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Field summary for Q002

Could you indicate the type of employment?

Answer	Count	Percentage
permanent employee (A1)	69	100.00%
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No answer	0	0.00%
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Field summary for Q005(SQ001)

In the new VU building they have a focus on open workspaces in which the use is very flexible and there is a strong emphasis on places for brainstorm sessions and groupwork. Up to now Ivi has indicated that they want a concept with closed rooms for 1-6 people as the main building blocks. Please indicate below how you feel about this topic. (1 = not important/I do not agree ; 5 - very important / I do agree)
[For me it is important to have a desk in a closed room]

Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	2	2.90%	5.80%
2 (2)	2	2.90%	
3 (3)	5	7.25%	7.25%
4 (4)	6	8.70%	
5 (5)	52	75.36%	84.06%
Sum (Answers)	67	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases	67	100.00%	
No answer	0	0.00%	
Not completed or Not displayed	2	2.90%	
Arithmetic mean		4.55	
Standard deviation		0.97	

Field summary for Q005(SQ002)

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[For me it is important that the door of my room can be locked]

Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	2	2.90%	7.25%
2 (2)	3	4.35%	
3 (3)	5	7.25%	7.25%
4 (4)	8	11.59%	
5 (5)	49	71.01%	82.61%
Sum (Answers)	67	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases	67	100.00%	
No answer	0	0.00%	
Not completed or Not displayed	2	2.90%	
Arithmetic mean		4.48	
Standard deviation		1.02	

Field summary for Q005(SQ008)

In the new VU building they have a focus on open workspaces in which the use is very flexible and there is a strong emphasis on places for brainstorm sessions and groupwork. Up to now Ivi has indicated that they want a concept with closed rooms for 1-6 people as the main building blocks. Please indicate below how you feel about this topic. (1 = not important/I do not agree ; 5 - very important / I do agree)

[For me it is important to have a bookshelf]

Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	8	11.94%	17.91%
2 (2)	4	5.97%	
3 (3)	8	11.94%	11.94%
4 (4)	11	16.42%	
5 (5)	34	50.75%	67.16%
Sum (Answers)	65	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases	67	100.00%	
No answer	2	2.90%	
Not completed or Not displayed	2	2.90%	
Arithmetic mean		3.91	
Standard deviation		1.42	

Field summary for Q005(SQ007)

In the new VU building they have a focus on open workspaces in which the use is very flexible and there is a strong emphasis on places for brainstorm sessions and groupwork. Up to now Ivi has indicated that they want a concept with closed rooms for 1-6 people as the main building blocks. Please indicate below how you feel about this topic. (1 = not important/I do not agree ; 5 - very important / I do agree)
 [For me it is important to have the same desk every day.]

Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	3	4.35%	7.25%
2 (2)	2	2.90%	
3 (3)	5	7.25%	7.25%
4 (4)	11	15.94%	
5 (5)	46	66.67%	82.61%
Sum (Answers)	67	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases	67	100.00%	
No answer	0	0.00%	
Not completed or Not displayed	2	2.90%	
Arithmetic mean		4.42	
Standard deviation		1.06	

Field summary for Q005(SQ003)

In the new VU building they have a focus on open workspaces in which the use is very flexible and there is a strong emphasis on places for brainstorm sessions and groupwork. Up to now Ivi has indicated that they want a concept with closed rooms for 1-6 people as the main building blocks. Please indicate below how you feel about this topic. (1 = not important/I do not agree ; 5 - very important / I do agree)

[Open spaces would be fine for me.]

Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	42	60.87%	81.16%
2 (2)	14	20.29%	
3 (3)	5	7.25%	7.25%
4 (4)	3	4.35%	
5 (5)	3	4.35%	8.70%
Sum (Answers)	67	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases	67	100.00%	
No answer	0	0.00%	
Not completed or Not displayed	2	2.90%	
Arithmetic mean		1.67	
Standard deviation		1.09	

Field summary for Q005(SQ004)

In the new VU building they have a focus on open workspaces in which the use is very flexible and there is a strong emphasis on places for brainstorm sessions and groupwork. Up to now Ivi has indicated that they want a concept with closed rooms for 1-6 people as the main building blocks. Please indicate below how you feel about this topic. (1 = not important/I do not agree ; 5 - very important / I do agree)

[I would be willing to look for a free desk every time I arrive.]

Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	50	72.46%	88.41%
2 (2)	11	15.94%	
3 (3)	4	5.80%	5.80%
4 (4)	1	1.45%	
5 (5)	1	1.45%	2.90%
Sum (Answers)	67	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases	67	100.00%	
No answer	0	0.00%	
Not completed or Not displayed	2	2.90%	
Arithmetic mean		1.39	
Standard deviation		0.8	

Field summary for Q005(SQ005)

In the new VU building they have a focus on open workspaces in which the use is very flexible and there is a strong emphasis on places for brainstorm sessions and groupwork. Up to now Ivi has indicated that they want a concept with closed rooms for 1-6 people as the main building blocks. Please indicate below how you feel about this topic. (1 = not important/I do not agree ; 5 - very important / I do agree)
[When I'm not at work other people can use my desk]

Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	18	26.09%	39.13%
2 (2)	9	13.04%	
3 (3)	13	18.84%	18.84%
4 (4)	13	18.84%	
5 (5)	14	20.29%	39.13%
Sum (Answers)	67	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases	67	100.00%	
No answer	0	0.00%	
Not completed or Not displayed	2	2.90%	
Arithmetic mean		2.94	
Standard deviation		1.51	

Field summary for Q005(SQ006)

In the new VU building they have a focus on open workspaces in which the use is very flexible and there is a strong emphasis on places for brainstorm sessions and groupwork. Up to now Ivi has indicated that they want a concept with closed rooms for 1-6 people as the main building blocks. Please indicate below how you feel about this topic. (1 = not important/I do not agree ; 5 - very important / I do agree)

[When I'm not at work my desk cannot be used]

Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	18	26.87%	44.78%
2 (2)	12	17.91%	
3 (3)	12	17.91%	17.91%
4 (4)	8	11.94%	
5 (5)	15	22.39%	34.33%
Sum (Answers)	65	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases	67	100.00%	
No answer	2	2.90%	
Not completed or Not displayed	2	2.90%	
Arithmetic mean		2.85	
Standard deviation		1.53	

Field summary for Q103

Do you think research and education in the long run will benefit from all information science research groups at a unilocation? (1 = no benefit; 5 = large benefit)

Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	11	16.42%	34.33%
2 (2)	12	17.91%	
3 (3)	10	14.93%	14.93%
4 (4)	17	25.37%	
5 (5)	15	22.39%	47.76%
Sum (Answers)	65	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases	67	100.00%	
No answer	2	2.90%	
Not completed or Not displayed	2	2.90%	
Arithmetic mean		3.2	
Standard deviation		1.43	

Field summary for Q110

Apart from the NU building in which the Ivi and VU Computer Science will be the major occupants. The campus will be mostly occupied by the VU, so identity might be at stake. In this respect choose one of the following.

Answer	Count	Percentage
For me the UvA identity is important and should have a clear visibility at the campus and inside the NU building (A1)	41	59.42%
For me the UvA identity is important and should have a clear visibility inside the NU building (A2)	13	18.84%
For me the UvA identity is not so important as long as the identity of the joint institute is clearly visible. (A3)	5	7.25%
For me identity is not an issue. (A4)	7	10.14%
No answer	1	1.45%
Not completed or Not displayed	2	2.90%

Field summary for Q201**All things considered, do you agree with the planned move?**

Answer	Count	Percentage
Yes (Y)	24	34.78%
No (N)	34	49.28%
No answer	9	13.04%
Not completed or Not displayed	2	2.90%

Field summary for Q300

Do you have any additional remarks you would like the Works Council to take into consideration?

	Count	Percentage
Answer Browse	39	56.52%



- It is important that the financial situation of an UvA institute is secured for now and in the future.
- ONDERWIJS
- I think your first question is pointing in the wrong direction. What i have heard is that in the NU building the flex work will not be implemented, along the line of Ivi wishes (and those of VU computer science).
- I would like the Works Council to take a formal stand in this matter. Plus the argumentation for that stand. I miss arguments in all of this.
- There should be some discussion to maintain some minimal footprint of Ivi research at the Science Park (in this case flex desks that can be used by Ivi researcher that want/need to be at times at Science Park for meetings/education etc).

- If there will ever be at ILLC/Math building built at the Science Park there should be the possibility to build some presence and footprint of Amsterdam Informatics (UvA and VU) there too.
- Please give us proper offices!
- Collaboration yes
VU campus Uni-location no
- The move not only concerns the Ivi staff-members, but also all faculty staff involved with the research & education of our institute (HR, finance, IXA, educational office, communication, beta-partners, ...).

