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Betreft **Student assessor CvB**

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Dear Chair, Executive Board,

With this letter the Faculty Student Council of Humanities, the Faculty Student Council of Economics and Business, the Faculty Student Council of Dentistry and the Faculty Student Council of Sciences would like to express their dissatisfaction with the lack of a central student assessor. The content of this letter is also endorsed by several student-assessors on the decentral level that are aware of the importance of their position. They would like to urge the CvB to assess the cause of this situation and receive an overview of how a situation as current can be prevented in the future.

As is well known, the vacancy for the CvB student assessor was open from October the 2nd 2019 until October the 16th 2019. Due to the lack of applications, the vacancy has been opened for the second time until November the 17th 2019. To great regret, no applications were received once more. In response to the situation, the Executive Board has decided that the student assessor will ,for this time not be appointed by calendar year, but for the academic year. The loss of the student assessor will be of shorter duration as a result of this decision. Despite shortening the duration of the loss, this is a problematic situation. Through this letter, the Faculty Student Councils express their great dissatisfaction regarding the current lack of the student assessor position in the Executive Board.

The student assessor is of great importance for the entire participation at the UvA. It is single student perspective that also bears information from the student council and other student organizations, as Iris Kingma mentioned in a short interview on the UvA website published on 15

October 2019.¹ The various forms of student involvement at the UvA are of great value for the including of the student interest. Unlike all other student representatives, the assessor sits at the most important meetings of the Executive Board, and therefore ensures that a student's perspective is also given at this level. The number of students, 35,413, shows the importance of the student perspective.

The current absence of a student assessor is a great loss that asks for thorough analysis. It is unclear why there has not been a more proactive stance to be able to fill the vacancy. It is felt, for instance, that much more could have been done as to the promotion of the position. Furthermore, we would like to know what other issues might have caused the lack of response. What content-driven decisions were made by students to not apply? Has it been the prospect of workload, something in the vacancy description or some other reason? We believe the CvB should be able to put forward the answers to these question to be able to prevent a situation like this in the future.

We hereby request the Executive Board to find out which mistakes have been made in the process and how this will be improved in the future. And expect to be informed if steps are being taken.

Kind regards,



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¹ "Deze student vergadert wekelijks met het college van bestuur", Uva,
<https://www.uva.nl/content/nieuws/nieuwsberichten/2019/10/deze-masterstudent-vergadert-wekelijks-met-het-college-van-bestuur.html?fbclid=IwAR1-j4vHLfaIR7l6BNU3i-RxeQKhKw6ucYBdBxGh9Rc45ddsYDKDWJAXZ5w> (consulted 20 january 2020).

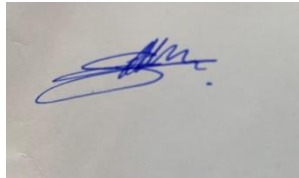
Also on behalf of Student Assessors:

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- Sarah Roufai - Student-lid CoH. Faculty of Humanities.

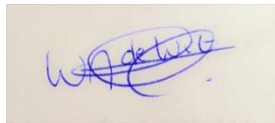


- Dominique Wiedeman - Student-lid Graduate School of Humanities Faculty of Humanities.



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Faculty of Sciences

- Hilal Demirel. Studentassessor. Faculty of Science.

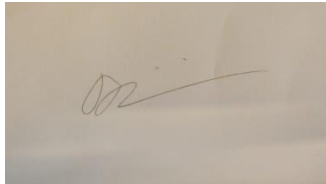


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- Casper Colenbrander - *BoS-studentmember College of Social Sciences. Faculty of Social & Behavioural Sciences.*



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- Naomi Veenhoven - *BoS Student Graduate School (1 van 2). Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences.*

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- Mehmet Ongun Durham. *BoS Student Graduate School (2 van 2). Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences.*

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