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Dear students,

Congratulations on surviving the first week of exams of this year! We hope it went well for all of you and the technical issues didn't cause you any problems. This turbulent exam week may have piqued your interest in the working behind the scenes of the exams, the faculty and the role students have in this. To provide you with a better picture of what the Student Council does on behalf of all students, we will tell you about some of the things our predecessors have achieved.

One of the main rights the Council has, is the right to consent on the Teaching and Examination Regulations of this faculty. Last year, the Student Council managed to add two rights to the regulations to increase the chances of passing your exam. You already had the right to receive representative example questions before the exam but now you are entitled to the answers of these questions as well! You also gained the right to take the questions of the exam with you, unless otherwise specified in the course guide or on the exam itself. Next to these extra rights, an extra education free week will be implemented in May for the first time! These changes were implemented through meetings that we have with the board of the faculty. In these meetings we discuss how we can improve the faculty and the education. We usually follow these meetings up with official advice.

Would you like to contribute to important decisions like these? We still have some open spots in our team to fill! If you're interested in joining us please send a mail to sollicitaties.raadsassistent@gmail.com.

Kind regards,

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The Faculty Student Council 20/21

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MEET YOUR NEW SCIENCE HERO:

Sindy Löwe wins UvA Thesis Prize 2020

Sindy (28) is an alumnus of Artificial Intelligence and won the UvA Thesis Prize 2020 last month. Her thesis describes a new algorithm for training neuronal networks that is inspired by the way in which cerebral neuronal networks learn.



How would you describe your thesis to a 3-year-old toddler?

I'm already struggling with adults, haha! But let's pretend that a lot of children normally play one game according to the same rules they all know. With my thesis, I showed that you can give different rules to every child and that they can still learn to play together.

Is there a global problem that you would like to solve with your specific knowledge?

I would like to make computers smarter. Ideally it would be great if they could achieve the kind of intelligence that humans have.

Do you already have your eyes on another prize that you would like to win?

One day I would like to win the Alan Turing Prize, that's like the Nobel Prize for computer scientists.

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