- Don't forget to consult those staff-members.
- At some questions you give a nuanced answer. The answer to the most important question is limited to a yes or no answer. That's a missed opportunity to collect information about how people feel about this subject.
- I am surprised by the many questions on the "flexplekken" and open workspaces. I actively participated in the discussions on the office space requirements with FCO and so far, my impression was that "flexplekken" and "open workspaces" would not be an option anymore. I don't understand why now suddenly they apparently have become an option again? If the move to the NU building means that I will loose my personal office, personal desk and closed workspace, I do not wish to move! I think that in that case, many people will simply work at home for most of their time, which will be a huge productivity loss because interaction with colleagues will be reduced to a minimum. If personal offices for UHDs and professors are guaranteed, I don't object against the move, although I still have to see the big advantage of it, and I am really not looking forward to all the overhead involved (I am thinking mostly of all the changes in the administration that will surely cost us all a lot of time).
- It is more than the physical move to an unknown location. The migration of services and admin, especially for teaching, will be a pain for 3 or so years. Wasted time better spent on real work.
- The move will be much more "expensive" than calculated. The extra energy, time and effort of students and staff to make the move possible is not taken into consideration.
- Please, no open workplace nor shared workplace. It's destructive for the research process. We're not amateurs nor we do secretary work. And we came here to conduct serious research that gets published in the world top conferences. Thank you very much!
- I think it is most important to have all computer science in one location, the better location for that combined institute would be science park, but I would move to de vu location if the combined can only be at the VU (as is in the plans).
- Yes. Collaboration / merging the Informatics departments is something I believe in. But lets try to see that independent of the move to the VU. For the merging, ideally we should merge also with CWI and ILLC. Also, wouldn't it make sense to first make to "faculties of Informatics" and then merge those two. Instead of merging only two "departments" within larger faculties.
- An important sign of the UvA-identity would be something like stacks of Propria Cures in baskets.
- At the moment a lot of procedures and systems have not been synchronized or harmonized to be used in such a combined way. Work groups that were formed for the ADS proposal have been dismantled a few years ago. There is still a lot of work to be done before collaboration can be successful.
- Differences in approach to both research and education will make a real cooperation difficult.
- We must be 200% certain that supporting administrative facilities will instantly be efficient and pragmatic: the level must be the same as we have at Science Park

Field summary for Q300

Do you have any additional remarks you would like the Works Council to take into consideration?

