



VERKIEZINGEN 2024

Universiteitsraad, Faculteitsraden en Dienstraden

Tussen 22 en 25 april kiezen studenten en medewerkers hun vertegenwoordigers in de Universiteitsraad, Faculteitsraden en Dienstraden van servicecentra en MUO. Belangrijke organen waarmee medezeggenschap en inspraak binnen de Universiteit Maastricht formeel geregeld zijn.

De Universiteitsraad functioneert niet alleen als klankbord voor het College van Bestuur, maar heeft ook advies- en instemmingsrecht, toetst, controleert en kan initiatiefvoorstellen indienen. De Faculteitsraad heeft dezelfde functie op facultair niveau en voedt daarnaast de Universiteitsraad met informatie. De Dienstraden overleggen regelmatig met de directeuren van de servicecentra of van Maastricht University Office (MUO). Voor de Faculteitsraden en Universiteit kunnen dit jaar **alleen studenten stemmen**. Medewerkers morgen volgend jaar hun vertegenwoordigers kiezen.

Leden

De Universiteitsraad telt twintig leden; tien studenten, zes vertegenwoordigers van het wetenschappelijk personeel en vier medewerkers uit de ondersteunende afdelingen. Studenten nemen één jaar zitting in de raad, medewerkers worden om de twee jaar gekozen.

Ook de Faculteitsraden worden gevormd door vertegenwoordigers van het wetenschappelijk personeel, ondersteunend

personeel en studenten. Zij worden uit eigen geledingen gekozen; ook hier is de zittingstermijn twee jaar voor medewerkers en één jaar voor studentleden. De Faculteitsraden hebben diverse bevoegdheden waaronder instemmingsrecht aangaande het faculteitsreglement en adviesrecht over bijvoorbeeld benoemingen van hoogleraren en de facultaire begroting.

De Dienstraden worden gekozen door en bestaan uit de medewerkers van de Universiteit. Ook hier is de zittingstermijn twee jaar voor medewerkers. De Dienstraad komt het recht toe de directeur van de eenheid te adviseren.

Stemmen

Dit jaar vinden de verkiezingen plaats van maandag 22 april 08.00 uur tot en met donderdag 25 april 18.00 uur. Op vrijdag 26 april worden om 15.30 uur de uitslagen online bekendgemaakt.

Stemmen is alleen mogelijk via:

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2024 ELECTIONS

University Council, Faculty Councils and Service Councils

Between 22 and 25 April students and staff members can elect their representatives in the University Council, the Faculty Councils and the Service Councils of service centres and MUO. These are important bodies through which participation and having a voice within Maastricht University are formally regulated.

The University Council not only functions as a sounding board for the Executive Board, but also has rights to offer advice or give approval, to assess, control and to submit initiatives and proposals. The Faculty Councils have the same functions at faculty level, and can in addition supply the University Council with information. The Service Councils regularly consult with the director of every service centre as well as the Maastricht University Office (MUO). This year for the Faculty Councils and the University Council, **only student elections** take place.

Members

The University Council has 20 members; ten students, six representatives of the academic staff, and four representatives of the support staff. Students are elected for a one-year term, staff are chosen for two years.

The Faculty Councils also comprise representatives of the academic staff, support

staff and students. They are elected from their own sections; here too the term is two years for staff and one year for students. The Faculty Councils hold various areas of authority including the right to approve faculty regulations and a right to advise on for example the appointment of professors and the faculty budget.

The Service Councils comprise representatives staff members, whom they also represent. The term is for the elected staff members is two years. The Service Councils advise the directors of service centres and MUO.

Voting

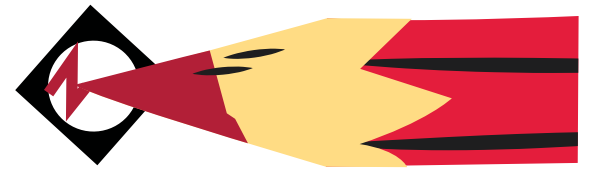
This year the elections take place between Monday 22 April from 08.00 hrs. and Thursday 25 April 18.00 hrs. On Friday 26 April at 15.30 hrs. the results will be declared online.

