

# EUR University Council Regulations

(as referred to in Section 9.34, paragraph 1 of the Higher Education and Research Act ('WHW'))

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## **Chapter 1: General provisions**

### **Article 1 Definitions**

1. In these regulations and the provisions based thereon, the following terms have the meaning stated:
  - a. *the Act, the WHW*: the Higher Education and Research Act ('Wet op het hoger onderwijs en wetenschappelijk onderzoek');
  - b. *EUR*: Erasmus University Rotterdam;
  - c. *BBR*: the EUR Administrative and Management Regulations ('Bestuurs- en Beheersreglement EUR'), as referred to in Section 9.4 of the Act;
  - d. *Council*: the EUR University Council, as referred to in Section 9.31 of the Act;
  - e. *Board*: the EUR Executive Board, as referred to in Section 9.2 of the Act;
  - f. *Supervisory Board*: the EUR Supervisory Board, as referred to in Section 9.7 of the Act;
  - g. *Dean*: the Dean of an EUR faculty, as referred to in Section 9.12, paragraph 1 of the Act;
  - h. *Faculty Council*: the faculty council of an EUR faculty, as referred to in Section 9.37 of the Act;
  - i. *Programme Committee*: the Programme Committee of an EUR programme or a group of programmes, as referred to in Section 9.18 of the Act;
  - j. *EUROPA*: the EUR consultative body for staff matters, as referred to in Section 4.5, paragraph 5 of the Act;
  - k. *university community*: the staff and the students together, as referred to in Article 43, paragraph 1, of the BBR;
  - l. *staff*: the staff affiliated to EUR under a permanent or temporary contract of employment, irrespective of its term;
  - m. *staff section*: the section of the Council that is elected from and by the staff;
  - n. *student*: any person registered as such at EUR;
  - o. *student section*: the section of the Council that is elected from and by the students;
  - p. *Presidium*: the Presidium of the Council, comprising the chair and vice-chair of the Council;
  - q. *consultation meeting*: meeting at which the Council and Board consult each other;
  - r. *Council meeting*: meeting of the Council, other than a consultation meeting;
  - s. *Disputes Committee*: the higher education Disputes Committee on participation in decision-making, as referred to in Section 9.39 of the Act.
2. The other terms in these regulations have the meaning assigned to them in the Act if they also occur therein.

## **Chapter 2: Composition and term of office**

### **Article 2 Composition**

1. The Council consists of twenty-four members.
2. The election of the Council members is regulated in the EUR Election Rules which form an annexe to these regulations and requires. The election of a Council member requires the consent of two-thirds of the Council's members.

### **Article 3 Term of office**

1. The term of office on Council commences on 1 September and ends on 31 August of the following year.
2. The members of the staff section are elected for two years, while the members of the student section are elected for one year.
3. If, at the end of the term of office, there is not yet an irreversible election result electing a new member(s), the retiring members will retain their positions on the Council until an irreversible result has been achieved.
4. In the case of members who fill a vacancy that has become available in the interim, their term of office will be reduced by the term of office already completed by the member they replace.
5. Membership of the Council ends by virtue of:
  - a. death;
  - b. resignation;
  - c. written termination of membership; or
  - d. the member's departure from the Council section or the electoral section as referred to in the EUR Election Rules, in which the member in question was elected;
  - e. a decision to that effect by the Council, as referred to in Article 4, paragraph 2, of these Regulations.
6. Retiring members will be immediately eligible for re-election.

### **Article 4 Chair and clerk**

1. The Council will elect a chair either from within its own ranks or from outside the Council. The Council's rules of procedure will stipulate the maximum duration of the Chair's term of office. At the end of his or her term of office, the Chair will be immediately eligible for re-election. The Chair can be re-elected twice.
2. If the Council elects a chair from its own ranks, the Chair, as soon as he or she has been elected, will ask the Council to decide whether his or her membership of the Council has or has not been terminated.
3. The Council elects two or more vice-chairs from its ranks for a term of office to be determined upon said election.
4. At the end of his or her term of office, the Chair who has stepped down will deputise until the Council has elected a new Chair.
5. The Chair or, if he or she is unable to attend, one of the Vice-Chairs will represent the Council in law.
6. After consulting with the Chair, the Board will appoint a clerk to support the Council.
7. When performing his or her tasks, the clerk will duly observe the Chair's instructions.