	Count	Percentage
<p>👉 - Having everyone related to Computer Science close to each other makes sense. However, this makes sense only if the conditions for research are the same or better from the current situation. The reason is that currently there are already complaints about the distribution of spaces in Science Park, and the planned move so appears to make things even worse. This relates not only to the distribution of spaces, but also to issues related to logistics. Are the BSc/MSc courses going to be taught in the different campuses? If yes, this is ridiculous, as the two locations are literally in the opposite sides of the city.</p> <p>- Research does NOT have the same working model as other types of businesses (banks, public servants, etc.). I know this because my wife works in a bank in Amsterdam. First, the hours of a researcher are more flexible (one arrive at the office at 11.00 or 12.00) and typically longer hours are spent in the office (~10 hours per day the least). As such, having open/flexible spaces will only deter people from coming to the office (already heard several people saying this). And many, at least all people on my group, have very special hardware and desktop computers that need to be located in specific places.</p> <p>Other than this being a self-fulfilling prophecy (less offices are needed->less offices are provided -> as less offices are available people stay home->less offices are needed), this will DEFINITELY lead to drop in the quality of the research. Not only the quality of internet is not good enough (practical problem). Also, the live interaction is one of the most important aspects of research, as research does not work with *boxes/deliverables/scrum-like deadlines* (theoretical problem). The supervisor has to be able to talk at any possible moment with his/her students. And the students within a group have to be nearby to help each other, discuss problems and solutions and brainstorm. From my international experience in the best universities in US, Germany, and China, I have *NEVER* heard any group "working from home". If the move is so that the resulting institute gets better, "encouraging" people to work from home will be disastrous.</p> <p>- I have heard rumors that unless there are separate offices for the researchers, certain groups would veto any move.</p> <p>👉 er ontbreekt een doordachte visie op onderwijs en onderzoek muv het bereiken van efficiency door gezamenlijk gebruik van de locatie. Informatie wordt alombepalend in maatschappij, instellingen en op individueel nivo. Fundamenteel en toegepast onderzoek en onderwijs in een steeds complexere samenhang vereist een samengaan van onderwijsinstellingen vanuit het huidige Ivl, creatief en design onderwijs en (non) commerciële instellingen met een voortrekkersrol van onderzoek en onderwijs. Het nieuwe gebouw moet daarvoor de faciliteiten bieden. Keuzes voor gesloten of open kamers zijn daaraan volstrekt ondergeschikt. Belangrijkste is een uitnodigende en open architectuur en infrastructuur voor alle betrokken partijen. Als een nieuwe locatie die mogelijkheden biedt kan ik dat alleen maar hartgrondig toejuichen. Als dat niet het geval is, is er alleen maar sprake van zinloze verspilling van energie</p> <p>👉 - In principle and a priori I am neutral about a merger. However I am not sufficiently convinced that the proposed move is necessary or even an improvement, to say the least.</p> <p>- This "dealing of cards", i.e., moving institutes separately to either VU or UvA campus, makes no sense to me. I would much rather have seen a complete merger: all institutes (of Faculty of Science) go to a single 'Amsterdam' campus. I suspect that no technical difficulties prevent this from being brought to a vote; only the egos of decision-makers on either or both sides. Separating half of the sciences by half an hour of city travel is counterintuitive.</p> <p>- Today when reading the statements of funding agencies and editorials of leading journals, 'interdisciplinarity' is increasingly mentioned as one of the new focal points which will bring us new science. In this light the merger actually moves in the opposite direction and may actually hurt us in the long run, rather than help us.</p> <p>- In terms of education I could still imagine a 'win' in terms of time saved by merging programs or courses. However I never heard any mentioning of teaching duties decreasing or teacher fee saved. Although I realize this latter point is a harsh one, it is the simple truth that this is one of the major reasons for any merger.</p> <p>👉 I think that THE beta campus of A'dam is here at Science Park, not necessarily SP904, and not on the other side of the city with less Beta research around. I think that the Beta campus @SP will continue to grow and increase its status in NL and that the biggest Informatics institute of NL should have its presence at this campus and benefit from it. Moving in my view is a strategic error in the long run. An UvA/VU Informatics building @SP would be something I'd like to see.</p>		

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<p>📌 Please consider that in many areas of current research (esp. Machine Learning), GPU-equipped computers are used by researchers. These require large amounts of energy and produce heat. Adequate AC in the office-spaces should be able to compensate.</p> <p>📌 Ideal situation: work in Science park, but can freely access NU building when needed.</p> <p>📌 I think it is a huge mistake to create a situation where we will become largely indistinguishable from a University that scores on every list way much lower than the UvA does. For attracting top scientists and excellent students this move to the VU campus will be devastating.</p> <p>📌 I am not completely negative about the move, but I am not convinced atm that it is beneficial for the educational programs where I am active esp in the MSc IS. A move could lead to forced cooperation at the cost of our educational vision! Eg. our multiplinary focus and focus on the development of a diverse set of student' skills.</p> <p>📌 At the moment I work 16 hours at CSL, but I am with a distance to normal job performance, I hope in the new situation there will be a desk, near other group members</p> <p>📌 As far as I have heard, either solution does not take the real growth of the institute into consideration thus either way leading to a shortage of space.</p> <p>I strongly oppose the entire open space politics for two reasons (1) I am less production in such an environment and certainly do not want to look for a spot every morning (2) people steal things like monitors and desktops</p> <p>📌 Every reason used for joining the faculties of the different sciences are now put aside. ICT support is lousy.</p> <p>With the current number of students, there is absolutely no need for a merge (it is not a cooperation).</p> <p>📌 I thought we were already close enough to cooperate with the VU. I cooperate more with project partners in Germany, England, Belgium and France than with People from the VU, using teleconferencing and occasional real-life meetings.</p> <p>For education a model similar to Coursera (lecture videos + questions + assignments with a forum for questions) seems much more suitable then asking students to frequently attend a lecture at a particular (inconvenient) time and place. Questions can be dealt with by Q&A, teleconferencing and an occasional real-life lecture. Much more cost effective, quality control and monitoring through data analysis, and why not give the tax payer or the world free access to the lecture videos. Students then pay only for feedback, individual help in case of problems, and certification.</p> <p>Spacious bicycle parking, that is covered so my bike isn't out in the weather and frequently breaks down, is important.</p> <p>📌 Ik vind het belangrijk (ook in mijn functie) om voeling te blijven houden met het Science Park, de facultaire diensten en de overige UvA locaties. Dat lukt niet op een VU campus.</p> <p>📌 Not happy with the decision making process and the information provided.</p> <p>IVI has spend to much energy on this already.</p> <p>Spend the money on research and education and stimulation of mutually beneficial cooperation</p> <p>📌 Identity of UvA must be visible on the building to which IVI will move.</p> <p>Having offices and locked rooms of at least the current size at SP in the NU building are very important.</p> <p>📌 If I do not have my own office, I think I will work at home and only come to campus for my meetings with students. I find this undesirable.</p> <p>📌 Management has been showing symptoms of tunnel vision for a long time. Only just recently one can discern an ever so slight growth in understanding of what has to be done to manage the expectations of the large and diverse group of people that our institute already is. This lack of leadership seems fundamentally at odds with the apparent desire to grow even larger.</p> <p>But, even if understanding is growing now, we are not there yet. At this point, no picture of the advantages has been painted in such detail that one can assess the validity of the reasoning. This is simply not enough for such an (apparently) important strategic change. This whole feeling of unease is *not* just about moving to new offices. It is about the way things are being handled.</p> <p>All in all, it seems reasonable to NOT give blanket approval - however, given what I have heard, it would seem</p>		

