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 **Facultaire Studentenraad**

Dear students,

With 2015 behind us, we look ahead to 2016. The Faculty Student Council has made a fresh start by updating its files. Some have been closed, whilst others were recently opened. For example, we will soon issue advice to the Faculty Board on the Bring Your Own Device regulations. We received a great deal of input in the various questionnaires. Thank you for participating!

Furthermore, the Council just finished two advisory letters concerning the collaboration with the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU). Our vision of education quality plays a key role in both documents. Freedom to choose electives is considered equally important, while ensuring prerequisites are still being met. In addition, we underline the fact that students continue to choose the VU or the UvA over other institutions and that the location matters. We advise the Board to organise more events for participation in decision-making so students' and employees' opinions can be considered at an early phase in the process.

A subject we've just begun to consider is the way in which we inform prospective students about our Master's programmes. Both the questionnaires and Board of Studies meetings reveal that students often lack the information they need to choose the right programme. Therefore, the Council is exploring options to set up taster days for Master's programmes, as well as Master's 'speed-dating' events to improve access to information. Would you like to help organise these events? Please contact us!

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)

## English courses to accommodate international students

More and more Faculty of Science students explore the international science market and discover it is an inspiring and valuable addition to their education. Exchange programmes make it possible for UvA students to study abroad, and boost their understanding of the international playing field when a foreign student comes to our Faculty. To accommodate internation-

al students, the Biology Bachelor's programme already offers all of its third year courses in English. Other Bachelor's programmes, such as Physics and Astronomy and Chemistry, are looking to follow suit. That doesn't mean all Bachelor's courses will soon be taught in English, assures Jeroen Goedkoop, Director of Education of the College of Science. 'That step requires

extensive discussion with all parties involved, as well as a big investment in communication, educational systems and the level of English of staff', he says.



Are you interested in studying abroad? The exchange officer of the international office can tell you more about your options.

## UvA Job board: new job platform for UvA students



The UvA now has a new job board exclusively for UvA students, to help Dutch and international students in their search for a suitable internship or entry-level job. UvA Job board aims to offer a high-quality, up-to-date and diverse range of vacancies. The UvA Careers Centre reviews each job vacancy to ensure its suitability to a university-level education and the degree programmes offered at the UvA. The degree programmes at the UvA also review the internships to make sure that they are related to the specific sub-

ject areas. This way, internship vacancies are tailored to the individual student as much as possible. The tool is free and students can log in using their UvA-net ID.

**UPDATE!**

Science Park 904 and IT systems accessible on 20 and 21 February

Contrary to previous notifications, Science Park 904 will be accessible on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 February. Also Blackboard, My UvA, student email, Google Apps, [uva.nl](http://uva.nl) and [student.uva.nl](http://student.uva.nl) will be completely operational. New dates for maintenance to IT systems and the shutdown of all UvA systems will be announced on [student.uva.nl](http://student.uva.nl).

**EVENTS**

**Monday 18 January, 15:00–17:00,**  
C0.05, Debate FNWI approach 10-point plan

**Tuesday 19 January, 17:00–17:45,**  
Brainwave, Students' Colloquium

**Wed. 20 Jan & 17 Feb, 12:00–13:00,**  
Central hall Science Park 904, BètaBreak

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



**UvA Masterweek**

15-19 februari 2016  
[uva.nl/masterweek](http://uva.nl/masterweek)

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