

To Dah Loo

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Dear students,

We hope you have all had a wonderful holiday week and feel fully prepared to finish the home stretch of this year. Did you know that the student council was responsible for realising the holiday week? You might be wondering how we did this. One of the rights we have as a student council is to give unsolicited advice to the faculty. The board is obliged to consider this advice and to provide a serious written response. Because the idea was appreciated by most students and the board, the UvA and the VU then decided to go through with the idea and actually instate the holiday week. If you have any great ideas or some small input, you can always come and visit us in B0.112 so we can work on it!

Continuing on the trend of things you might not know about, have you ever heard about the contemplation rooms? Each of the UvA's faculties has a contemplation room and Science Park is no exception. Both students and staff can retreat to these contemplation rooms for a moment of silent reflection, to escape the bustle of campus life or for meditation and similar activities. You can find the contemplation room at B1.26, just to the left of the library entrance next to the teaching & learning centre. The room can be accessed by anyone without a prior reservation being necessary. We hope you can find some peace here in the last few busy weeks of this year!

Kind regards,

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The Faculty Student Council FNWI 21/22

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or visit us in B0.112

'Facilitator and connector'

SIDDIQUE SHEIKH IS THE NEW FACULTY DIVERSITY OFFICER

Newly appointed FDO of the Faculty of Science Siddique Sheikh looks ahead to his role.

"If the Faculty of Science is a place where people feel comfortable to come, that's a good first step. The second step is for these different types of groups, for everybody, to be able to contribute to the conversation around diversity and inclusion. It is important for them to feel comfortable to speak up, not only to feel comfortable being here", says Siddique Sheikh, Faculty Diversity Officer (FDO) at the Faculty of Science. As of 1 May, he succeeds Machiel Keestra, now the Central Diversity Officer (CDO) at the UvA.

Siddique Sheikh, Business Developer at LAB42

Works at the UvA since:
November 2021
Lives in:
Amsterdam-Noord



Siddique Sheikh

What are your hobbies?
"I like to play sports and cook. I also enjoy exploring new places with my partner and friends, be it within our own city or traveling boarder and experiencing new places."

What do you enjoy most about your business development role?
"There is the satisfaction of helping the company grow but also that social aspect of creating a community where companies feel comfortable working with each other and

adding to the greater good, whatever that may be."

What are you looking forward to in the FDO role?
"I have a personal interest in diversity and inclusion, and I am looking forward to helping and supporting the D&I initiative to grow and continue to be better at the Faculty of Science."

To read the full interview, just scan this QR-code.



14-15 May: IT Maintenance

We strive to minimise the impact of the work on the UvA network infrastructure, but some systems will not work optimally during this weekend due to maintenance work.



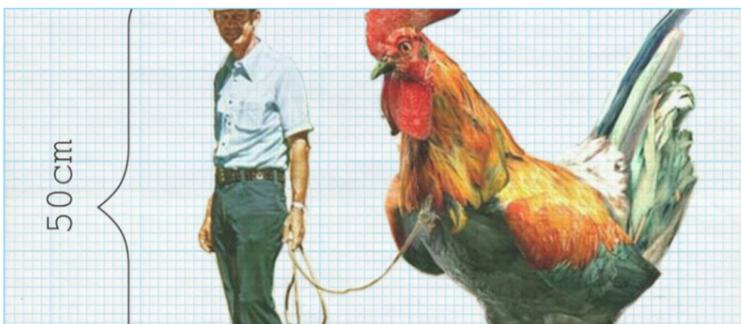
17 May: Workshop "How to choose your study abroad destination?"

Looking for support in deciding between study abroad exchange programmes and destinations? This workshop will help you make an informed choice.



31 May: Workshop Exam Tips

Learn to reduce tension before an exam: how to deal with different types of questions, how to stay calm.



24 May @SPUI25: The Incredible Shrinking Man

An artistic and award-winning investigation by designer-artist Arne Hendriks into the possibilities of creating a human being of fifty

centimetres, a human being who fits better on earth.

Join this theatrical lecture on Tuesday 24 May at SPUI25.



Fancy a magical gala?

On Wednesday 25 May, student union ASVA organises the one and only Amsterdam Student Gala in Club Maïa! The dress code is 'fairy formal', so make sure you look breathtaking. Tickets are 10 euros for Amsterdam students.