

Update from the board

Status: Informing

Dear GA,

Every ALV, you will receive an update from the board on recent activities. These can be found below.

For questions and/or comments, please email bestuur@asva.nl or bring them up at the ALV.

Kind regards,

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Academy:

We are going to facilitate trainings for all active and organized HvA student. The HvA asked us to do this

Memberbase:

Busy with the After - final party for the HvA.

Diversity & Inclusion:

We were able to organize a successful event on the role of a political university and the situation in Palastine. The main issue here was the role the UvA is (not) playing in this topic now. Our next project is aimed specifically at the HvA. We want to see if we can implement guest lectures on the Dutch colonial past and future in history courses. Finally, this portfolio would like to become more involved with ASVA's other portfolios and see if we can support others upon request.

Services:

The study hours with ASVA during exam week are becoming more crowded. We find that repeating certain events is causing a slow growth in attendance. We would like to see this continue.

Student housing:

"The Big Housing Market "event is coming up! This time, we are focusing on involving even more groups, so that students have the widest possible range of information about housing. We are working together with WOON! De Woonbond, LSVB, and FNV to organize the housing summit. In terms of public transport, we are fighting to preserve line 53 and our event on student public transport is coming up.

HBO:

The cooperation agreement with HvA has been signed. The agreement with AHK has been drafted and is now with them. The agreement with Inholland also has a draft version. At HBO, we are also busy with participation in decision-making processes. We heard reports of

misconduct at Engineering: Electrical Engineering at HvA. We have conducted a survey on this and the responses are pouring in.

Internationals:

A vision statement is currently being written regarding ASVA's position on external opinions about international students. We hope to present this during the next General Assembly Meeting (ALV).

Infoteam:

Lately, many substantive articles have been written, including on participation in decision-making processes and the profiling fund. Furthermore, infoteam is assisting the Search Committee in our search for a new board.

LSVB:

Together with all other Dutch student unions, we started a campaign about the general study grant. This will decrease by €160 starting from September 1, under the assumption that inflation will be over by then. Of course, this is not the case. There are more and more new unions emerging, and we notice that ASVA plays a significant role in supporting the new student-unions

MBO:

Many exciting things are happening. Recently, we have been in talks with various organizations, politically engaged MBO students, and the municipality of Amsterdam about MBO students and their student life in Amsterdam. The municipality wants to invest a lot in this. ASVA remains involved. We have a meeting with them two weeks from now

Research portfolio:

There is an ongoing research project into internship exploitation.

Legal aid:

Going steady

Student welfare:

There is a lot happening on the topic of menstrual poverty, not only from ASVA but from many different sides. We therefore hope that this (calendar) year will be the year when free menstrual

products will finally be available in every toilet at UvA. If that succeeds, we hope and will ensure that other institutions follow suit. Financial stress among students is also a major topic. We are currently conducting research on this and have received many responses. On April 4, we will sit down with the municipality, GGD, and educational institutions to begin drafting a report on this issue and determining who is responsible for what.

WO:

Busy with the student representation elections, we would like to help promote turnout. Forcing the legally prohibited mandatory attendance remains a point of contention.

Other:

- Applications for a new board have begun! Please apply or encourage all your friends to do so.
- We are working with FNV Y&U, Job MBO, and CNV youth to create a roadmap where students can gain insight into where they can turn in case of internship discrimination and exploitation.
- On May 5, we are organizing a 'freedom meal' together with CREA and Amnesty. Amnesty will provide training on protest rights. A former ASVA board member and sports researcher will speak about the founding of ASVA during the German occupation and the role of student (sports) associations in the resistance. The focus will be on students in the freedom struggle during World War II. Contemporary themes will also be discussed during the meal.