## **Chapter 3: Powers**

### **Article 5 General powers**

1. The Council is authorised to make proposals and express opinions to the Board on any matters concerning the EUR.
2. The Council will reply to the proposals referred to in the first sentence within eight weeks in the form of a written response, with reasons, submitted to the Council.
3. Before issuing the response referred to in the previous sentence, the Board will provide the Council with at least one opportunity to consult about its proposal.

### **Article 6 Power to appoint**

1. The Supervisory Board will hold a confidential meeting with the Council regarding an intended decision to appoint or dismiss a member of the Board.
2. The Council is entitled to nominate in respect of at least one member of the Supervisory Board. The nomination will contain at least two names.
3. The Supervisory Board will hold a confidential meeting with the Council regarding an intended decision to appoint or dismiss the other members of the Supervisory Board.
4. The Council will be given an opportunity to advise the Supervisory Board regarding the profiles drawn up for the appointment of the members of the Supervisory Board, as referred to in Section 9.7, paragraph 4 of the Act.
5. The Board will hear the Council regarding an intended decision to appoint a member of the Permanent Complaints Committee on Sexual Harassment, Aggression, Violence, Bullying or Discrimination ('SIAG Committee').
6. The Council appoints the Board member referred to in Article 6, paragraph 1, of the Articles of the Erasmus Sport Foundation.

### **Article 7 Right of consent**

The Board requires the prior written consent of the Council for any decision that the Board intends to take relating to the adoption or amendment of:

- a. the institution plan, as referred to in Section 2.2 of the Act or the prospective part of the Annual Report, as referred to in Section 2.9, paragraph 2, second sentence of the Act;
- b. EUR's strategic plan;
- c. the structure of the quality assurance system, pursuant to Section 1.18, paragraph 1 of the Act, as well the intended policy in the light of the outcomes of the quality assessment, as referred to in Section 2.9, paragraph 2, second sentence of the Act;
- d. the Student Charter, as referred to in Section 7.59 of the Act;
- e. the Administrative and Management Regulations (the 'BBR'), including the EUR legal protection facility for students;
- f. the rules relating to working conditions, including those pertaining to sexual harassment, aggression, violence, bullying or discrimination;
- g. the selection of systems of participation in decision-making, as referred to in Section 9.30, paragraph 1 of the Act;
- h. the Board's policy with regard to the profiling fund, as referred to in Section 7.51 of the Act, and the rules, as referred to in paragraph 4 of that section;
- i. the appointment of the members and deputy members of the Central Electoral Committee, as referred to in the EUR Election Rules;
- j. university policy within the framework of the Proportional Representation of Women in Educational Management Posts Act ('Wet inzake evenredige vertegenwoordiging van vrouwen in leidinggevende functies in het onderwijs' (WEV)).

