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Dear students,

As some of you may have noticed, the Faculty Student Council has set out a New Year's Survey over the past few weeks to gather input from as many students at the Faculty of Science as possible. This input will be used by us to further improve the quality of facilities, education and support provided by our university. We're very happy with the response we've had - thank you! However, this is not the only way to let your voice be heard. If you want to directly influence and assure the quality of your study programme, you can join your Programme Committee. And if you want to express your thoughts regarding your program and the university in general, don't forget to fill in the National Student Survey.

If you feel that's still not enough for you and you want to go even further, then consider participating in the upcoming student council elections! This may still seem far away as these take place in May, however it might be a good idea to already look into the various student parties of our Faculty. Last year's participating parties included LIEF (liefvoorjou.nl), Stout (partijstout.nl), Slaafs (slaafs.com) and Ons Kritisch Alternatief (no website). Do none of these parties match your ideas? You can always start your own party! More information about this will be published soon, but it can't hurt to start looking for a group of fellow students who think alike.

Good luck!
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

'Meet the Master' is looking for chaperones!

Chaperones show future Master's students around for half a day, including lectures and lunch (compensation provided).

Interested? Send an email: meet-the-msc@uva.nl.

E V E N T S

Thursday 15 February, 18:00-21:00,
Science Master's Event, Science Park 904

Wednesday 21 February, 12:00-13:00,
BètaBreak, The endless possibilities of CRISPR-Cas, Central hall

Monday 5 March, 17:00, **Drinks with the Council** (Praat-met-de-raadborel), B0.112

For all events, check student.uva.nl

Door open to Programme Council elections

A change in the Faculty Regulations will make it possible for Programme Committees to hold elections for student membership.

This was a strong wish of the Faculty Student Council, following changes in the Higher Education Act made last year, in which Programme Committees obtained more rights.

Roan de Jong, Secretary of the Faculty Student Council: 'We believe that by having elected student members, Programme Committees will feel a greater sense of responsibility to engage 'voters' on issues such as quality of their education. This change in Faculty Regulations means that Programme Committees can implement elections for student membership

when they feel ready to do so, without facing the unnecessary barrier of having to change the rules.'

Do you want to know more about what the Programme Committee can do for you, or are you interested in becoming involved? Check 'Programme Committee' ('Opleidingscommissie') in the A-Z of your programme website on student.uva.nl.

Rate your programme in the National Student Survey

Have you completed this year's National Student Survey yet? Every year the National Student Survey allows students at Dutch universities the opportunity to rate their degree programme.

Survey results provide input for orientation activities for new students and for the compilation of national rankings. This way, the results help prospective students in choosing a programme and university.

What do you think are the strong points of your programme? What do you appreciate about studying at the University of Amsterdam? By participating in the survey, you help provide a well-rounded picture of your programme for prospective students. The more students participate, the more reliable the results are.

Ready to participate? Look in your inbox for the invitation email, sent by 'Stichting Studiekeuze 123'. The



National Student Survey can be completed until 12 March.



New student assessor: Stefanie Fijma

Stefanie Fijma has been appointed student assessor of the Faculty of Science for the year 2018. As an independent party, the student assessor represents the student perspective in meetings of the Faculty

management team. She will also stay up to date with developments in the Faculty Student Council and Programme Committees, and attend events and discussions that may contribute to her role.