Voting is only possible via: <https://elections.maastrichtuniversity.nl>

Please visit our website for all information about the elections: www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/elections

Would you like to know more about having a voice and participation in Maastricht University? Click on: <https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/about-um/organisatie/participation-representation>

OVERVIEW OF LISTS AND CANDIDATES UM ELECTIONS 2024



FACULTY COUNCILS

FACULTY COUNCIL FASOS STUDENTS

DOPE

Michelle Krabbé
Milan Beun

KAN Party

Tho Thi
Sonora Ward
Srna Todorova
Maëlysse Billard
Jakob Seul
Thanh Pham
Krithik Rock

FASoS International Students Progress Party

Nick Douglas De La Torre

NovUM

Pierre Jault
Niklas Erkes
Jules Boelens
Beti Ceban

FACULTY COUNCIL FHML STUDENTS

NovUM

Olga Kosjakova
Ersi Retounioti
George Chaloftidis
Neele Noordmann
Lina Schoffers

DOPE

Milo Cheng
Puck Knaap
Raoul Mertens
Bart Schrauwen
Suus Born
Kiki Molenaar
Caspar van Ruyven
Isabella van Pul Porturas
Thijs Hahn
Nienke van Berkel

FACULTY COUNCIL FPN STUDENTS

DOPE

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Julia Viskaal

KAN Party

Iris Joon
Sofia Jimenez
Octavian Modreanu

NovUM

Eberle Martinez
Palina Sinita
Alex Lemberg
Emma Kourilová

FACULTY COUNCIL FSE STUDENTS

KAN Party

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Cassidy Hemmers
Vjosa Shabanaj
Ben Sauer

NovUM

Daphne Vryghem
Carlota Morillo Rosado
Mauro Cioci
Isve Engelkiran
Francisco Santos Silva
Aryan Suri
Ritwik Srivastava
Shari Celma Crespi

FACULTY COUNCIL LAW STUDENTS

NovUM

Ivor Meštrovic
Aydan Müller
Gabriel Pate
Nandika Singh
Szymon Lyczko
Marcel Matlok

DOPE

Thimon Falch
Lotte Morsing
Bo Schmeitz
Manou Schiepers

KAN Party

Beatrice Pedergana
Thanos Pantazis

List LEX

Julie Kullo
Ella Delanty
Eden Lemmer
Cristian Rusu
Robert van Abswoude
Maartje Ras
Denise Baumsteiger
Tessa Schriders
Prescilla Reutelingsperger

FACULTY COUNCIL SBE STUDENTS

DOPE

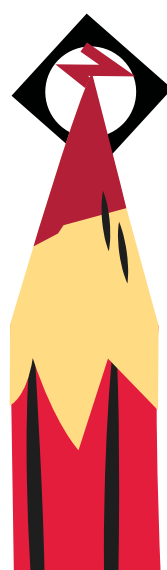
Maurits Loonen
Floortje Toma
Romijn Kroep
Jules de Kock
Jasper Gielen
Joris Adema
Ellemijn Egberink
Julot Rijk

NovUM

Roch Chovet
Quitterie Poulou
Lorenzo Sauty de Chalon

KAN Party

Alina Timosenko



UNIVERSITY COUNCIL UNIVERSITY COUNCIL STUDENTS

DOPE

Mila van Boxel
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Nino van Beek
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Jip Bremer
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Fieke Kappers
Rutvik Karupothula
Femke Nix

SERVICE COUNCILS SERVICE COUNCIL FIN NO ELECTIONS

Dienstraad FIN

Natascha Nelissen
Raoul Rongen
Joanna Malarz

SERVICE COUNCIL FS NO ELECTIONS

SamenDoen!

Ruben Philipsen
Ruud Duijzings
Roy Heijnen
Anke Dassen
Stefan Coumans

SERVICE COUNCIL ICTS

DRI 24-26

Jules Silvertand
Sebastiaan Nijhuis
Xander Lebesque
Boudewijn Geelen
Edwin Hendrikx
Mike Moonen

SERVICE COUNCIL SSC NO ELECTIONS

Dienstraad SSC

Maureen Steijvers
Kirsten Reijnders-Timmermans
Hans Mulders

SERVICE COUNCIL UB NO ELECTIONS

Marieke Schor

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Sander Biesmans

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SERVICE COUNCIL MUO NO CANDIDATES

FACULTY COUNCILS

FACULTY COUNCIL FASOS STUDENTS

DOPE

Michelle Krabbé, Milan Beun

Dear fellow FASoS students,
We believe that it is very important that we, as students, make our voices heard. Therefore, we would love to represent you at our faculty. We firstly aim to ensure that all lectures are recorded and posted online so we can use them to prepare for our exams.