## **Article 8 Right to advise**

1. The Board will submit to the Council for advice any decision to be taken by the Board with regard to:
  - a. matters that concern the continued existence and proper course of business at EUR;
  - b. the EUR budget, as referred to in Section 2.8 of the Act, which should include the amount of the institutional tuition fee and the amount of the tuition fee, as referred to in Section 6.7, paragraph 1 of the Act;
  - c. the termination or reduction of the activities of EUR organisational units and the initiation of new activities, insofar as these actions result in significant changes in the EUR structure and workforce;
  - d. the intention to reorganise a faculty or central service;
  - e. the formulation of binding study advice for an EUR programme;
  - f. the implementation of a limit on intake numbers as regards registration for an EUR programme;
  - g. the policy relating to the student facilities;
  - h. the Articles of the Erasmus Sport Foundation;
  - i. the regulations on recognition of student organisations;
  - j. the rules of procedure of the EUR Advisory Committee on Objections ('ACB'), as referred to in Article 51 of the BBR;
  - k. the regulations relating to the use of languages at EUR;
  - l. the regulations on integrity within the university community;
  - m. an application for a new programme at EUR submitted to the Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders ('Nederlands-Vlaamse Accreditatieorganisatie' (NVAO)), or a request to include the new programme in the Central Register of Higher Education Study Programmes ('CROHO'), as well as a proposal to cancel an existing programme at EUR, without prejudice to the provisions in Article 24, paragraph 3, of these regulations.
2. The Council is also authorised to issue advice regarding decisions relating to working conditions at EUR that are taken by a party other than the Board.
3. The Council's right to advise with regard to the matters referred to in paragraph 1 under (c) and (d) is stipulated in more detail in the EUR Reorganisation Code.

## **Article 9 Powers with regard to the Policy Framework**

The Board will meet with the Council to hear its views on the EUR Policy Framework.

## **Article 10 Special powers relating to the staff section**

1. The Board requires the prior consent of the staff section for:
  - a. each of the decisions to be taken by the the Board with regard to matters of general interest for the special legal status of the staff;
  - b. the action plans formulated by the Board as a result of a Risk Inventory and Evaluation (RIE).
2. The right of consent in matters as referred to in paragraph 1, under (a) is not to be exercised insofar as the matter in question has already been dealt with for EUR as regards the substance in a rule laid down by or by virtue of the Act, a collective labour agreement ('CAO'), or insofar as the right has been exercised in some other way.
3. The staff section has the power with regard to working conditions assigned to the Council pursuant to the Working Conditions Act ('Arbeidsomstandighedenwet') and the Order in Council ('AMvB') under Section 16 of said Act.

## **Article 11 Special powers of the student section**

1. The Board submits to the student body for advice any decision to be taken by the board with regard to:

- a. the general staff and appointment policy, unless Section 9.36, paragraph 2 of the Act applies;
  - b. the policy with regard to the institutional tuition fee, as referred to in Section 7.46 of the Act and the tuition fee, as referred to in Section 6.7, paragraph 1 of the Act;
  - c. the regulations of the institution board with regard to repayment of the statutory tuition fee, as referred to in Section 7.48, paragraph 4 of the Act;
  - d. the regulations established by the institution board for the selection criteria and the selection procedure as referred to in Article 6.7a, paragraph 1, under (b) of the Act;
  - e. the regulations established by the institution board for the criteria and the procedure for dispensation from payment of higher tuition fees, as referred to in Section 6.7a, paragraph 1, under (c) of the Act;
  - f. the rules established by the institution board with regard to the selection, as referred to in Section 7.9b, paragraph 1 of the Act.
2. In the event that the provisions in Article 10, paragraph 1, under (a) of these regulations apply, the student section will be given the opportunity to advise regarding the intended decision by the Board, unless the situation, as referred to in Article 10, paragraph 2, of these regulations applies.

