Dear students,

We hope you’ve had a great first month (back) at university and that you are all used to the student life (again)! As Faculty Student Council we have already come up with some exciting plans to improve the Faculty of Science. A brainstorm with all council members has resulted in a list of ambitious, but realistic goals that we plan to achieve this year.

We want to:
- Make sure that the money the Faculty of Science receives from the Study Allowance advancement are spent transparently and according to the wishes of students.
- Introduce clear guidelines for English-language teaching, to guarantee the quality and accessibility of education.
- Create and facilitate more collaboration with the Programme Committees in order to create a cross-fertilisation of ideas and solutions.
- Create more visibility for the representative advisory bodies (Student Council and Programme Committees). We hope our efforts will pay off, and result in a record high election turnout coming year!

Interested? Want to hear more, or do have ideas of your own to improve the Faculty of Science? We would love to talk to you!

Visit us at our office any weekday between 09:00 and 17:00. You can also email us anytime at fnwi@studentenraad.nl or call us at 020 525 5878.

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

Comments or suggestions about the To Dah Loo? Please send an email: info-science@uva.nl

In October, residents of SPARK Village will get the keys to their new home at this complex of 240 ‘container flats’ at Amsterdam Science Park. Half of the complex is reserved for residence permit holders; the other half is intended for students and young professionals, including young teachers.

The fundamental principle of SPARK Village is to collectively build a community of ‘starters in Amsterdam’, where you can learn from others and where everyone will be expected to contribute. This also helps residence permit holders’ integration.

The activities are coordinated by Dynamo, which has an information centre at SPARK Village. If you are interested in helping out with neighbourhood activities or other volunteer work, feel free to get in touch. Visit www.dynamo-amsterdam.nl for more information.

The week of 8-12 October will be Sustainability Week at the Faculty of Science. With activities and promotions in and around Science Park 904 to highlight what we already do to limit our carbon footprint and how you can contribute. Did you know for example that…

… There are 1,075 solar panels on the roofs of Science Park 904? These yield 275,000 kWh annually, comparable to the annual energy supply for 92 households.

… During summer, residual heat is stored for use in the colder months? Conversely, cold air is stored and used to lower the indoor temperature in summer.

… The Faculty of Science has its own compost machine for processing bio-degradable waste? Of course, you can't miss the waste separation stations throughout the building. And now you know that the 10 seconds you take to figure out in which bin to throw out your paper coffee cup, is not for naught!

E V E N T S

Tuesday 9 October, 14:30-17:30, Study Abroad Event, Central hall SP904

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

Thursday 11 October, 17:30-21:00, Science Master’s Events, Central hall SP904

For all events, check student.uva.nl