

2015 Yearly report Foundation United World College Maastricht

During 2015, the Board of Foundation United World College Maastricht met four times at the College and once in Bunnik. The Head of College Peter Howe was present at all but one of the meetings at the College and so was Jeffrey Fonsaer, responsible for the finances at the College. Once Tom Oden and twice Yoke Kerkhofs and Olaya Garcia joined in. The Board also met with the Parent Support Group in March and with the School Board in May. Two additional informal meetings involving half of the board were held in Utrecht and Oosterhout to work on specific items. There was frequent contact with the Foundation UWC-NL in order to align the yearly accounts and deliver on payments.

Topics treated included:

- setting up a Social Impact Fund, getting advice from PwC and exploring various options for a fiscal and judicial structure; talking this through with major supporters and sponsors and the governing bodies at the College; defining possible events and activities and their returns (educational, social, financial)
- encouraging the school to set up an alumni platform
- supporting the introduction and expansion of characteristic UWC features; notably expanding on the Social Entrepreneurship programme and making CAS more relevant
- adapting the Statutes of the Foundation UWC-M, as this turned out to be the best vehicle for the Social Impact activities, to be run by the school
- envisaging to engage parents and develop a fundraising community at UWC-M (yet to be developed further)
- supporting the appointment of a Director of Advancement by the school
- continuing to fine-tune within the Coop, concerning governance, management and finances at the school, pertaining to both boarders and day students
- cooperating with the Foundation UWC-NL and establishing working arrangements for the Taskforce Fundraising for the Foundation UWC-M
- aligning the accounts with both the Coop UWC-M and the Foundation UWC-NL and clarifying respective responsibilities
- getting the website page on the Foundation UWC-M up and running
- drawing up a resignation rota and documents necessary for publication to fulfil anti-requirements
- ensuring continuity and searching for new Board members

The chair of Foundation UWCM, Arnold Reusken, represents the Foundation in the ALV of the school, which met three times over the past year and discussed issues of governance, finance, management, and educational and extra-curricular developments. Student numbers increased rapidly but are now stabilizing, so the envisaged six extra classrooms will not be added to the school yet. Efforts to integrate are bearing fruit in many ways and the UWC philosophy is increasingly embedded in the school. Arnold Reusken continued to be the 'linking pin' and member of the Board of St. UWCNL.

Paul van Logtestijn, motor behind the financial alignment, Social Impact activities and setting up of an alumni platform, left the Board of this Foundation to join the School Board. A new treasurer was found in the person of Adriaan van Heijningen Nanninga.

In 2014/2015, there were 309 students in Primary and 501 students in Secondary at the start of the school year.

In 2015/2016, there were 316 students in Primary and 508 students in Secondary at the start of the school year.

For the period 2014-2016, 91 boarders were accepted, of whom 67 received a full or partial scholarship.

For the period 2015-2017, 87 boarders were accepted, of whom 57 received a full or partial scholarship. Thus, boarding is filled to full capacity.

For 2016, special focus will be on finding more new board members, transferral of the chairmanship, starting up of the Social Impact activities and becoming more visible at the school and beyond.