

POSITION STATEMENT EXECUTIVE BOARD TU DELFT REGARDING AE RESEARCH ASSESSMENT

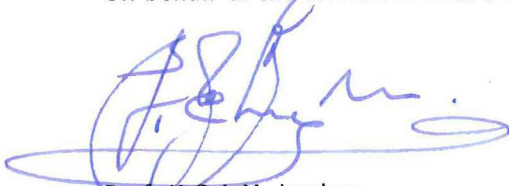
The Executive Board of Delft University of Technology has commissioned an assessment of all research carried out by the faculty of Aerospace Engineering (AE). The assessment was carried out in 2014 by an international peer review committee, using the Standard Evaluation Protocol 2015-2021 (www.vsnv.nl/sep). Chair of the peer review committee was prof.dr. André de Boer (Twente University, the Netherlands). The full report of the peer review committee is available on the TU Delft website.

The Executive Board has accepted the report¹ and wishes to express her gratitude to the peer review committee for a detailed and insightful report. The Executive Board is pleased with the findings of the committee: amongst others their overall impression of a strong and confident faculty with a clear strategy for stimulating and enhancing high quality research. This is also reflected in the assessment of the committee with regard to research quality. The committee is of the opinion that the faculty is well regarded and widely thought of as one of the strongest in the field of Aerospace Engineering. With regard to societal relevance the Executive Board is pleased to note that the committee recognizes the strong impact of the faculty and their strong connection with major players in industry. The Executive Board recognizes the contribution of the management team to the performance of the faculty and its viability.

The committee has made useful recommendations to further improve the scientific quality and societal relevance of the faculty. The Executive Board sees potential for an even stronger cooperation between the research groups and expects the faculty to specifically address this in their follow up plan. The improvement of valorisation of research as suggested by the committee should also be addressed. Last but not least, the Executive Board invites the faculty to follow up on the committee's recommendation to allow at least some of the activities in the research portfolio to carry higher risk with the potential for a higher return.

The Executive Board recognizes the remark of the committee with regard to the lack of a proper introduction course on ethics for new staff. The Executive Board will ask the 'coördinatiegroep integriteit' of the TU Delft for advice on how to improve this.

On behalf of the Executive Board of Delft University of Technology,



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¹ The faculty and committee interpreted the definition of some appointments differently. For two research groups this led to a difference in the number of recognised PhD-students (for one group) and staff appointed on a tenure track basis (for the other).