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Dear students,

We can't believe it's March already! We're well over the halfway mark of the 2018-2019 academic year, which means we, at the Faculty Student Council, have only a few months left to complete our goals for the year. In this column, we'll tell you about two big issues we're still hoping to resolve this year.

First of all, we've heard from some students who are hired as Teaching Assistants (TA's) that they're being underpaid for their work, working more hours than in their contracts. In addition, we've also heard stories of TA's being hired and not given training on how to teach, causing subpar education. We're currently evaluating whether these stories are anomalies, or symptoms of a structural problem. In the latter case, we'll hopefully be able to work towards a solution.

Next, we're looking at the effectiveness of the course evaluation forms. We are hearing that lecturers do not always inform students on how they will use the results of the evaluations to improve their courses. In addition, it seems that lecturers are often unaware that they can include their own questions on the forms. Together, this significantly damages the effectiveness of the course evaluation system. We're currently evaluating the scale of these two issues and are working towards a solution.

Of course, these are just two things of the many things we are working on. Curious what those are? Check out our Facebook page, or visit us in our office for a chat.

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

Science4all: promoting diversity at the Faculty of Science

The Faculty of Science wants to be an inclusive community where everyone feels welcome and valued. We are also looking for ways to stimulate diversity of our Faculty population. Do you have an idea to promote inclusiveness or increase diversity at the Faculty of Science that you would like to bring to fruition? Then apply now for support from the Faculty in the grassroots project Science4All.

You can ask for financial support for all kinds of activities, such as a symposium, cultural or social



activities, PR materials or a web campaign, or a project with high school students; surprise us! Per approved project we have between €500 and €5,000 available.

A panel consisting of the

Dean, the Faculty Diversity Officer and a student representative will evaluate all the proposals. Make sure you check www.uva.nl/science4all for more information on how to submit, and submit your proposal before 1 April 2019.

Are you in next year's Faculty Student Council?

From 13-17 May, elections will be held for the Central and Faculty Student Council (FSR). Are you considering becoming a council member for the Faculty of Science? Then March is the time to prepare your candidacy.

As a member of the FSR, you'll represent your fellow students on topics

relevant for the Faculty's student community, such as sustainability, teaching and examination regulations, the cafeteria, diversity and more.

To run for election, you can join a party like SLAAFS (slaafs.com) or LIEF (liefvoorjou.nl), but you can also start your own party or join the council as an

independent member. For more information about joining the council as an independent member, feel free to contact Malou Sprinkhuizen: Malou.sprinkhuizen@studentenraad.nl. For more information about the FSR, check our website: studentenraad.nl/FNWI

Nation-wide education strike 15 March
Compulsory class attendance will not be enforced

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Tuesday 19 March, 20:00-22:00,
Battle of the (science) Bands,
café De Heeren van Aemstel

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

Wednesday 3 April, 19:00,
100 years CONGO, Tolhuistuin

For all events, check student.uva.nl

