



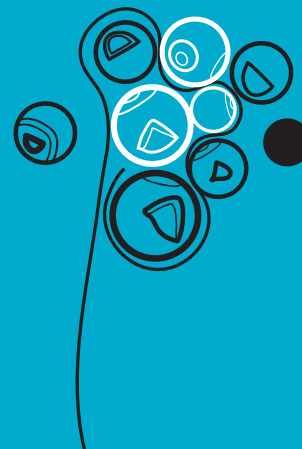
## PUT YOURSELF FORWARD

As a representative, you have the opportunity to put topics that you consider important on the agenda. We would love to hear your voice! Discover more about the possibilities to participate at [www.utwente.nl/participation](http://www.utwente.nl/participation). Put your name forward!



YOUR OPINIONS ABOUT UT COUNT.  
WHERE WILL YOU MAKE YOURSELF HEARD?

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# PARTICIPATORY DECISION-MAKING IS FOR ALL OF US

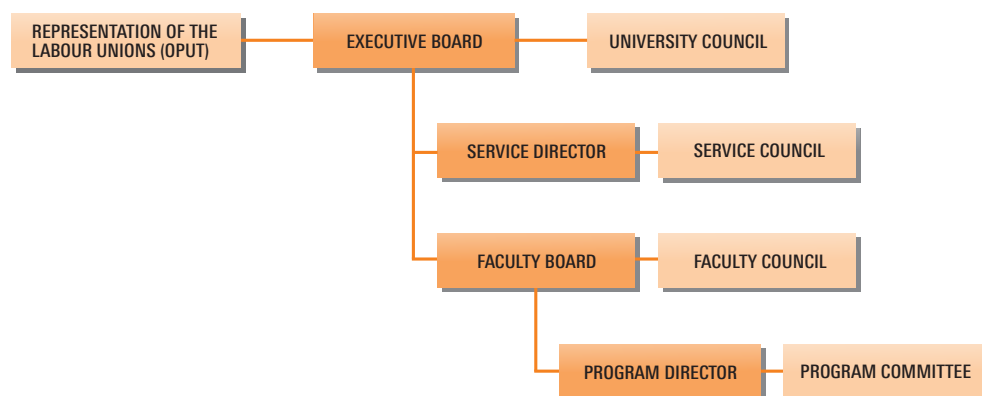
Within the UT community of almost 16,000 people, your opinion, advice and ideas matter. Whether you are a student or an employee, you can represent your faculty, study programme, service department, colleagues or students and that is precisely why your input is vital to our university. From university council and representation of the labour unions (OPUT) to faculty council, programme committee and service council: participatory decision-making is where you take responsibility, exert influence, discuss policy, meet new people, and contribute to an even better university. What are you waiting for and discover where you can make yourself heard!

## WHAT ARE THE PARTICIPATORY DECISION-MAKING BODIES AT UT?

There are various forms of representation within the UT, each of which influences a different policy level. Do you want to have a say in broad university policy, or do you have ideas on the quality of education, your service or faculty's policy, or the housing options? Find out which is the best participatory decision-making body for you to express your opinion.

**'Choosing to make yourself heard really does make a difference'**

*JOHANNEKE TEN BOEKE, FORMER MEMBER OF THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE FOR TECHNICAL MEDICINE*



## UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

The democratically elected university council (URaad) consists of 18 members that represent you, employees and students at our university. As a member of the university council, you have a say in UT's policy at organisational level and you regularly consult with the Executive Board. Together you give solicited – and unsolicited – advice or consent to the Executive Board on subjects such as:

- organisational strategy or other strategic (long-term) plans.
- regulations - for example, on students' rights.
- housing.
- staff policies.
- educational policy - for example, creating new study programmes or introducing binding study advice.
- budget - for example, introducing an education quality agenda, student support by a campus psychologist, or grants.

Employees of the university council are elected for two years, and students for one year. You will automatically receive a reminder to vote online. Do you want to have a say in the UT policy? Why not put your name forward for election?

## FACULTY COUNCIL

Each faculty has a faculty council (FR in Dutch) with the same number of employee and student members. The council offers the Faculty Board solicited - and unsolicited - advice. Topics on which you give your advice or approval include:

- faculty policy - i.e., education, housing, guidance.
- budget - for example, the distribution of financial resources for education and research.
- education and examination regulations.
- establishing and removing professorships.

## PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

For each initial program or group of programs, a programme committee (PC) is established by the faculty board, half of which consists of students and half of

which consists of lectures. In a programme committee (PC), students and lecturers advise the programme director on improving and guaranteeing the quality of education within their study programme. For the method of appointing members, elections may be called for or an alternative method of composition may be used. The method of composition of the PC shall be placed on the agenda of the faculty council annually. Topics covered in the programme committee's consultation with the programme director are:

- programme content.
- education and examination regulations (EER).
- evaluations at subject and programme level.

## SERVICE COUNCIL

Do you work in a service department then you are, as part of the service council, an ambassador for all your colleagues. This participation body consists only of elected employees, who represent the interests of central services UT employees. You support the head of department and advise on the business plan, the budget, or possible reorganisations, among other things.

## UT STAFF REPRESENTATION (OPUT)

Four trade unions are represented in the University of Twente's Representation of the Labour Unions (OPUT in Dutch), and together they ensure that the Collective Labour Agreement for Dutch Universities is implemented across our university. This body meets with the Executive Board to discuss topics that affect you as a UT employee. These include, for example, working conditions, safety, diversity, and wellbeing.

**'It's great to be involved in university policy. You can share arguments or concerns from the point of view of students, and you can also put your own ideas forward.'**

*MUHAMMAD HAMZA RIAZ, MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL 2019-2020*