



To Dah Loo

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 **Facultaire
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Dear students,

The new Faculty Student Council has been installed for just over two months now, and we've been very busy! Among other things, we've just finished writing our policy plan for the coming year. Interested in what we've got planned for you? You can find (a short summary of) our policy plan on our website (studentenraad.nl/fnwi). We'd love to hear your opinions on these plans!

We've already been working on one of our goals: giving proper guidance to Anglicisation at our Faculty. As more and more courses are becoming English-taught and there are increasing talks of creating English-language Bachelor's programmes, it's very important to think about how this transition should occur.

Last year, in an effort to guide this process, a Faculty of Science delegation, including members of the Faculty Student Council, visited the all-English University of Groningen, to investigate how they handled the language transition. One of the articles in this To Dah Loo describes this trip in more detail.

Do you have any ideas on the Anglicisation of the Faculty of Science, or ideas in general about our Faculty? We'd love to hear them! Keep an eye on our Facebook page to stay updated on events that we organise (such as free drinks), send us an email at fnwi@studentenraad.nl, or come by our office (B0.112, next to the large stairs in the central hall).

Yours truly,
The Faculty Student Council FNWI 18/19

More information? Visit us in room B0.112, send an email to fnwi@studentenraad.nl or go to studentenraad.nl/fnwi

WANTED: Mentors for Academic Diversity Programme

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Site visit to all-English University of Groningen

Last June, a Faculty of Science delegation consisting of the dean, the director of the College of Science, the student assessor, and members of the Faculty Student Council, visited the all-English University of Groningen. They went there in order to learn about the experiences, insights and potential

pitfalls in transitioning from a Dutch-language to an English-language university. Although there are currently no plans to transition to an all-English teaching portfolio at the Faculty of Science, the visit was meant to gather insights following the current debate on the international classroom and internationalisation.

Some interesting observations were that creating an English-taught programme means more than simply translating the courses, that there's a cultural difference in how Dutch and international students go about studying, and that if the Faculty should transition to English, it should happen all at once.

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Wednesday 7 & 14 November, 13:00-14:00, **Global Exchange Programmes een bestemming**, REC

Thursday 8 November, 11:00-17:00, **UvA Career Orientation Day**, REC

Wednesday 21 November, 12:00-13:00, **BetaBreak**, central hall SP904

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