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 **Facultaire Studentenraad**

Dear students,

The new year has kicked off, and hopefully you feel completely refreshed and ready to get back to studying. Walking into Science Park 904 after the break, the first thing you may have noticed was a change of furnishing in the canteen: we've got a new caterer! Please tell us what you think about them, and we will pass it on.

Before the break started, the Faculty Student Council hosted Christmas drinks at our office, which was a really nice opportunity for you to meet us and see what our refurbished room looks like. Couldn't make it? You're very welcome to come take a look anytime you want, just drop by B0.112, right next to the big stairs.

In the coming period we will focus on trying to get a diversity officer installed at our Faculty. This diversity officer will be tasked with ensuring equal opportunities for everyone working and studying at the Faculty of Science, and increase diversity among lecturers and other staff. We would like to know whether you think this is a good idea, so shoot us a mail at fnwi@studentenraad.nl or come find us in B0.112.

Yours sincerely,

The Faculty Student Council

More information? Please visit room B0.112, send an email to fnwi@studentenraad.nl or go to studentenraad.nl/fnwi

Decision-making imminent for next steps in UvA-VU Information Science

On 1 February 2017 the executive boards of UvA and VU will reach an agreement on shared housing plans, affecting several disciplines of the Amsterdam science faculties. This includes the intended move of the Information Science groups of both faculties into the NU Building.

In several working groups students and staff are

preparing a proposed decision, working out the implications of the move for research, staff, facilities, teaching and governance. In February, the proposed decision will be submitted to the Faculty Student Council for consultation. The aim is to reach a final decision before 1 April.

Andy Pimentel, director of the Graduate School of

Informatics, is a proponent of the move to the NU Building: 'Ensuring teaching quality has our full attention. Moving in together gives us the opportunity to offer more courses and a wider variety of topics for thesis projects. The facilities in the NU Building will be optimally customised for education in the information sciences.'



HOW WOULD YOU RATE YOUR COURSE PROGRAMME?
Take the 2017 National Student Survey!

In the week of 20 January, Stichting Studiekeuze123 will send you an e-mail inviting you to participate in the National Student Survey (NSE). Take part and share your opinion!

New student assessor: Elske de Waal

Elske de Waal has been appointed 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. De Waal: 'In this role, I will attend meetings of the Faculty management team and other discussions. My main focus will be on diversity and flexibility of study programmes.'



Elske de Waal

Peter van Tienderen appointed new dean of Faculty of Science

Peter van Tienderen, acting dean and professor of Experimental Plant Systematics, has been appointed as dean of the Faculty of Science. The appointment came about in consultation with the Faculty Works Council and Faculty Student Council.



Peter van Tienderen
(Photography: D. Gillissen)

Geert ten Dam, president of the UvA-AUAS Executive Board and chair of the Appointments Committee: 'I am extremely pleased that Peter van Tienderen is prepared to take up the position of dean. He has been closely involved in the strategic direction of the faculty and is a collegial

manager with a clear vision on teaching and research.' Van Tienderen: 'The Faculty of Science is an inspirational institution comprising dedicated students and staff. I am proud to be able to contribute to the Faculty's mission in the coming years.'

UvA celebrates 385 years

In 2017 the University of Amsterdam is celebrating its 385th anniversary. A range of activities will mark this occasion throughout the year. The theme of the anniversary year is 'inspiring generations', which refers to the role played by the university in the past, present and future. Throughout the year, the UvA will mark its 385th anniversary at several occasions within and beyond the walls of the

university. In the autumn there will be a number of special events such as pop-up lectures, a University Night, a party for students and staff following the opening of the academic year and the lecture series 'The Next Big Thing' on the future of science.



EVENING EVENTS

Wednesday 18 January, 12:00-13:00, **BetaBreak** in central hall SP 904

Thursday 16 February, 18:00-21:00, **Science Master's event** at SP 904

For all events, check student.uva.nl