ACADEMIC YEAR 18/19 COMING SOON

Nijmegen • The results of the election for the University Student Council were announced today. After a hard but exciting campaign AKKUraad will have four seats in the USC next year, just like last year. We would like to thank all of our voters!

AKKUraad received 3123 votes. That is almost 600 more than last year. “This result was not only achieved through an intense and fun campaign week, but also because of the dedication of the party and the union over the past months. We are very happy with this achievement,” said Gijs Kooistra of AKKUraad. “We congratulate asap with maintaining their four seats. Last year the division returned to four after two years. We look back on a successful cooperation with asap. We are looking forward to work together next year.”

The University Student Council (USC) members from AKKUraad next year will be Gijs Kooistra (Political Sciences), Sander van der Goes (Geography, Planning, and Environment), Marek Voesenek (Psychology), and Flore van Grunsven (Psychology). These four incredible people and the other members of AKKUraad’s team will fight for good education, a student life without renovating? It started during summer, but will not be finished until January 2019. However, food facilities will be available at the new academic year kicks off.

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J O I N T A S S E M B L Y R E P O R T J U L Y

Nijmegen • Many different topics were discussed in the Joint Assembly (JA) of 2 July, e.g. student welfare, the budget and FOndS (University fund for students who need financial compensation).

Student welfare was the first important topic that was discussed. Last year the welfare questionnaire was distributed at the RU as an initiative of the University Student Council (USC). AKKUraad is disappointed in the very few steps that have been taken. We think that a structural reorganisation has to take place to properly work on this very important topic. We argued for that a single person will take responsibility for student welfare.

The university budget was the second topic on the agenda. After the government grant for students was abolished, the saved funds had to be invested into the quality of education by the university. Universities should decide how this money is spent together with the student representation. Last year AKKUraad voted against the budget, because the student representation was barely involved. This year, very little progress has been made. We would like to see the RU invest in intensive and small-scale education where quality has priority.

The next topic was the voting percentages in the Faculty Joint Assembly (FJA). In the FJA the staff has 60% of the votes and the students have 40% of the votes. AKKUraad thinks this is unfair and wrote a memo in favour of balancing it out to 50/50. After discussing this memo an investigation has started to see if this point of view is shared at every Faculty.

The last topic was FOndS. AKKUraad has worked intensively on improving FOndS this year together with the USC. This regulation is meant for students that can’t fully focus on their education due to mental health issues after their board year. Particularly when you can’t focus on your education due to circumstances, such as board members, caregivers, or professional athletes. The rule that student board members have to pass exams for at least 39 credits in the year before their board year has been removed. Besides, it is now possible to use this regulation twice, for example when you can’t focus on your education due to mental health issues after your board year.

Playing for extra curricular activities a few hours a week? At the student union, which we are a part of, and AKKUraad we are always looking for enthusiastic newcomers. Whether you enjoy delve into political papers and politics or like to organise activities such as parties and lunches, we have a place for everyone. Send us a message on Facebook or email us at info@akkuraad.nl!