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	Count	Percentage
perfectly fine to merge some groups that particularly want to, as well as allowing some groups to move while other groups don't.		

 The only thing that really matters to me (and most of us I think) is having a desk where we can put huge monitors. This is mainly why it'd be inconvenient to have to swap desks every day, you'd waste time every morning getting set up. I think it's great to mix institutes together in the same building/area. Not really because of sharing knowledge (it doesn't really happen from what I've seen), but just because the culture is nicer when not everyone you see is in the same arcane subdiscipline of informatics that you are.

 Niet verhuizen tenzij op de volgende punten verifieerbare toezeggingen en garanties zijn gegeven:

1. De Ivi-UvA organisatie zal structureel bij de FNWI-UvA blijven. De contacten en zeggenschap tussen/met Ivi-Uva en FNWI mogen niet verwateren. Dit moet in de grondslagen van het nieuwe instituut worden vastgelegd bijvoorbeeld in een structurele bijdrage en geen onevenredige bezuinigingen. Consequentie: structurele begroting en harde financiering voor onbepaalde tijd.
2. De UvA zorgt voor ondersteunende systemen voor onderwijs en organisatie. De VU voor het gebouw. Consequentie: structurele begroting en harde financiering voor onbepaalde tijd.
3. Onderwijs en organisatie verhuizen tegelijk.
4. Identiteit van de UvA moet herkenbaar aanwezig zijn. Consequentie: de organisatie die in het nieuwe gebouw huisvest is van de UvA en VU (niet alleen VU).
5. Kamers en ruimtes zoals gedefinieerd door Ivi-UvA dwz geen flex-plekken voor staf inclusief postdoc en AIO's. Consequentie: flex-ruimtes alleen voor gasten. De (1, 2 en 4 persoons) kamers moeten gereed zijn. Geen extra kosten per m2.
6. Ruimte voor de Ivi-UvA spin-offs. Consequentie: ruimtes voor bedrijven die aanzien hebben (groeierende start-ups) en die net beginnen (initiële start-ups).
7. Ondersteuning projecten (H2020/NWO/STW) en IXA verhuizen mee. Consequentie: x% van de ondersteunend personeel/IXA komt op de nieuwe locatie te zitten.

 I don't think the previous yes/no question is any useful for such a complex issue. Also what is "agree" supposed to mean here?

For instance: the housing situation in the NU building is an important aspect to judge on the move, and it is apparently completely unclear as of today. If the move comes with flexplekken (as it seems most likely) our everyday life will become worse. If the square meters available grow substantially (very unlikely), it would be a strong argument in favour.

In a similar way, the question what we think about concentrating all CS research in one spot is not the right question: As UvA math, ILLC and the CWI stay behind at Science Park, we will only see a different organisation with some paths becoming shorter and others becoming longer.

I think it would have been very important to ask for support under various possible scenarios.

No answer	28	40.58%
Not completed or Not displayed	2	2.90%



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