



# To Dah Loo

About the UvA-VU collaboration and other scientific stuff

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## *Facultaire* Studentenraad

### A brief introduction...

The Faculty of Science 2014/2015 Student Council gradually packs its belongings. The offices are getting empty, but soon enough will be filled with the new Council's coffee cups, Post-its and hectic schedules. The new academic year is underway! This not only means that the lecture halls are full of ambitious first-year students and that you can visit our famous Sjeel for coffee again, but also that a completely new team of twelve students embarks upon their Council year at the Faculty of Science.

The Faculty Student Council is the official place where students have a say at the faculty level in the areas that concern students. The Dean requires the Council's approval on a number of matters before making a decision. This right of approval applies, for example, to parts of the Teaching and Examination Regulations. Additionally, the Faculty Student Council has the right to advise about different subjects: from compiling timetables to the laptop policy, from the cooperation between UvA and VU to academic skills and from internships to UvA matching. The Student Council is currently occupied with the induction process, digging up old files and drafting the policy plan. Are you curious about the new Council and its plans for this year? Keep an eye on our 'Studentenraad FNWI-UvA' Facebook page, drop by our office (Room A1.26) or listen to the policy plan presentation at our constitution reception.

We wish everyone a highly successful and enjoyable academic year!

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## Faculty of Science launches democratisation working groups

In March the Executive Board drew up a 10-point plan to modernise the university's organisation and decision-making process. The Faculty of Science has established working groups that analyse problems and make proposals to the Faculty Board. The working groups tackle the subjects of Teaching and Research, Governance, and Quality and Study Success. The first meetings were held at the end of August. Physics Master's student Kris Kok is participating in the Governance working group. 'Each member of this working group has a different academic background. I am looking forward to working with the other members on submitting concrete and constructive



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measures. The time is ripe for progressive change.' The chair of the steering group, Peter de Ruiter, is also happy with the composition and launch of the working groups. 'People at the faculty are taking this seriously. People are open to

discussion and hopefully that will lead to some interesting recommendations.'

More:  [democratisation.uva.nl/ten-point-plan/](http://democratisation.uva.nl/ten-point-plan/)

## Clear procedure agreed for changes to education

 The collaboration between the science faculties of UvA and VU gradually expands, also in the area of education. To ensure any changes are implemented as smoothly as possible, the Faculty Board and the representative advisory council have agreed to a procedure that gives students

and staff a major say. This procedure agreement defines when students and staff meet to exchange ideas on improving education. According to Faculty of Science Director of Education Michel Haring: 'This is a working document in which we, together with the Faculty Student Council and Works Council, set out how

changes in joint UvA-VU education are to be prepared and the role the representative advisory body plays. It provides greater clarity about the rules to be observed.'

Do you want to know more? Scan the QR code or go to [student.uva.nl/science-collaboration](http://student.uva.nl/science-collaboration).

## Best gym deal at USC

 The USC, the sports centre of the UvA and AUAS, has an offer for first-year students this season: an unlimited gym subscription for just €9.90 per month. You can choose the length

of your subscription: 3, 6 or 12 months. This offer is valid until 1 October 2015. Even if you are not a first-year student, you can still work out at a low price at the USC.

Everyone's welcome!



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# EVENTS

**Tuesday 15 September, 17:00-17:45,**  
Brainwave, Student Colloquium

**Wednesday 16 September, 12:00-13:00,**  
Central hall Science Park 904, BètaBreak

**Tuesday 29 September, 13:30-15:00,**  
room C0.05, Lecture by Prof. William E. Moerner, Nobel Prize Winner Chemistry

A list of all workshops, conferences and events can be found in the Events list on [student.uva.nl](http://student.uva.nl).