Additionally, since course registration does not happen automatically, many students encounter problems regarding this. Therefore, we want to install automatic course registration. Furthermore, we want a separate resit-week. Right now, students have resits while new courses have already started. This increases

workload and puts students that are already struggling behind. A resit-week, after the exam-week, could solve this problem. Lastly, we noticed big discrepancies between the quality of both grading and feedback we receive. Hence, we believe a standardised grading and

feedback system should be installed. FASoS is already a great faculty but we believe that we should never stop trying to improve our education. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any other ideas and hopefully we can address them as your faculty representatives. Vote DOPE!

KAN Party

Tho Thi, Sonora Ward, Srna Todorova, Maëlyse Billard, Jakob Seul, Thanh Pham, Krithik Rock



Thanh Pham, Noa Lehmann, Tho Thi, Johanna Firley, Fée van Cronenburg, Luciana Aguilar, Srna Todorova, Sonora Ward, Maëlyse Billard

UM Elections 2024 called and KAN answered! We are back again this year stronger than ever entering the elections. Being part of the sustainability hub at UM as a climate network, the sustainability and social responsibility values are close to KAN. However, our values go beyond this and we are entering the elections with the following clear topics of focus:

(1) collaboration, (2) sustainability & social responsibility, (3) education for the future, (4) wellbeing priorities of health, social safety, prevention of violence, housing, (5) diversity & inclusivity, and (6) transparency. At the FASoS level, the student representatives worked hard and implemented the continuing professional development workshop on

inclusivity for both students and staff. Furthermore, the student representatives have been active participants in the ongoing project on enhancing visibility of student services such as pre-arrival resources from the Student Services Centre. Lastly, we are working on IT/Canvas training for prospective students during the introduction week and we aim to continue with

this in the upcoming year. At the UM level, reflecting on the past couple of years, KAN had many achievements. As for the sustainability and education aspect, KAN was a crucial contributor in including a new climate change-related course on "International Psychology & Climate Change" at FPN. KAN has also been an active member in organizing the annual Sustainability Week where like-minded students passionate about the environment get together and learn about climate change through events like panel discussions or workshops. As for the mental health focus point, KAN contributed to creating the "Are You Okay" QR codes across the UM toilets and the "Are You Okay" lecture given to students. The QR codes and lectures expose students to information about mental health support at UM. As many students struggle to find accommodation, KAN representatives have initiated the SOSMaastricht program which eased the student's first days in Maastricht by providing them with temporary accommodation. In general, in the upcoming year, we are committed to continuing on all our current projects that aim to make UM a more sustainable, future-proof, accessible, and inclusive university where academic and professional development thrive. For more detailed information about KAN, go to our website, kanmaastricht.eu. Let's collaborate and create a more sustainable, safe, and pleasant future for UM's students and staff. Vote KAN!

FASoS International Students Progress Party

Nick Douglas De La Torre



Nick Douglas De La Torre

The International Students Progress Party (ISPP) Led by Nick Douglas De La Torre, commits to fostering an inclusive and vibrant community within FASoS. As a party, our aim is to represent the interests, concerns, and aspirations of international students, ensuring every voice is heard and respected. Even, and especially if they disagree with us.

1. Diversity enriches our academic environment. ISPP actively promotes inclusivity, creating a climate where students from different cultural backgrounds and opinions can thrive without judgement.
2. Mental and physical well-being are essential for academic success- Full Stop. ISPP will work to enhance student support services, including mental health resources and recreational activities.

- OUR GOALS
1. Maastricht is not a City with a University; it is a University City. That's why ISPP will consistently engage with students, If it matters to you, It. Matters. To. Us.
 2. The ISPP will create a strong network among international students. We will organise social events, and mentorship programs to promote connections.
 3. Confusion is intolerable. The ISPP will work closely with professors and academic advisors to improve study resources, course materials, and assessment methods.
 4. We recognize the importance of environmental consciousness. promoting sustainable practices and supporting university wide Eco-Friendly Initiatives
- Our message in a sentence? We are tired of thinking small, We think BIG

NovUM

Pierre Jault, Niklas Erkes, Jules Boelens, Beti Ceban

As a student representative party, we seek to bridge the gap between students and the University's direction. We believe most student demands fall into one or more of NovUM's five pillars: better and more affordable housing, improvement of education, raising awareness of environmental issues and sustainability, improvement of integration and internationalism at UM and student well-being. How do we, as student representatives of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, properly assess what it is exactly that students need and want? Some issues such as housing are widespread, clear issues, largely discussed even beyond the sphere of UM. Other issues are more specific to FASoS, such as the better use of our faculty's space. In order for students to feel properly heard and for problems to be tackled, we need to build a more robust and thriving FASoS community, where exchanges between students, representatives and even teachers are held. We also need to ensure that the student and their needs remain central to the conversations: the question students should ask themselves is "What can the Uni-

versity do for ME?". The emotional, social and mental needs of students are just as important as their material ones. FASoS should be a space where students feel safe, supported, heard and have opportunities to study and learn but also to socialise and make new connections.

