Dear students,

The Student Council elections are coming! From 13 until 17 May, you can vote for the Central Student Council as well as the Faculty Student Council. But why should you vote? At both the central and faculty level, representatives from the student body have regular meetings with the board. They discuss subjects that concern students either directly (such as study places and the cafeteria) or indirectly (such as the university or faculty budget and diversity policy). These students belong to different parties, which have their own visions and priorities. To make sure your interests are represented, vote for a candidate that shares your views!

Beside this the current Council is still working hard on many topics. Every member has achieved something concerning different topics. That’s why we asked what they are most proud of:

- Joshua: ‘Using the results of the New Years Survey for our decisions about the holiday week and many other files.’
- Nadav: ‘Finally, after five years, forming Faculty Regulations that we, and the faculty, agree with.’
- Lisa: ‘I’m most proud of the Tien geboden (ten commandments) poster for the exams week that we have made and how it has helped many students.’
- Yoshua: ‘Voting on and for the Central Student and Faculty Student Council of Faculty of Science’s Lecturer of the Year. I, Yoshua, am the Faculty Student Council’s Lecturer of the Year. I was elected by students for both the Faculty Student Council of Faculty of Science’s Lecturer of the Year. I was elected by students’
- Rianne: ‘Finally, after five years, forming Faculty Regulations that we, and the faculty, agree with.’
- Lisa: ‘I’m most proud of the Tien geboden (ten commandments) poster for the exams week that we have made and how it has helped many students.’

We wish every student best luck in their last months of study places and the cafeteria) or indirectly (such as subjects that concern students either directly (such as the university or faculty budget and diversity policy). These students belong to different parties, which have their own visions and priorities. To make sure your interests are represented, vote for a candidate that shares your views!

By in our room.

The Faculty Student Council FNWI 18/19

Yours truly,

May 2019

Rianne van den Berg is the Faculty of Science’s Lecturer of the Year

Rianne van den Berg, lecturer in the Artificial Intelligence Master’s programme, has been elected by students as the Faculty of Science Lecturer of the Year. She was honoured with flowers and cake. Students had nominated her for her excellent work in the Machine Learning course in the Master’s programme. Praise from some of the students: ‘A lecturer who could teach the whole Master’s programme’; ‘Teaching quality equal to lecturers at MIT and Stanford: Top Notch’; and ‘She made a difficult subject so interesting and motivated us towards working hard’. Unfortunately, Rianne left the UvA in April after she received a job offer from Google.

Runner-up, by a small margin, was Jonas van Nijnatten, lecturer in the Psychobiology Bachelor’s programme. He, too, received a ‘surprise ambush’ during class. According to students he is ‘a legend’ and ‘the best, smartest, most motivating and hard-working lecturer ever.’

Student Council elections: What to vote?

From 13-17 May, you can vote in the student council elections. The student council is the official representative body for students at the UvA. During these elections, candidates are elected to represent students in the coming year. You can vote for both the Faculty Student Council of Faculty of Science (running parties are: LIEF, SLAAFS and Red UvA) and for the Central Student Council (running parties: UvASociaal, De Vrije Student, Red UvA, SLAAFS and Inter).

How to decide which party to vote for? What do the parties want to achieve next year? www.uvaverkiezingen.nl/ stemwijzer contains information on the views of each party. In addition, you can speak extensively with the parties in the central hall during the election week.

More information? Visit us in room B0.112, send an email to fnwi@studentenraad.nl or go to studentenraad.nl/fnwi