**Article 12**  
***(discontinued)***

## **Chapter 4: Consultation meeting**

### **Article 13 Consultation meeting**

1. The Board and the Council will consult with each other to agree on a timetable of joint meetings between the Board and the Council. This timetable will comprise at least six joint meetings ('consultation meetings') per year.
2. The Board and the Council will also meet within a reasonable period of time if requested to do so by the Board or the Council/a section of the Council.
3. The consultation meeting is chaired by the Chair of the Council or his or her deputy.
4. The consultation is conducted on behalf of the Board by the Chair of the Board or his or her deputy. The Chair or the deputy can have the assistance of one or more members of staff in this regard.
5. The clerk acts as secretary of the consultation meeting, unless the Board and the Council together designate someone else as secretary.
6. The agenda of the consultation meeting is drawn up by the Presidium, following consultation between the Chair of the Council and the Chair of the Board, and will include the matters which the Board or the Council/a section of the Council submitted to the clerk at least seven days before the consultation meeting.
7. Minutes will be taken at each consultation meeting.
8. The consultation meeting is public unless the Chair of the meeting, the Board, or the Council believes that the nature of the matter being discussed is such that the meeting should not be public. Minutes will not be taken during any closed part of the consultation meeting (including during the whole meeting if the whole meeting is closed), unless those present at the meeting decide otherwise.
9. With regard to the matters dealt with in a closed consultation meeting (or a closed part thereof), all those present will be required to observe confidentiality.
10. Unless determined otherwise, the provisions in the Council's rules of procedure relating to Council meetings apply mutatis mutandis to the consultation meeting.

## **Chapter 5: Working method**

### **Article 14 Right of consent procedure**

1. With regard to an intended decision by the Board that requires the consent of the Council or a section thereof, the Council (or the relevant section thereof) will, in principle, decide whether to grant or withhold consent at the next meeting but, in any event, will do so within eight weeks after receipt of the intended decision, unless a different deadline is agreed with the Board. The Board will give the Council the opportunity to consult with it regarding the intended decision within a period of eight weeks. After consent has been given, the Board will inform the Council in writing about its definitive decision at the earliest opportunity.
2. If the Council/section of the Council has not taken a decision as referred to in paragraph 1 by the set deadline, the Council/section of the Council will be regarded as having consented to the Board's intended decision.
3. If an intended decision by the Board has not received the necessary consent from the Council/section of the Council, the Board will consult on the situation with the Council.
4. After this consultation, the Board will decide to:
  - a. uphold the proposal;
  - b. submit an amended proposal to the Council; or
  - c. withdraw the proposal.
5. The Board will notify the Council of its decision within eight weeks. If this notification has not been received within the period referred to in the previous sentence, the proposal will lapse.

### **Article 15 Procedure regarding the right to advise**

1. With regard to a decision to be taken by the Board that is submitted to the Council/a section of the Council for advice, the Board will, if so desired, consult with the Council before the advice is given, unless agreed otherwise with the Board.
2. The Board will submit a request for advice to the Council at such a time that the advice can still have an actual influence on the decision to be taken.
3. The Council/section of the Council will issue a recommendation to the Board regarding an intended Board decision at the next meeting but, in any event, within eight weeks after the date of the request for advice, unless another deadline has been agreed with the Board.
4. If the Council/section of the Council has not issued a recommendation by the set deadline, the Council/section of the Council will be regarded as having issued a positive recommendation with regard to the Board's proposal.
5. If the Board does not want to follow the recommendation or does not want to follow it in full, the Board will communicate this in writing to the Council within four weeks and will, if so desired, consult with the Council/section of the Council before the definitive decision is taken. The Council/section of the Council will then notify the Board within eight weeks as to whether, after reconsideration of all the interests, it is keeping to its original recommendation. If the Council/section of the Council keeps to its original recommendation, the Board will indicate in its decision that it has deviated from the recommendation.

### **Article 16 Rules of Procedure**

The Council lays down its procedures and meeting rules in rules of procedure as referred to in Section 9.31, paragraph 7 of the Act, with due regard for the provisions in these regulations. The rules of procedure contain, in any event, rules on how meetings are held, how the agenda is drawn up, the voting procedure, the decision-making procedure, the establishment of advisory committees and reporting.



## **Chapter 6: Rights and obligations**

### **Article 17 Promoting openness, accessibility and mutual consultation**

The Council does all it can to promote openness, accessibility and mutual consultation at EUR.

### **Article 18 Equal treatment of men and women; involvement of handicapped people and ethnic minorities**

1. The Council guards in general terms against any form of discrimination at EUR.
2. In particular, the Council promotes the equal treatment of men and women and the involvement of handicapped people and ethnic minorities.
3. The Council is authorised to submit a request for an investigation to be carried out to the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights as referred to in Article 10, paragraph 2, opening lines and (d) of the Act on the Establishment of the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights ('Wet College voor de rechten van de mens').

