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 **Facultaire Studentenraad**

Dear students,

On November 18, we had our second meeting of the year with the Faculty Board. Among others, we discussed the Additional Admission Requirements for some Master's programmes. The Council wanted to figure out what the reasons are for these requirements and what the consequences would be for students, for example potential exclusions. Currently, the Faculty of Science is the only faculty of the University of Amsterdam with these Additional Admission Requirements (AKTs in Dutch). This is one of the reasons we take the evaluation very seriously. Also, we are keeping a critical eye on the information provided on this subject towards Bachelor's students.

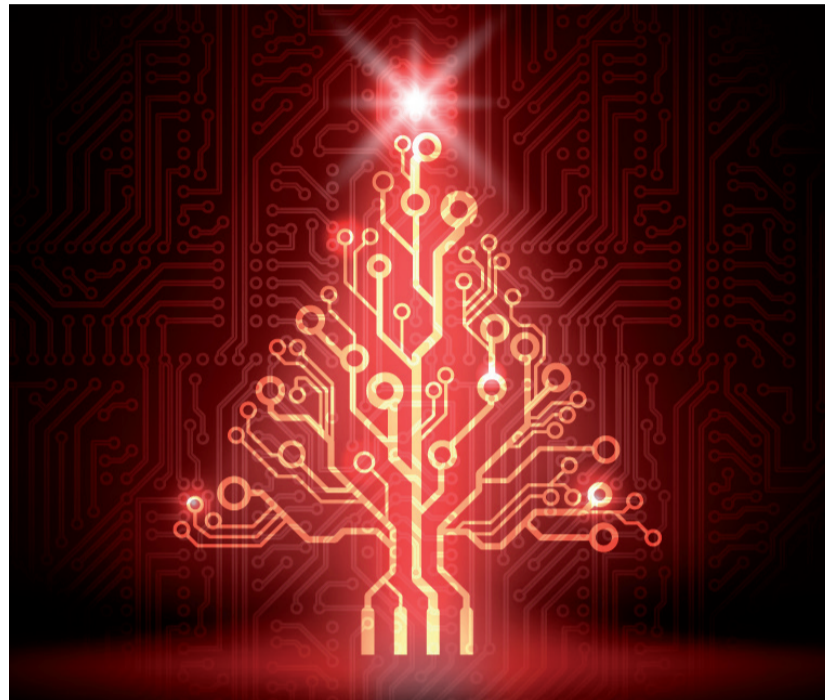
Our task group responsible for student participation is in the process of recruiting a new student assessor (the former D-student). This student is the student representative at the management meetings of the Faculty Board and is in frequent contact with the Faculty Student Council. Together with Aniek van Onzenoort - the current student assessor - and the Dean, we evaluated the format and decided that the job will be more extensive. The vacancy will be shared soon, so keep a close look at our website if you're interested!

Another topic of debate within the Council is the establishment of a quiet space at Science Park. The Executive Board of the University recently decided to clear the way for such rooms - for relaxation, praying, meditating, etc. Do you want to be involved in creating the quiet space at our faculty? Please contact us for more information!

Kind regards,

The Faculty Student Council

More information? Please visit room A1.26, send an email to [fnwi@studentenraad.nl](mailto:fnwi@studentenraad.nl) or go to [studentenraad.nl/fnwi](http://studentenraad.nl/fnwi)



**The Faculty of Science wishes you Happy Holidays and a Wonderful 2016!**

## Collaborative Institutes aspire to excellence in research

On 19 November 2015 the UvA-VU core teams for Informatics, Physics & Astronomy and Earth, Ecology & Environment announced their intention to establish Collaborative Institutes in their respective fields. Although this development does not directly affect students at the Faculty of Science, they will likely see a positive influence according to Dean Karen Maex.


'The core teams aspire to establish world leading centres of excellence,' she says. 'With our education being as research-intensive as it is, students will naturally reap the benefits in the programmes we offer and in the recognition of their degree - here and abroad.'

The representative advisory bodies of the UvA and VU

science faculties (including the Faculty Student Council) will have ample opportunity to give input on how the Collaborative Institutes take shape. 'For me it's very important to involve them from the start. I want to know where they foresee trouble, but also opportunities, so we can incorporate that in the process,' says Maex.



## 10-point plan: Have Your Say!

 In response to the UvA-wide 10-point plan, three working groups consisting of students and staff of the Faculty of Science have been working on a translation of the plan for our Faculty. In a debate on 18 January 2016, you will have the opportunity to give your input on their advice to the dean.

The working groups have been pondering general topics - such as quality of education and governance of the university - and more concrete questions like the pros and cons of the Binding Study Advice, and now they'd like to hear what you think! Read the concept reports (available in January) and come to the debate to have your say or listen in.



**EVENTS**

**Thursday 7 January, 15:00-18:00,** Amsterdam Science Park, Tour 'Behind the scenes'

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**Tuesday 19 January, 17:00-17:45,** Brainwave, Students' Colloquium

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**Wednesday 20 January, 12:00-13:00,** Central Hall Science Park 904, BetaBreak

For all events, check [student.uva.nl](http://student.uva.nl)

**Debate Faculty of Science approach to 10-point plan:**  
Mon. 18 January 2016  
room C0.05