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Dear Executive Board,

Recently, a number of articles have been published related to the housing situation (see below).

I.a. issues have been raised around:

- high room pricings of Camelot;
- legally questionable contracts of Camelot with regard to tenancy (huurrecht) (double costs, too high deposits, high registration costs, required purchases), and
- especially internationals being unable to find accommodation and falling back on "couchsurfing", which in the end leads to them leaving back to their home country.

We are aware of the efforts from Gemeente¹ and De Veste² regarding international accommodation and understand that housing is not a direct responsibility of the University. Nevertheless, we are associated with it.

In de Overlegvergadering of August, the CvB acknowledges the supply/demand issues regarding Camelot and has stated that more attention will be given to professionalise the housing situation.

Questions:

1. In the article "Kamerverhuur onder Vuur", Tubantia, the university states that the prices of Camelot are high, and that the university gave advice but doesn't have any influence on the final pricings. Nevertheless, the website of the university still promotes Camelot. To what extent do we want to be associated to Camelot based on their image?
2. Hogekamp will be available for Dutch students from January on. Tubantia states that the renting prices will maybe be adjusted. Are there any conversations about these actions?
3. What is the current situation and conversation with Camelot? Are there any?

¹ Sessie "Internationals in Twente", 20 September 2018

² Twente Workshop with Urban Sync, De Veste, 12 July 2018

4. Are there any alternative options that the university can act on in order to
 - a. Ensure that enough housing is available, and
 - b. Internationals are accommodated and facilitated accordingly?
5. How are we planning to inform, especially international students, about the renting rights?

Based on following articles:

Kamerverhuur onder Vuur, Tubantia, 15 Sept 2018 <https://www.utoday.nl/news/65944/kamervragen-over-verhuurder-studios-hogekamp> (UToday, 21 Sept 2018)

<https://www.tubantia.nl/enschede/ut-student-uitgekleed-door-kamerverhuurder~ac151a6c/>(Tubantia, 15 Sept 2018)

<https://www.tubantia.nl/enschede/huisvesting-internationale-studenten-in-enschede-loopt-niet-op-rolletjes~a8677140/>(Tubantia, 4 Sept 2018)

i.o. With kind regards,
The University council


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