### **Article 19 Duty to inform**

1. At the beginning of the academic year the Board will send the Council written basic details relating to the composition of the Board, the Supervisory Board, the EUR organisation and the main elements of policy already adopted.
2. The Board will inform the Council at least once a year in writing about its policy over the last year and its envisaged policy for the coming year in relation to EUR in the financial and organisational and educational areas.
3. The Board will immediately inform the Council about any plans relating to matters described in the institution plan.
4. Either at the Council's request or of its own accord, the Board will provide the Council, in good time, with all information that the Council reasonably needs in order to perform its tasks. In any event, this includes the submission, at least once a year, of details regarding the scope and content of working conditions regulations and agreements per EUR employee group, as well as details relating to the members of the Board and the Supervisory Board.
5. The Board provides the information as quickly as possible, but no later than eight weeks after the Board received the Council's request. If the Board is going to miss this deadline, the reasons why must be submitted to the Council before the deadline expires.

### **Article 20 Annual reporting**

1. Each year, the Council will compile a written report on its activities and will ensure that all parties involved at EUR can inspect the report.
2. The Council will ensure that the agendas and minutes of Council meetings are sent to the Board, the Deans, the Faculty Councils and any committees referred to in Section 9.47 of the Act.
3. The Council will ensure that the agendas and minutes of Council meetings are made available for perusal by interested parties at a generally accessible location at EUR.
4. The Council will give a committee, as referred to in paragraph 2, the opportunity, at least once a year, to consult on matters that are of particular relevance to the committee in question.

### **Article 21 Legal protection**

1. The Board will ensure that the position of Council members in relation to EUR is not prejudiced on account of their membership of the Council. The Board will do the same with regard to prospective and former Council members.
2. The provisions in paragraph 1 apply mutatis mutandis to the members of the Faculty Councils, on the understanding that the duty of care referred to in the previous paragraph is vested particularly in the Dean of the faculty in question.
3. The termination of a staff member's position, other than at the request of said staff member, must not be related to said staff member's nomination for membership, membership or former membership of the Council.

### **Article 22 Facilities and training**

1. The Board will offer the Council facilities which it can use and which the Council reasonably requires in order to fulfil its task.
2. The Board will give the members of the Council the opportunity, during a period of time to be determined jointly by the Board and the Council, to receive the training which the members of the Council require to fulfill their tasks. Staff are to be given the opportunity to receive this training during working hours and with retention of salary.
3. The Board will draw up additional regulations concerning the Council facilities which will include, as a minimum, provisions relating to:
  - a. exemption from work as far as members of staff are concerned;
  - b. flat-rate allowances as far as members of staff and students are concerned;
  - c. training and education;
  - d. support and a meeting room.
4. The provisions in the above paragraphs apply mutatis mutandis to the Faculty Councils and the Programme Committees on the understanding that the Dean takes the place of the Board.

