RESOLUTIONS FOR 2018

Nijmegen - At 00:00 the clock rang in the New Year, champignon was uncorked and unforgettable first memories of 2018 were made (whether you remember them or not). The New Year hangover should have left by now so the time has come to start the New Year with fresh courage.

But, it’s time to get sentimental. Today is the time of wishes and new years resolutions. We want to try to make the year unforgettable, but at the same time, our wish is to improve this great University a bit more. Our 4 USC members have told you what their wishes are for the New Year. Wat are your resolutions for 2018? Share them with us by sending them to info@akkuraadtnl!

Fatbardha: “I wish that the Pilot for Flexible Studying will get going properly in 2018. This pilot is for, among others, student board members, informal caregivers and top athletes to support them and create more flexibility for them during their study.”

Stijn: “My wish for the new year is that students can separate their waste everywhere on the campus by the end of 2018. I think separating should be self-evident, but sadly it is not possible to do this everywhere at our University.”

Tessa: “My wish for 2018 is that more education material will become available online to reduce paper waste.”

Lieve: “In 2018 I would like to see the Radboud University make an effort to reduce the workload among teachers, to create more space for the teachers to give more attention to their students and to increase the quality of education.”

Students and sustainability: column with tips and tricks

Students and sustainability: it seems to be an oxymoron. Biological food and meat substitutes are expensive and you pay an all-in rent… right? We tend to forget how large our own imprint can be. But I hear you think, what more can you do than buy seasonal vegetables at the market and eat less meat as a student? Well, properly separate your waste.

This might sound like stating the obvious but besides being good for the environment it is also very good for your wallet. In Nijmegen you have to pay for green DAR bags which are €10 per roll, so that’s pretty expensive trash right there. However, paper and plastic waste are picked up for free and the rolls of plastic bags can be picked up for free at your supermarket!

Everything that is made from plastic can go in them (except bags of chips and Styrofoam), but did you know that cans (soda cans, soda bottles, aluminium trays) and drink cartons (milk cartons, yoghurt cartons) can also go in these bags? If you properly separate your waste you won’t have to buy as many expensive roles of DAR bags!

PS: If you did go to the market and bought too many seasonal vegetables because everything was so cheap (the author is an expert by experience), you can always make soup. Throw away your leftover vegetables in a pan, add a stock cube, and puree it and tada! A sustainable and delicious meal.

Joint Assembly Report December

Nijmegen - In the last Joint Assembly (JA) of December 4th 2017 with the Executive Board (EB) many subjects that are important for AKKUraad and are in our election program were discussed. It is too much to discuss everything in this Toilet Paper but the extensive report can be found on our website: www.akkuraadtnl.

Firstly, a new privacy policy that AKKUraad is satisfied with was agreed upon! The EB promised to put an end in this Toilet Paper but the extensive report can be found on our website: www.akkuraadtnl.

Another point of interest: as AKKUraad, we’re really happy with the position of the EB towards the Binding Study Advice (BSA). This subject has been evaluated and rector magnificus Han van Krieken was critical on the topic. The principle is the same as the BSA, except that it is not binding, it is advisory.

If investments would be made into guidance alongside to the implementation of a USA, students would be able to make smart choices based on their wishes and capacities. Han van Krieken is receptive for our idea! In the new year we will look for a new model. We will keep you up to date!

Another subject that was discussed was the budget, specifically the growth ambitions of the RU. The amount of money the University gets depends on the market share of all the students in the Netherlands. AKKUraad is afraid that growth of the University means that good education will be on a low level, simple because thinking just in numbers can reduce quality overall.

Did you know?

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