

Besluit tot het verlenen van een instellingstoets kwaliteitszorg

Gegevens

	Instelling	: Wageningen University
Datum	Locatie	: Wageningen
15 mei 2018	Datum aanvraag	: 19 april 2017
Onderwerp		
Voornemen tot besluit	Datum locatiebezoeken	: 29 januari 2018 tot en met 2 februari 2018
instellingstoets kwaliteitszorg	Datum adviesrapport	: 11 april 2018
Wageningen University (005591)	Beoordelingskader	
uw kenmerk	Beoordelingskader accreditatiestelsel hoger onderwijs Nederland van de NVAO, september	
1701572	2016 (Stcrt. 2016, nr 69458);	
ons kenmerk	Frameworks for the Assessment of Internationalisation (ECA, 2015).	
NVAO/20181228/LL		
bijlagen		

2 Bevindingen

De NVAO stelt vast dat in het adviesrapport deugdelijk en kenbaar is gemotiveerd op welke gronden het panel de instellingstoets kwaliteitszorg van Wageningen University positief heeft beoordeeld. Bij deze toets is vastgesteld dat het interne kwaliteitszorgsysteem in samenhang met de kwaliteitscultuur de realisatie verzekert van de eigen visie op goed onderwijs.

Advies panel

Samenvatting bevindingen en overwegingen van het panel.

Institutional audit

The panel considers that Wageningen University's vision on education is clear, explicit and distinctive with respect to other universities in the Netherlands and abroad. It offers a rich and challenging perspective on education, which is shared by staff and students. The panel encourages the university to translate its new vision on education in concrete objectives and indicators for the coming implementation period 2018-2022.

The principles of the new 2017 vision have already found their way into two high quality policy documents on assessment and on quality assurance and enhancement. During the visit, the panel established furthermore that the university features an adequate tenure track system

Pagina 2 van 5 and pays proper attention to students with functional impairment. According to the panel, the advantages of the fairly simple one-faculty organisational structure of Wageningen University are partly lost by the use of a local terminology, concerning chair holders and personal professors, which is not (inter)nationally recognised. While it advises the university to clarify some of the positions, the panel does consider that this one-faculty structure to a large extent contributes to the quality culture at Wageningen University, which values community-wide involvement and is characterized by an effective informal network.

The panel considers that the participation of students and staff in both programme committee and programme board is exemplary and should be maintained. The panel encourages the university to review and strengthen the composition and capacity of the Staff and Student Council, since participation of students and staff is an important element of the quality culture at Wageningen.

Wageningen University has at disposition a well-established quality assurance system. The explicit link between quality assurance and quality enhancement demonstrates that the university has a mature approach to quality. Until now, the quality assurance system was operating particularly effectively at the level of courses and programmes. The panel therefore welcomes the intention of the university to enhance the effectiveness of its system at institutional level by defining quality goals and indicators to monitor more explicitly and systematically the implementation of its vision and strategy.

Innovation is high on the agenda of Wageningen University. The panel considers that the university is effective in stimulating innovation in a very genuine and bottom-up way. Over the years, several innovations in education have had the time to mature, were disseminated often in an informal way and now need to be implemented across the university. The panel sees a specific task for the Executive Board to organise this transfer from innovation to standardisation.

In sum, the panel concludes that the university has a quality culture and a quality assurance system which guarantee that education at this institution fulfils national and international requirements. The panel's overall judgement on the institutional audit of Wageningen University is therefore positive. Given the outcomes of the institutional audit the panel advises NVAO to take a positive decision.

Specific aspects

The panel was also tasked to advice on the specific aspect 'Sustainability'. According to the panel, sustainability is a topic that touches the core of Wageningen's mission and constitutes an important focal point for its education and research. It appreciates the efforts of the university to address sustainability in an all-encompassing way covering education, research and operations. This comprehensive coverage of sustainability has resulted in excellent positions on specialist national and international rankings. These elements allow the panel to advice positively on sustainability as a valuable and distinctive specific aspect of Wageningen University. This positive advice, however, should not refrain the university from incorporating sustainability even more explicitly in its activities.

The panel also looked into the quality of internationalisation as a specific aspect. The panel's findings and considerations are reported in a separate document, in accordance with the CeQInt procedure for the assessment of quality in internationalisation at institutional level. The panel considers that Wageningen University fulfils each of the five

Pagina 3 van 5 standards of the CeQulnt assessment framework: intended internationalisation, action plans, implementation, enhancement, and governance. The panel's advice on the quality of internationalisation at Wageningen University is therefore positive.

Aanbevelingen

De NVAO onderschrijft de aanbevelingen van het panel.

Specifiek aspecten

De NVAO onderschrijft de positieve oordelen van het panel over beide specifieke aspecten: (1) duurzaamheid en (2) internationalisering.

Besluit


Ingevolge het bepaalde in artikel 5a.13d, vierde lid, in verbinding met 5a.10, derde lid, van de WHW heeft de NVAO het college van bestuur van de Wageningen University te Wageningen in de gelegenheid gesteld zijn zienswijze op het voornemen tot besluit van 16 april 2018 naar voren te brengen. Bij e-mail van 26 april 2018 heeft het college van bestuur ingestemd met het voornemen tot besluit.

De NVAO besluit tot het verlenen van een instellingstoets kwaliteitszorg aan de Wageningen University.

Het besluit is van kracht tot en met 1 juli 2024.

Den Haag, 15 mei 2018

De NVAO
Voor deze:

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R.P. Zevenbergen
(bestuurder)

Tegen dit besluit kan op grond van het bepaalde in de Algemene wet bestuursrecht door een belanghebbende bezwaar worden gemaakt bij de NVAO. De termijn voor het indienen van bezwaar bedraagt zes weken.

Standaard		Oordeel
1 Visie en beleid	De instelling beschikt over een breed gedragen onderwijsvisie en een daarbij aansluitend beleid gericht op de interne kwaliteitszorg van haar onderwijs.	voldoet
2 Uitvoering	De instelling verwezenlijkt de onderwijsvisie op doeltreffende wijze, blijkend uit passende beleidsacties en -processen met name op het gebied van personeel, toetsing, voorzieningen, en studenten met een functiebeperking.	voldoet
3 Evaluatie en monitoring	De instelling evalueert stelselmatig of zij de beoogde beleidsdoelstellingen met betrekking tot onderwijskwaliteit realiseert. Daarbij betreft zij relevante stakeholders.	voldoet
4 Ontwikkeling	De instelling is gericht op ontwikkeling en werkt systematisch aan de verbetering van haar onderwijs.	voldoet
Eindoordeel		positief

Specifieke aspecten

Het panel geeft een positief eindoordeel over beide specifieke aspecten: (1) duurzaamheid en (2) internationalisering.

- Professor Frank van der Duijn Schouten PhD, Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy, Erasmus University Rotterdam, former Rector of Tilburg University and VU Amsterdam, and Professor Emeritus in Mathematics of Operations Research, Netherlands (*chair*);
- Professor Lisa Sennerby Forsse, president of the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry, Stockholm, and former vice-chancellor, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Uppsala, Sweden;
- Professor Mag. Eva Werner, hon. prof., rector of the IMC University of Applied Sciences Krems, and certified assessor for ECA (CeQuint), Austria;
- Dr. Colja Laane, CEO T&E Product Development / T&E Advice;
- Lennart van Doremalen MSc, PhD candidate in Subatomic Physics, Utrecht University, Netherlands (*student member*).

Het panel is bijgestaan door Michèle Wera MA, beleidsmedewerker NVAO en procescoördinator, en Mark Delmartino MA, secretaris.