## **Chapter 7: Faculty Councils**

### **Article 23 General powers**

1. The Dean will meet with the Faculty Council at least twice a year to discuss the general course of business at the Faculty. The Dean and the Faculty Council will meet if the Dean or the Faculty Council/a section of the Faculty Council requests such, stating reasons why the meeting should be held.
2. The Faculty Council is authorised to make proposals and express opinions to the Dean on any matters affecting the Faculty. The Dean will reply to a proposal made by the Faculty Council within eight weeks in the form of a written, substantiated proposal. Before replying, the Dean will provide the Faculty Council with at least one opportunity to consult about his or her proposal.
3. At the start of the academic year, the Dean will provide the Faculty Council with the basic information in writing relating to the composition of the Faculty Board, the organisation of the Faculty and the main elements of the policy adopted. The Dean will inform the Council at least once a year in writing about the policy he or she has pursued over the last year and his or her envisaged policy for the coming year in relation to the Faculty in the financial, organisational and educational areas.
4. Either in response to a request or of his or her own accord, the Dean will provide the Faculty Council with all information in good time that the Faculty Council reasonably requires for the fulfilment of its task. In any event, this includes the submission, at least once a year, of details regarding the scope and content of working conditions regulations and agreements per group of people working at the faculty and for the Dean, insofar as the Dean is authorised to stipulate these regulations and to make these agreements.
5. The Dean and the Faculty Council will consult to draw up a timetable of meetings for the consultations between them. This timetable of meetings will include at least four consultation meetings per year.
6. Each year, the Faculty Council will compile a written report on its activities and will ensure that all parties involved in the Faculty can inspect the report. The Faculty Council will ensure that the agendas and minutes of Faculty Council meetings are sent to the Dean, the Board, the Council and to any committees referred to in Section 9.47 of the Act and are made available for perusal by interested parties at a generally accessible location.

### **Article 24 Special powers**

1. The Dean requires the prior written consent of the Faculty Council for any decisions to be taken by the Dean in relation to the adoption or amendment of:
  - a. the Faculty's rules and regulations as referred to in Section 9.14 of the Act;
  - b. the education and examination regulations, as referred to in Section 7.13 of the Act, with the exception of the subjects referred to in paragraph 2, under (a) to (g), with the exception of the instruction referred to in paragraph 3, and with the exception of the requirements referred to in Sections 7.30a, paragraph 3, third sentence, and 7.30b, paragraph 1, third sentence.
2. The Dean will ask the Faculty Council to advise on the faculty budget plan and will include the Faculty Council's advice with the faculty budget plan to be submitted to the Board.
3. The Dean will meet with the Faculty Council before submitting a proposal to the Board for the setting up or termination of a study programme as referred to in Section 1.1 under (m) of the Act. He or she will include the minutes of that meeting with his or her proposal as referred to in the first sentence of this paragraph.
4. Before appointing or dismissing the Dean, the Board will hold a confidential meeting with the Faculty Council of the faculty in question regarding the intended decision to appoint or dismiss. The meeting referred to in the previous sentence will take place at a time when can actually influence the decision.

### **Article 25 Powers relating to the staff section**

1. The Dean will give the Faculty Council staff section an opportunity, in good time, to give advice and to consult on planned measures regarding:
  - a. the way in which the terms and conditions of employment and services are applied in the Faculty;
  - b. the way in which general personnel policy is applied in the Faculty;
  - c. matters relating to working conditions in the Faculty;
  - d. the Faculty organisation and working methods;
  - e. the technical and financial services provided in the Faculty;
  - f. reorganisations in the Faculty.
2. The staff section of the Faculty Council is authorised to make proposals to the Dean relating to matters referred to in the first paragraph.
3. The Dean requires the prior consent of the staff section of the Faculty Council for any measure which he or she has the power to take and with regard to which the staff section of the Faculty Council has issued advice under the first paragraph. In these cases, the student section of the Faculty Council is authorised to advise the Dean.
4. This article applies mutatis mutandis to the service committee, as referred to in Section 9.50 of the Act.

## **Chapter 8: Disputes**

### **Article 26 Disputes relating to the right of consent**

1. If the Board wishes to enforce a proposal as referred to in Article 14, paragraph 4, under (a) of these regulations, the Board or the Council will determine there to be a dispute.
2. If the Council/a section of the Council expresses the opinion that the Board should have submitted a decision to the Council for approval, the Council/section of the Council will notify the Board to this effect, stating the reasons. If, after consultation with the Council/the section of the Council, the Board still does not submit the decision to the Council for approval and the Council/section of the Council informs the Board of its intention to enforce its position, the Board will designate the disputed decision as an intended decision that has not acquired the consent of the Council/section of the Council and the Board or the Council will determine there to be a dispute.
3. The Board will report a dispute to the Supervisory Board.

