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Dear students,

As you may have noticed on our social media, the Faculty Student Council is looking hard for its successors. I can already hear you thinking: "I'm sure it's important what the council does but that's not for me." Of course, it has been difficult for us to show our faces at fun events this year, but that does not mean the council is not fun! You meet a lot of new people inside and outside the council. With our twelve-member team, we also have a lot of exciting outings besides our meetings. Besides all this fun, the council is also working hard to improve the studying life of you and your fellow students.

So how do we improve things exactly? As a student council, we have a say in the OER, which contains all the rules about subjects and exams. We also have committees that deal with a variety of issues, from complaints and diversity to course evaluations and the BSA. So we are busy with things that directly affect you as a student. Below you can read what we are going to do with the results of our New Year survey.

Are you curious about what we do and how you can join the student council next year? Keep an eye on our social media (studentenraad uva fnwi)! Through posts, videoclips, and Q&A's you can learn everything about the work of the council. Our website is also full of information about our work and the application procedure. Of course, you can also visit our weekly meeting on 9 March at 18:00 to discuss complaints at the Faculty of Science and the elections. See you soon!

Kind regards,

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## Results New Year's Survey

The Faculty Student Council would like to thank you very much for filling in the New Year's Survey. From the survey, we saw a number of problems and we will work hard to address them. According to you, the lectures are still of good quality but the tutorials could be better. Also, you think that schedules should be announced earlier by the UvA and many of you miss the interaction during online lectures. You also mentioned that 20% of the complaints are not dealt with, the council is cooking up something special to deal with this problem, so stay tuned!

## Let's invest in better education!



With the transition from the basic student grant to the current loan system, the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science (OCW) has released so-called quality funds for universities. Our faculty uses this money to improve the quality of your education.

The Faculty of Science has chosen to invest in four specific themes: more time

and attention for students (1), advanced career preparation (2), community building (3) and teacher professionalisation (4). We pay a lot of attention to small-scale education by hiring more teachers. We also invest in things such as the discussion platform BètaBreak and the Teaching & Learning Centre. In addition, we prepare students for the labor market with qualitative

modules in the field of labor market orientation.

We would like to hear your opinion about the use of these quality funds. Do you have an idea for improving the quality of your study or the faculty in general? Contact your study programme committee, the Faculty Student Council or Annemarie Tasseront, policy advisor at the Education Service Centre.

## The COVID-19 Impact Team needs your input

In the last year, our education changed 180 degrees and much was expected of your adaptability. It was, and still is, a challenging period to study. That is why the COVID-19 Impact Team needs your help in researching the effects of COVID-19, to improve your

education and especially to help you. The COVID-19 Impact Team is a group of student researchers who received a Grassroots Science4All grant from the faculty for conducting this research. The team will present the results to the board of our faculty

and provide an advice concerning (online and hybrid) education in which the student's perspective is represented as broadly as possible. Therefore, please fill in their short questionnaire as soon as possible.



Are you ready to expand your network, look for your future job or are you just curious what the business world has to offer? Download the app of the Beta Career Event (launch on 11 March), containing a great variety of businesses, and join the online event on 22 April. An excellent opportunity to connect yourself with companies and discover your career possibilities.

[Betacareerevent.nl](http://Betacareerevent.nl)



Do you think the UvA should pay more attention to sustainability in education? Do you have a great idea for a new course? Join the special edition of The UvA Create a Course Challenge! We challenge you to submit your idea for a new course before 17 March. Who knows - next year, you may get to work as a student assistant in your own course!  
[uva.nl/sustainabilitychallenge](http://uva.nl/sustainabilitychallenge)



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