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## FACULTY OF BEHAVIOURAL, MANAGEMENT AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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SUBJECT

**Consent Quality Agreement** 

Dear Faculty Board,

On November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018, we discussed the Policy proposal "Quality agreements BMS 2018, 2019–2024 (October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018)". This version of the proposal was a thoroughly revised version of a proposal we discussed in a very constructive meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018. In that meeting the Board answered a lot of questions and incorporated a lot of suggestions made by the Faculty Council.

In the various discussions, it became clear to the Council that part of the proposals was actually 'post hoc' accounting: money already spent on education in 2018, investments made and people selected and hired had to be defended in the context of the WSV money. However, in both meetings the Board also clarified that this WSV-money from 2018 onwards is to be spent on further improving education at the faculty of BMS. In this context you asked for our consent with the current version of the proposal.

In the meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup>, both the Board and the Faculty Council agreed on the importance of strengthening small scale and interactive education, and the strong connection between our educational programs and society and industry. Both the Board and the Council agreed that these general aims can be achieved by community building, learning facilities, teacher professionalization, talent development, and internationalization.

In the meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup>, the Board also agreed with the observation of the Council that although the principles are broadly shared and accepted, the specification of these principles in the Quality Agreement need to be further specified, clarified and adjusted to future changes in the educational context of BMS. Both the Board and the Council agreed that the Council is to be included in this adjustment, specification and implementation process.

The Council and the Board therefore agreed that,

1. soon, but ultimately before December 15<sup>th</sup>, the Council will be informed about a time frame for the future adjustments, the specification and the implementation of the Quality Agreement and a clear plan about how to include the Faculty Council in this time frame;



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2. the more specific measures proposed in this plan are indications of the ways in which the Board plans to improve education at BMS, but that our consent to these plans is not a license to an unreflected adoption of these suggested specific measures. The Board will further discuss the content and implementation of specific measures with the Faculty Council.

On these two conditions, the Faculty Council of BMS is giving its consent to the Quality Agreement as formulated by the Faculty Board.

Kind regards, On behalf of the Faculty Council BMS,

Henk van der Kolk

Chair Faculty Council BMS

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Deputy chair Faculty Council BMS

