



# To Dah Loo

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Especially made for UvA science students

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 **Facultaire Studentenraad**

**Dear science students,**

The Faculty Student Council is currently swamped with investigating everything there is about the potential move of Information Sciences to the Zuidas and the potential move of Physics and Earth Sciences of the VU to Science Park. We're reading up on a lot of documents, talking to involved executive staff and discussing it internally. Most importantly of all, we're trying to find out what the students think about it. If you have an opinion, if you need more information to form one, or if you just want to talk to someone about it, please contact us via [fnwi@studentenraad.nl](mailto:fnwi@studentenraad.nl), or find us in our office or in the Central Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 12:00 and 14:00.

Something else we're working on, is the implementation of the results from the referendum that took place a few months ago. One of the outcomes of the referendum was that students should have more rights. We would like to know what you think about an extension of rights, especially if you're on one of the Boards of Studies (OC). We will be discussing this a lot in our upcoming public meetings on Tuesdays at 18:00. If you want to come, please send us an e-mail in advance, so we know you'll be joining us.

On a last note, we will need successors for the next academic year! You can read something about being on the council elsewhere in this To Dah Loo, but of course, a small article can't tell all there is to say. If you're interested, you can check our website [www.studentenraad.nl/fnwi](http://www.studentenraad.nl/fnwi). Also, you're always welcome to make an appointment with one of the council members, they'll gladly have coffee with you and tell you all about it.

Yours sincerely,

The Faculty Student Council

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## Will you represent your fellow students in the Faculty Students Council next year?

From 10-16 May, council elections will be held for the Central and the Faculty Student Council (FSR). Could you be representing your fellow students in the FSR next year?

Susan Rigter, current FSR member, explains what the council does: 'We are concerned with topics that are relevant to all students, not just those that are programme specific. In several task groups, we go deeper into topics such as catering, the collaboration with VU, diversity in the Faculty, sustainability, and more.' In practice, this means



a lot of meetings and reading: 'You have to read a lot to understand what's going on in the Faculty and the University. But you also get to meet many different people and you definitely learn a lot.'

If you are interested in standing for council elections, you can apply this month as a candidate with one of the parties or found your own party. Check the website [uvaverkiezingen.nl](http://uvaverkiezingen.nl)

## Housing plans: what is the what?!



All documents relating to the housing plans for the UvA-VU collaboration are available online.

Check 'Collaboration UvA-VU science faculties' (or 'Samenwerking bètafaculteiten VU en UvA' in Dutch) in the A-Z on your programme website or scan the QR-code above.

## HOW WOULD YOU RATE YOUR COURSE PROGRAMME?

Take the 2017 2017 National Student Survey!



Jack up the rating of your course programme and take a moment, but no later than 12 March, to complete the National Student Survey.



## UvA Aspire brings together refugee initiatives

In UvA Aspire ('Academic Support Programme for Refugees') the Faculty of Science has teamed up with the Faculty of Humanities and the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences to coordinate and expand on existing bottom-up initiatives for student refugees. 'ASPIRE offers a diverse programme of academic courses and workshops,'

says Dr Machiel Keestra (Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies) who teaches one of the courses. 'In addition, we have a buddy system, where existing students are matched up with refugees to help them find their way in our



academic environment. Other initiatives or suggestions for academically accommodating refugees are welcome.'

Do you also want to do something to help refugees? Then join us for a screening of "In Procedure" and a subsequent pitch night of UvA refugee initiatives on Monday, 10 April in CREA! Several initiatives will be pitched, and you'll have the opportunity to join in. Keep an eye out on [facebook.com/uvaaspire](https://www.facebook.com/uvaaspire) to learn more.

- E S** Wednesday 8 March, 12:00-13:00, **BètaBreak** in central hall SP904
- E T** Wednesday 19 April, 10:00-17:00, **Bèta Career Event** at CASA400
- E N** Thursday 20 April, 17:00-19:00, **UvA Minor Market** at REC-E
- For all events, check [student.uva.nl](http://student.uva.nl)