With the "bigger" issues and the more FASoS specific questions in mind, we would like to advocate for the following policies:

- We need to create a more robust FASoS community: this means more events, better use of our common spaces, more common rooms, more study spaces, longer opening hours of the faculty, etc.
- Students only engage with each other and common spaces if their mental well-being is up to the task: FASoS needs to increase communication and transparency of its "disability" programmes, and the University as a whole needs to make access to mental health services and sexual harassment help easier and less intimidating.
- We should promote exchanges between students of all years and programmes: we



Pierre Jault

can achieve this through more events but also through a student-on-student buddy system. First year students could sign up to be paired with a more senior student for help and socialisation.

- Housing is a crucial issue to most students in Maastricht: increasing access to affordable housing or affordable parking for students who cannot live in Maastricht is central for NovUM. Vote NovUM!

FACULTY COUNCIL FHML STUDENTS

NovUM

Olga Kosjakova, Ersi Retounioti, George Chaloftidis, Neele Noordmann, Lina Schoffers



Neele Noordmann, George Chaloftidis, Ersi Retounioti, Olga Kosjakova

We are enthusiastic FHML students and the NovUM candidates for this year's FHML council election. Please take a look at our manifesto:

- Support of new mentor meeting card website, fairer assignment evaluations and available lecture recordings:
From next year onwards, a new website will be tested to address the limitations of currently used websites like Canvas and

E-PASS, and NovUM intends to actively support the launch of this new website. Next, students may have experienced that evaluators using the same assignment rubric can still grade (significantly) differently. To ensure fairness in grading, we propose that evaluators go through three assignments together at the beginning. Finally, NovUM recognizes the importance of recorded lectures for students and seeks the obligation to

- record lectures.
- Encouraging international representation, collaborations and integration:
NovUM recognizes the current uncertainties for international students and therefore emphasizes the importance of maintaining an international environment by encouraging diverse student representation. By offering discounted language certificates and more free language courses, students would

benefit from a wider range of career opportunities in the future, especially in the field of healthcare. To further foster the international collaborations which are essential for professional development, NovUM wants to implement more minor options with the already existing partner universities.

- Fairer pricing for mensa, managing food waste and supporting student-led green initiatives:
The Mensa cafeteria poses challenges for students, with limited, expensive options that often lack sustainability considerations. NovUM wants to keep pushing for lower prices on nutritious meals, discounts, loyalty deals, and improved communication between the student body and cafeteria. Food waste remains a major issue, which we aim to combat by ensuring transparency in waste disposal practices and by adapting the cafeteria's menu to what students wish to consume. We believe that these changes paired with supporting student-led initiatives like *Students before Profit* will lead to a more equitable and sustainable food system.
- Increase availability and appointment time duration of um's psychological referrals:
The university already offers a service called Quick Psychological Referral (QPR) to all students. With this service students can book a 10-minute appointment with 1 of the 7 UM psychologists. As of March 17th, the next available appointment is in more than two weeks. As NovUM we believe that more resources should be allocated to this service, and we will push for an increase of the duration of appointments and for the number of participating psychologists to be expanded.

DOPE

Milo Cheng, Puck Knaap, Raoul Mertens, Bart Schrauwen, Suus Born, Kiki Molenaar, Caspar van Ruyven, Isabella van Pul Porturas, Thijs Hahn, Nienke van Berkel



Milo Cheng, Raoul Mertens, Puck Knaap, Caspar van Ruyzen, Kiki Molenaar, Isabella van Pul Porturas

FHML is a wonderful place where people come together to share their experiences. Within this faculty, students get the opportunity to obtain new skills, to share knowledge and to both respect and challenge each other's views. We, as candidates of DOPE, believe that we didn't come this far by only being grate-

ful for the present. We reached this point through our desire to improve, to question the present and to spark the flame for future innovation. Of course, ambitious speeches are for politicians and we students aim for action. Our current agenda is characterized by the following ambitions:
INSPIRING INTERNSHIPS