### **Article 27 Disputes relating to the power to advise**

1. The Board will notify the Supervisory Board about a dispute relating to non-compliance, or incomplete compliance, with a recommendation issued by the Council as referred to in Article 15, paragraph 5, of these regulations.
2. If the Council/a section of the Council is of the opinion that the Board should have submitted a matter to the Council for advice, the Council/section of the Council will notify the Board to this effect, stating the reasons. If, after consultation with the Council/section of the Council, the Board still does not submit the subject to the Council for advice and the Council/section of the Council informs the board of its intention to enforce its position, the Board or the Council will determine there to be a dispute and the Board will notify the Supervisory Board to this effect.
3. The implementation of the decision will be suspended by four weeks unless the Council/section of the Council has no reservations as regards immediate implementation of the decision.

### **Article 28 Other disputes**

If a dispute arises between the Board and the Council/a section of the Council regarding the interpretation of, or compliance with, these regulations or Chapter 9, Title 2 of the Act, the Board will notify the Supervisory Board about the dispute within four weeks.

### **Article 29 Procedure following notification of a dispute**

1. The Supervisory Board will investigate whether an amicable settlement is possible between the parties. If an amicable settlement is impossible, the Board or the Council will submit the dispute to the Disputes Committee.
2. The Disputes Committee is authorised to arrange an amicable settlement between the parties. If no amicable settlement is reached, the Disputes Committee will settle a dispute submitted to it by means of a binding ruling.
3. If the Board has not obtained the Council's consent, the Board can ask the Disputes Committee for permission to take the decision.
4. A ruling by the Disputes Committee is open to appeal within one month after the date of the ruling via the Enterprise Division of the Amsterdam Court of Appeal.

### **Article 30 Faculty Councils' disputes regulations**

1. If a dispute arises between the Dean and a Faculty Council or a section of a Faculty Council, the Dean or the Faculty Council will report this dispute to the Board.
2. The Board will investigate whether an amicable settlement is possible between the parties. If an amicable settlement is impossible, the Board or the Faculty Council will submit the dispute to the Disputes Committee.
3. If the dispute concerns non-compliance or incomplete compliance with a recommendation by the Faculty Council, the implementation of the decision will be suspended by four weeks unless the Faculty Council has no reservations as regards immediate implementation of the decision.
4. If the Dean has not obtained the Faculty Council's consent for the intended decision, the Dean can ask the Disputes Committee for permission to take the decision.
5. As regards submitting a dispute, the Faculty Council can exercise the advisory powers of the Programme Committee insofar as such is commensurate with the Programme Committee's recommendation.
6. A ruling by the Disputes Committee is open to appeal within one month after the date of the ruling via the Enterprise Division of the Amsterdam Court of Appeal. The first sentence does not apply if the previous paragraph is implemented.

## **Chapter 9: Final provisions**

### **Article 31 Evaluation**

1. In any event, the Board will issue a report to the Council regarding the effectiveness of these regulations every five years after they have entered into force.
2. The Board will inform the Council about amendments to the Act which may affect these regulations.

### **Article 32 Amendment**

The Board can only amend these regulations with the consent of two thirds of the members of the Council.

### **Article 33 Unforeseen circumstances**

If the Board or the Council establishes that circumstances have occurred for which these regulations do not provide, the Board will submit a proposal to the Council to provide for the circumstance in question. The Council will decide on the proposal by a simple majority of votes.

### **Article 34 Entry into force**

1. These regulations enter into force as from 1 September 2013, with the exception of the words in Article 3, paragraph 5, under (d), 'or the electoral section referred to in the EUR Election Rules', which is to enter into force at a later time to be determined by the Executive Board.
2. Previous versions of these regulations are retracted.

### **Article 35 Abbreviated title**

1. These regulations are to be referred to as: The Regulations for the EUR University Council.
2. The abbreviated title is: 'URR'.
3. These regulations are to be published on the EUR website.
4. These regulations are to be translated into English. In the event of disputes regarding interpretation, the Dutch text will prevail.