Dear students,

First and foremost we would like to thank everyone who filled in the New Year’s Survey. We’ve received a whopping 800 responses: an all-time high! As many of you will be curious about the results, we will give a small glimpse in this column. More detailed results will be posted on our Facebook page.

A big majority of 82% of the respondents would like to have a week long spring break after period 4, with just 10% being against this. A small majority (56%) of the respondents have a positive view on reducing the usage of disposable coffee cups by, for example, charging a small amount. A smaller but significant group of 20% prefers to keep disposable coffee cups free of charge. A final interesting outcome is the fact that more than half of the respondents are unfamiliar with the students’ charter (studentenstatuut). This charter lists all the rights and obligations for students at the University of Amsterdam. Combined with the Teaching and Examination Regulations (TER/OER), it can come in handy under many circumstances. Have a look at it.

We will take the full results of the survey in careful consideration. If you’d like to give us more input, or have any questions, feel free to visit us in B0.112.

Good luck working through the last true cold and bitter winter month!

Yours truly,
The Faculty Student Council FNWI 18/19

ARCHITECT ASP942:

‘Sustainability is integral to our design’

Architect Joost Vos from Benthem Crouwel Architects is responsible for the design of the to-be developed new Faculty of Science building next to Science Park 904. The building, provisionally called ASP942, will become home to research, education and co-creation in the information sciences.

The architect designed a flexible building, that allows for moving around floors and walls. Creating a sustainable and healthy environment is integral to its design. ‘That means responsible use and reuse of materials, optimal use of daylight and natural heat from the sun wherever possible, lots of green and an energy-saving heat-cold storage.’

The architects also have the ambition to pioneer in certain areas. ‘For example, is it possible to 3D print internal walls or sun screens making use of our own waste? Or can we reuse concrete from demolished buildings? It would be great if we can show this is possible and contribute to research in these areas.’

Consultation hour Student Careers Centre

Starting 14 February, the UvA Student Careers Centre will hold a consultation hour every other Thursday at Science Park 904. Students with questions about their CV, job applications, orientation on the job market, personal talents and their professional profile, networking or how to present yourself, can make an appointment with a careers counsellor. Sessions last 20-30 minutes and are free of charge. The counsellors have extensive knowledge on the job market and recruitment trends. They will offer advice based on your needs, qualities and strengths and help you to figure out your next step. If desirable, it is possible to schedule a follow-up appointment.

More info at career.uva.nl. To book your appointment at Science Park, visit: tinyurl.com/career-coach-FNWI

Events

Tuesday-Friday 5-8 February,
Art exhibition: Depicting Science, central hall SP904

Thursday 14 February, 17:00-21:00,
Science Master’s Event, central hall SP904

Wednesday 20 February, 12:00-13:00,
BetaBreak, central hall SP904

Wednesday 20 February, 17:00-20:00,
Praat-met-de-raad borrel, B0.112

For all events, check student.uva.nl

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