



To Dah Loo

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Dear students,

It's time for the second edition of the To Dah Loo this year! We hope you all have gotten used to the study life again.

The past month, the student council has discussed whether or not programs should be fully taught in English. One of the arguments that is currently on the table is the ability to attract more international students, which could open doors to a bigger international academic reach. However, some students and teachers might not be comfortable enough with English, and as a result loss of knowledge exchange could occur. We are still working this out and we appreciate your input on this matter.

Another topic we've been working on is the possibility to add an extra week off in the second semester. A survey held last year implied that there is a huge demand by students of our faculty for this, so we're working out on whether we should try to have it implemented here or UvA-wide.

Do you have a strong opinion on any of these matters, have you encountered something that you would like to address, or do you have any questions or suggestions for us? Please don't hesitate to contact us at fnwi@studentenraad.nl, walk by our office in the central hall next to the large stairs, or visit the Praat-met-de-Raad-borrel on October 30th! Last: don't forget to like 'Studentenraad FNWI-UvA' on Facebook to stay up to date about the latest developments at our faculty.

Yours truly,

The Faculty Student Council

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

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Tuesday 10 October, 12:00-13:00,
BetaBreak, Central hall SP904

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Monday 30 October, 17:00,
Drinks with the Council (Praat-met-de-raadborrel), B0.112

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Wednesday 1 November, 17:00,
FSR policy presentation, Brainwave,
Thursday 9 November, 12:00-17:00,
UvA Career Day, CREA

For all events, check student.uva.nl

BetaBreak: a playground for curious people

This month, chair Josse Poppinga leaves the BetaBreak committee. Here, she shares some of her fondest memories.

Why did you join BetaBreak?

I thought it would be nice to do something outside of my programme that wasn't related to my own study association. Every month BetaBreak organises an event in the central hall and as a member you can decide on the theme. It's a sort of playground for curious people like myself.



What is your fondest memory?

When our former dean Karen Maex left to become rector magnificus, BetaBreak was asked to fill in the farewell ceremony. That was a very cool thing to do!

What have you learned?

Organising the BetaBreak requires a lot of skills: presenting for large groups, asking good interview questions, promotion of the event, and more. The nice thing about being in the BetaBreak committee is that, behind the scenes, you already learn a lot about the topics.

Would you also like to help organise the BetaBreak?
Send an email to redactie@betabreak.nl

UPCOMING 9 NOV: SCIENCE MASTER'S EVENT



Conclusion Faculty of Science approach 10-point plan

Last month the Faculty of Science 10-point plan was concluded. Looking back, dean Peter van Tienderen says that the process led to intense discussions about the Faculty's functioning: 'By establishing three working groups, in which students and staff were represented, and in meetings, debates

and consultation sessions, the distance between management and work floor became smaller and engagement increased.' Although the project has now been concluded, it set processes in motion that will continue to have their effect, Van Tienderen says. 'The Faculty of Science 10-point

plan has contributed to a joint approach on important themes, now and in the future. I would like to express my gratitude to all those who have been involved in the process. Without a doubt they have made a lasting contribution to improving our Faculty.'

