DIVERSITY AT THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE: 
Creating more opportunities for more people

The diversity sounding board at the Faculty of Science is looking for new members. The sounding board is a place for students and staff of the Faculty to discuss issues they see or experience concerning diversity at the University of Amsterdam and the Faculty of Science. It is also a place to share ideas on how to do better. ‘We welcome initiatives by sounding board members to stimulate a diverse and inclusive environment. Joining the sounding board is not just about sharing and discussing issues, it is also about pursuing ideas to create more opportunities for more people,’ says Marwa Ahmed (2nd year Master’s student Molecular Neuroscience), who is the student assistant for the Faculty of Science’s Diversity Officer. Currently, the sounding board is planning an event which will take place in 2020. ‘It is to be an inspiring and educational day with interesting workshops and speakers from different science backgrounds, who will discuss the link between diversity and their field,’ Marwa adds.

Would you like to join the sounding board? Send an email to diversity-science@uva.nl.

Are you the Faculty of Science’s next student assessor?

Are you a keen networker looking for the opportunity to gain experience in governance and policy-making? Then you could be the next student assessor at the Faculty of Science!

As student assessor you are present at meetings with the Faculty Board, where you participate in the conversations from the student perspective. You actively cultivate contacts with programme committees, study associations and the Faculty Student Council to stay on top of the concerns of your fellow students. Crucially, while the student assessor is selected jointly by the dean and the Faculty Student Council, you contribute your own, independent, views. The deadline for applications is 22 November. Scan the QR code for the full vacancy text. For questions, feel free to drop by the Council Office, room B0.112.

Dear students,

As you all know, there is a new Faculty Student Council (FSR). Being new is very difficult, as you might have experienced the first weeks of university and the first exam week. But being new also brings a lot of fun. Luckily, our fun isn’t only for us, the new members of the council, but also for you and the rest of the students. So, we are happy to invite you to our ‘constitutieborrel’.

For those of you who don’t know what a ‘constitutieborrel’ is, I will explain. Let’s start with the name, it’s a non-translatable word. Of course it is something with constitution (constituë) and drinks (borrel), so that is exactly what we are going to do. In other words: we are going to celebrate our constitution with drinks. The evening starts with a short presentation about our vision and goals for the year, then we will answer and discuss questions. After that it gets more traditional. We are having free drinks, there will be some ‘brassen’, ‘recipiëren’, ‘pedel’, and a guestbook to leave a nice note for us to remember the evening.

Like I said, the drinks are free. We will have beer, wine, and also non-alcoholic drinks. Our constitutieborrel will take place the 26 November at 17:00 in the Brainwave, our bar at Science Park. You are very welcome to come and have a drink with us. If the 26th doesn’t work for you, no worries, the Praat met de Raad-borrel is 18 November at 17:00 at Academisch Kwartier.

Hope to see you at one of these events!

Kind regards,
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