



# To Dah Loo

About the UvA-VU collaboration and other scientific stuff

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Dear students,

From 13-24 February, the Bungehuis was occupied by a group of students calling themselves 'The New University'. Their ideals have broad support both within the academic community of the University of Amsterdam (UvA) and outside of it. The occupation has led to a flood of student organisations expressing their own vision on the statements made by The New University. A protest march was also organised on 25 February to call for greater democratisation within the university.

Because the demands of the occupiers explicitly refer to our faculty, relate to the daily activities of our colleagues and affect our role as a representative advisory body, we – the Faculty Student Council of the Faculty of Science – have also released a statement. In response to this statement we have naturally gone further, and we will certainly also continue trying to ensure that students, and representative advisory bodies in particular, are far more closely involved in policymaking at our university. We will do our utmost in this regard, naturally in cooperation with as many people from the academic community as possible.

Talks with the Faculty Board and the dean (Karen Maex) will also be conducted in light of the current developments. It goes without saying that we take the utmost care when making decisions that affect the future of the faculty. The powerlessness and frustration felt within the academic community cannot be allowed to reach such a point again. The decision-making process must allow room for actual participation by students in general and representative advisory bodies in particular. If you too would like to have your voice heard, please send an email to [fnwi@studentenraad.nl](mailto:fnwi@studentenraad.nl) or drop in at A1.26.

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## Science students critical and engaged

Over the past weeks, the occupation of the Bungehuis and Maagdenhuis buildings has given rise to a broad debate about the participation of students in the decision-making process and the profit-based mentality at universities.



At the Faculty of Science, the Faculty Student Council (FSR) and the Faculty Board jointly organised a student colloquium about student engagement in the Faculty of Science. Jonas Lodewegen (FSR), Karen Maex (dean) and Michel Haring (director of education) entered into dialogue with the students present.

The main finding was that Faculty of Science students are critical and engaged, and the faculty staff is happy with their input. To make it easy to share ideas with her, the dean will set up a monthly open consultation hour in the Brainwave, together with the FSR.

*The Student Colloquium is one of the places where you can voice your opinion. You can also contact The Faculty Student Council or Aniek van Onzenoort (student assessor on the Faculty Board). If you have a question for the dean or the director of education, please send an email to [info-science@uva.nl](mailto:info-science@uva.nl).*

## Joint degree application for five programmes

The Student Council has approved of the joint degree application for the Bachelor's programmes in Chemistry and Physics & Astronomy and the Master's programmes in Chemistry, Physics & Astronomy and Computational Science. These programmes have been taught by lecturers from both the University of Amsterdam (UvA) and VU University Amsterdam (VU) for years now.

### Evaluation

'A joint degree is the logical next step,' says Rex Valkering of the Computational Science Board of Studies. 'Computational Science is well organised, but there are sticking points that can be solved. The joint degree would mean for example that a joint Board of Studies would be established to evaluate all the courses.'

### Merger

'The Student Council (FSR) concluded that these programmes – which already cooperate extensively – would benefit from a formal merger,' says Jonas Lodewegen, FSR chairman. 'That's why we gave our approval.' The UvA and VU will submit the application to the Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders (NVAO) this month.

# EVENTS

**Sunday 15 March**, Science Park 904, closed until 12:00, due to a test of the emergency power system

**Monday 16 March**, 17:30 – 19:00, Science Park 904, room H0.08, Faculty debate: The course of the university

**Wednesday 18 March**, 12:00–13:00, Central hall Science Park 904, BetaBreak

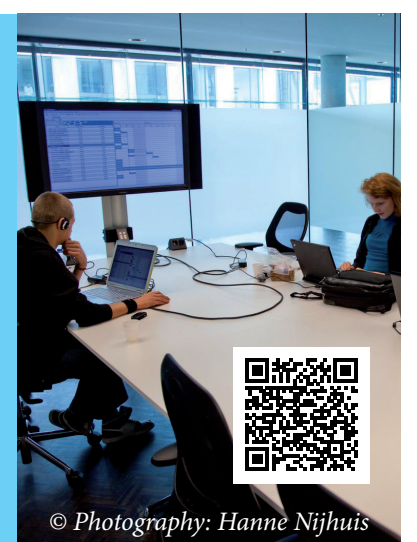
**Tuesday 14 April**, 17:00-17:45, Brainwave, Student Colloquium

## Rent a laptop at the Science Library

For five euros a day, Faculty of Science students can rent a laptop at the desk of the university library at Science Park 904. Laptops can be rented and returned on weekdays between 9:00 and 20:00. Users can install their own software. The laptop comes

standard with MS Office and Adobe Acrobat.

The laptop is also provided with a laptop bag, adapter, USB mouse, lock and HDMI cable. After the laptop is returned, the renter's documents and software are erased.



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