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 **Facultaire Studentenraad**

**Dear students,**

It has been a productive month for the Faculty Student Council. As you might have read in Folia Magazine, the University's budget has been approved by the Central Works Council and the Central Student Council. Prior to the approval, there was a debate around the participation in decision-making at the faculty level. The Faculty Student Council had a discussion about this as well and, although the opinions about the framework of this participation differs slightly, we all agree that the Faculty Student Councils should have a bigger say in the allocation model.

Another financial issue is the spending of pre-investments. These funds, made available by the Executive Board (CvB), must be invested in education in order to let the current students benefit from the new loan system. We offered the dean alternative plans to her current plan, with a focus on better facilities concerning laptops and more and better places to study at Science Park. The availability of study space is an important topic for us: during exam periods the Faculty is (too) crowded and we are looking for creative ideas to fix this problem.

In other news, the Faculty Student Council is currently investigating mandatory tutorials. What characteristics need to be met to make a tutorial mandatory? And to what extent does the Board of Studies need to be involved in the decision making? We are launching a website, functioning as a hotline for unnecessary mandatory tutorials. Keep a close eye on our Facebook page and website to stay informed!

Kind regards,

The Faculty Student Council

More information? Please visit room A1.26, send an email to [fnwi@studentenraad.nl](mailto:fnwi@studentenraad.nl) or go to [studentenraad.nl/fnwi](http://studentenraad.nl/fnwi)

## Joint degree update

Before the 2016-2017 academic year, students in the joint UvA-VU BSc programmes Chemistry and Physics & Astronomy, and the MSc programmes Chemistry, Computational Science, Computer Science and Physics & Astronomy with an expected graduation date after 1 September 2016 can choose whether they wish to register with the joint degree

programme or stay with their programme of original enrolment (the single degree: UvA or VU).

In the coming months, more information about the implications of this decision will follow. Marcel Vreeswijk, programme director for the BSc Physics and Astronomy, stresses that the decision has no implications for education. 'No matter the administrative

code of your programme, courses and lecturers remain the same. However, benefits of registering with the joint degree are that UvA and VU co-sign your degree and that you will have full access to all facilities at both universities.'

*Make sure to keep an eye out on your mailbox and the website of your programme to stay informed.*

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NATIONALE STUDENTEN ENQUETE

## Karen Maex visits study associations

On 12 January, dean Karen Maex did a tour of the Study Associations' chambers at Science Park 904.



Spectrum, the association for students of Future Planet Studies, organised a free lunch for its members to coincide with the visit. 'As Chair, I get to meet with her quite regularly,' says Lize Schipper, 'but for other members it was a good opportunity to get an impression of who she is and what she does.'

'It's nice that she takes the time to listen to students,'

adds Indigo Bekaert, Chair of ACD, the association for chemistry students. 'For example, together with the other associations we are invested in improving sustainable practices at the Faculty in cooperation with Facility Services. She immediately wanted to be involved in this process!'

## New student assessor: Kris Kok

Kris Kok, Master's Student Physics, has been appointed as the new student assessor of the Faculty of Science. The student assessor functions as a liaison between the representative advisory bodies (including the Faculty Student Council), students and the Faculty of Science management team. In this role, Kok will attend meetings of the Faculty management team, and be present at other events and discussions that may contribute to his role.



Kris Kok

**EVENTS**

**Wednesday 17 Feb, 12:00 - 13:00,**  
Central hall Science Park 904, BètaBreak

**Thursday 18 Feb, 13:30 - 18:00,**  
Brainwave, Career Day Life Sciences

**Thursday 18 Feb, 18:00 - 21:00,**  
Central hall Science Park 904,  
Science Master's Event

**Tuesday 1 March, 17:00 - 17:45,**  
Brainwave, Students' Colloquium

For all events, check [student.uva.nl](http://student.uva.nl)