Profile of the Supervisory Board member for the UG Educational Quality Assurance Audit Committee, October 2019

General profile Supervisory Members
Together, the members of the University of Groningen’s Supervisory Board reflect the entire social and economic spectrum of the organizations and professions for which the UG trains its students. They have broad professional and administrative experience in government, business, education and/or healthcare. They are engaged in broad and relevant networks within society. The members of the Supervisory Board are capable of independent judgement, stemming from their own vision on the functioning of universities in society. The members of the Supervisory Board endorse the scientific and intellectual independence of the teaching and research within the University and, by doing so, endorse academic freedom. The members are connected to the history and society of the northern part of the country, but are equally aware of the international context in which the University of Groningen operates and aims to function.

In addition, the Supervisory Board as a whole are assumed to possess:

- experience with and strong involvement in higher education and in scientific research
- an awareness of the social and economic importance of universities
- experience with the management of large (professional) organizations
- experience with the management of complex bookkeeping and the capacity to judge the administrative and professional functioning of the UG
- experience with large financial projects in the public sphere
- the ability to identify relevant regional, national and international developments within the academic context
- analytical skills
- a positive attitude towards consultative participation and the ability to maintain a harmonious relationship between consultative participation and management
- an affinity with and respect for the specific management culture within the UG

The Supervisory Board maintains a balanced gender ratio. The members of the Supervisory Board have no business relationship with the UG and are not in the service of the UG. The members of the Supervisory Board may hold a maximum of two terms in office. In the case of vacancies, gaps or positions that are missing within the communal profile of the board are decisive in the recruitment process.

Moreover, it is recommended that alumni be represented in the assembly of the Supervisory Board. The members of the Supervisory Board do not have direct interests in the University and are not additionally employed at the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, nor do they serve as members of the Senate or House of Representatives of the States General (Parliament). Nor do they have a management position at another University. They are elected in a personal capacity, carry out their duties independently and are not bound by mandate or instructions.

Member of the Educational Quality Assurance Audit Committee
This member has experience in and a supervisory role in the quality assurance of higher education and the management of large (professional) organizations, in particular within higher education. The member of the Supervisory Board is part of the Quality Assurance Audit Committee of the Board and as such, is particularly responsible for the fulfilment of the Supervisory Board’s duties in the area of quality assurance.