

# Board update 08/01/24

## Education

## **University Education**

We are collaborating with CSR to explore how we can change the house rules to make protesting on campus legal again. Additionally, preparations are underway for a new OC's and faculty council meeting on January 18. We will also provide training on how the power structure within the UvA operates. RethinkUvA will promote the event, and we hope to see more teachers in attendance.

## **HBO Education**

An event is in the works for the student representatives at HvA. Furthermore, the Board of Directors of AHK is enthusiastic about further collaboration with ASVA, and we are in contact with InHolland as well.

## **MBO Education**

The MBO plan has been drafted, and we are eager to hear your feedback. We attended an event by the Healthy School initiative, where much information was shared about the economic impact on students' well-being.

## Housing

## **General Housing**

Several housing projects are ongoing.

Firstly, we are engaged in a housing lobby for target figures with the municipality. After the covenant was terminated, there has been little to no clarity on the number of student homes to be built. We want the municipality to adhere to the LAS they have signed.

Secondly, we are exploring the added value of setting up a reporting point for poor landlord practices. A plan has been drafted and discussed with the legal department.



Thirdly, we met with Balakrishnan Rajagopal, a UN housing rapporteur visiting the Netherlands this month. Next year, a report on the Dutch housing market will be presented to the UN Human Rights Council.

Fourthly, there is a project to simplify the application process for a landlord's permit. We hope more renters will apply for permits, enabling them to exercise their rental rights.

Finally, two new events are in the pipeline: a housing market at Science Park and a large housing event for students.

## Public Transport & Cycling

We are organizing an event in collaboration with ROVER and Sarphati. The first meeting has taken place, and the outlines of the event are taking shape.

## Student Welfare

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We are running a campaign for free menstrual products, with over 1000 signatures collected through stickers placed throughout UvA.

## Diversity, Inclusion and Decolonization

DID is organizing an event on Palestine, likely to take place in February.

## Sustainability

We attended an event at HvA discussing collaboration with the fossil fuel industry. Also, in collaboration with Plant Based University, CSR, VSA (Vegan Student Association), and other organizations, we are launching a campaign in February involving ASVA to encourage universities to have plant-based food everywhere.



## Services

#### **General Services**

A study session was organized where people could use our silent disco, with the additional goal of promoting our services.

#### Academy

Preparations for WinterABD are in full swing, and we are searching for a new academy coordinator.

#### Legal Bureau

Several cases have been received this month.

#### **Research Bureau**

Interviews were held for a new research assistant. The first content bureau meeting took place, and plans for statistics training are underway due to the current lack of expertise in the bureau.

#### Achterban

The complaint procedure application is being sent to the UvA. The regular consultations with the support base continue as usual.

## General Assembly (ALV)

The extra general assembly was necessary, and we have started using a cover page.

#### AKvV

The BHV course was a great success, despite some technical issues with the spaces. We learned a lot from the training.



### Internationals

We have a few new members for the committee. Scheduling a new meeting has been challenging, but we hope to reconvene the working group in the new year.

### ISO & LSVb

ISO and LSVb general assemblies have taken place, and the search for new boards for both organizations has begun.

## Marketing & Infoteam

The info team has been busy creating and posting content. An article about the election results will be published in Folia and HvanA in January. We are also considering new arrangements for placing paid posts.

## Verkiezingen

After the elections, we conducted a reflection with the election working group on the organized events.

## Interne organisatie

## Digitale werkomgeving

We are currently working to clear the G-drive as our server is being removed.

## Fysieke Werkomgeving

Two successful cleaning days were held at the office, making everything look neat before the holidays. Changes have been made to the layout at the front desk, kitchen, and 1.13.



## VeCo & Activobinding

VeCo is busy planning the activoweekend, and we received delicious food from them after the MO.

#### ZoekCo

The ZoekCo had a board recruitment training with Sophie van Tilburg, and everyone is excited!

#### SoCo

SoCo has found new volunteers. We are eager to hear your opinions on the proposed committee.