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 **Facultaire Studentenraad**

Dear students,

This month, we want to update you on our advice regarding Honours education, our inventory of (potential) issues regarding study advisers and the upcoming Student Council elections.

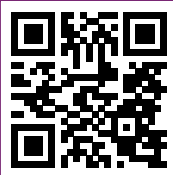
We looked into the quality and frameworks of Honours education and after several discussions with Honours coordinators and students, we concluded that the programmes should contain freedom of choice. In addition, students are interested in a science Honours course and clearer descriptions of courses. These statements, among others, are put together in our advice letter to the Board, which can be found on our website.

We do not have concrete criticism regarding the functioning and performance of study advisers, but we want to inventory mismatches of student expectations with the actual tasks of study advisers and potential problems regarding - for example - the accessibility of study advisers. Eventually, this should culminate in an advice to improve the support provided by study advisers.

The student parties are currently compiling their candidate lists for the upcoming Council elections. From 9 to 13 May you can vote for our successors. As Student Council, we want to contribute to the publicity of these elections and student representation in general. Therefore, we organised a debate on March 30 and on April 11 we will host drinks at study association Spectrum.

Last but not least, we are moving from A1.26 to B0.112, to make room for the contemplation room. This means we get a more central spot at Science Park 904 and people who want to relax, meditate or pray will have their space as well.

Kind regards,
The Faculty Student Council



Fill in the survey regarding study advisers

More information? Please send an email to fnwi@studentenraad.nl or go to studentenraad.nl/fnwi

Student Council elections: Your vote matters!

From 9 to 13 May students can elect the new twelve members of the Faculty Student Council (FSR) and the Central Student Council. Your vote matters,



because the FSR influences Faculty policy on behalf of the Faculty's students.

Sybrig Smit, vice-president of the FSR, explains: 'As a participatory body, the FSR has a number of rights. The right of consultation means that we must be consulted on certain decisions, where we issue a formal advice. While this advice is not binding, it must be factored into the decision-making process.'

In some cases, the FSR has even more direct influence. The right of approval means that the FSR's approval is required for policy to become legal and is therefore binding. This applies for example to the Teaching and Examination Regulation and new Joint Degrees. Smit: 'It is our job to represent students' opinions in decision making. We aim to be critical and constructive, therefore we need your input and vote during the elections!'

Contemplation room at Science Park 904

In November 2015, the Executive Board approved a request from the Central Student Council and the collective Faculty Student Councils to facilitate contemplation rooms at the University of Amsterdam. At the Faculty of Science, room A1.26 will become a permanent contemplation room as of the end of April.

The room will be accessible without a booking to all stu-

dents and staff to meditate, relax, pray or otherwise take a silent moment of respite. By offering space for silent contemplation, the University wishes to welcome and respect all individual beliefs. This also means that the contemplation room cannot be claimed by any group at any time and is to remain free of symbols and artefacts pertaining to specific religions, political ideologies or other persuasions.

JOINT DEGREE?

Questions about re-enrolling for a joint degree? Check the FAQ in the A-Z list on your programme website.

WIN € 1,000

Win € 1,000 and a place in the UvA-final with your IT related idea for a new start-up. Submit your brilliant idea before 24 April.



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EVENTS

Tuesday 12 April, 17:00 - 17:45, Brainwave, Students' Colloquium

Wednesday 13 April, 12:00 - 13:00, Central hall Science Park 904, BètaBreak

Wednesday 13 April, 09:30 - 17:00, CASA400, Bèta Career Event

For all events, check student.uva.nl