Faculty Council

### **1. Update on New Faculty Model**

The council discussed the development of a new engagement track. It was emphasized that the working group should have the flexibility to determine if the engagement track is needed.

### **3. Update on Law Internationalization Balance (WIB)**

The Dean of RSM provided an overview of the draft law aimed at reducing English-taught programs and international students in the Netherlands. The law seeks to enforce Dutch language education, with only specific exceptions like international focus, uniqueness, or labour market needs being allowed to continue in English. For RSM, this directly impacts the International Business Administration (IBA) program, which will need to demonstrate its international character convincingly to be allowed to continue in English.

The Dean also discussed the potential use of self-regulation among universities as a strategy to comply with the law without losing the English-taught programs. However, the success of this approach depends on close cooperation among institutions, which can be challenging given the competitive landscape. The worst-case scenario outlined by the Dean involved the discontinuation of the IBA program, which could lead to a significant loss of students to other universities. To mitigate this, the Dean suggested that, if necessary, an appeal could be filed against the decision.

The Dean emphasized that this situation requires careful navigation and strategic planning, as the impact of these changes could be profound. Additionally, the Dean expressed hope that continued advocacy and cooperation among universities might help influence the implementation of the law to be less restrictive.

### **3. Update on PMB Court Case**

The court case on the Dutch Premaster Bedrijfskunde (PMB) has been postponed again, with the Supreme Court ruling now expected January 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **4. Update on Future Proof**

Future Proof discussions are ongoing with stakeholders such as the ELC and CvB. The main focus is on completing the reorganization and personnel plan. The document is expected by the end of the year, though there will be an intermediate step of preparing a financial overview for CvB to make provisions for 2025. Departments are also drafting their future service offerings, highlighting potential cuts. The provision discussed is important because it impacts funding support from the Executive Board, with potential implications for financial assistance based on how the losses and provisions are calculated.

### **5. Updates from FC to EB**

The Faculty Council plans to involve legal counsel to assist with procedural uncertainties during the Future Proof reorganization. This will help clarify roles and responsibilities to navigate decision-making confidently.