Currently, it's difficult for most students to study or to do an internship abroad. We believe it is of uttermost importance that our students get the opportunity to personally develop themselves. By going abroad, students are encouraged to step out of their comfort zone and by that develop their social skills. We aspire to facilitate the possibility

of minors/internships abroad in different countries throughout the world.
FIXING FACULTIES
We believe some improvement can be made regarding the facilities within FHML. For example, students should have proper lunch places during the afternoon. In addition, we believe it is really important to create more waterpoints and to offer free hot water at the Mensa. Hereby, a more efficient study environment can be created.
HAPPY HOLIDAYS
We believe students need to be rewarded with a well-deserved holiday. Currently, many programs have resits three weeks after the holidays have started. We want to make sure that the resits are not planned in the middle of the holidays.
MENSA MAKEOVER
The food that is offered in the Mensa should be affordable, sustainable and tasty. We believe the food is really expensive at this moment and therefore we want to decommercialize the current system.
LIVELY LECTURES
Lecturers try to innervate with students via the well-known dice during the lectures. How great would it be when lectures become more interactive? By implementing patient visits, demonstrations and debates, students get actively involved in the lectures and much more can be achieved. Furthermore, we aim for better quality of the English spoken lectures and a possible feedback system, through which students can give feedback on the lectures. We would be happy to represent you in the coming academic year. Vote DOPE!

FACULTY COUNCIL FPN STUDENTS

DOPE

Linde Vermeulen, Julia Viskaal

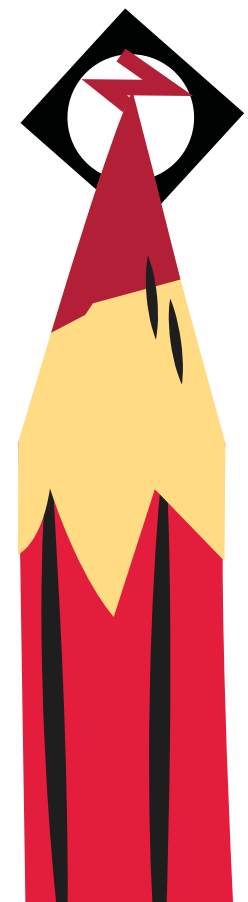
Hi, we are Linde and Julia, two second-year students of the Faculty of Psychology and Neuroscience. Upcoming year, we will represent Dope. You can find our diverse and innovative points of action here. Firstly, all courses should be up to date and taught by experienced tutors. Currently, there are some courses taught without a tutor. These courses are experienced as unclear, which causes bad results. Secondly, we pursue a clear distinction between the English and Dutch track. There should not be English exams or projects involved in the Dutch track because Dutch track students can experience difficulties in these situations. All exams and projects should be offered in Dutch as well. Thirdly, the budget of the faculty is used efficiently for optimal education. Fourthly, ensuring that there's clear communication. For example, about the lectures, which we believe should all be recorded. Recorded lectures give certainty to this Covid pandemic. Fifthly, mental health is important, especially in these times. Sixthly, students must receive help after their Bachelor, for example, by organizing career days.



Julia Viskaal, Linde Vermeulen

Lastly, students' opinions are integrated into the faculty council. Integrating your opinions

will improve our faculty. We are excited to represent you in the faculty council!



KAN Party

Iris Joon, Sofia Jimenez, Octavian Modreanu



Iris Joon

At KAN FPN, we are dedicated to amplifying the voices of our peers and foster a supportive community within our faculty. Over the past year, we've taken strides towards sustainability by advocating for more greenery in our buildings, which will be put in place later this year! In the coming year, our focus remains on creating a safe environment for our fellow students. We hope to better our mentoring program and promote inclusivity and diversity. Above all, we prioritize student input. We're here to serve YOU, our fellow students, and make your voices heard. Together, let's create a fun, inclusive, and sustainable academic environment for all!

NovUM

Eberle Martinez, Palina Sinitsa, Alex Lemberg, Emma Kourilová



Palina Sinitsa, Alex Lemberg

Dear students of FPN, As candidates of NovUM, we want to protect your rights as students and listen to your concerns and demands! Our party focuses on

- Internationalism,
- Well-being,
- Education,
- Housing, and
- Sustainability

The upcoming academic year will potentially bring about major changes in regulations concerning the intake of international students and the availability of English-taught programs. We firmly believe that Maastricht University thrives from its international community and we will therefore do our best to preserve its demise at all costs. This means exploring possibilities of integrating

international students into the environment by providing extensive language courses, but it is equally as important to create awareness about the broader context of decolonization, which is why we aim to integrate non-WEIRD literature into the concept of our study programs and organize events centred around this topic.

Furthermore, our goals for next year include

changing the relationship between the university and the food provider, Eurest, so that we as students have access to affordable and sustainable food. We already succeeded at organizing political actions in which we distributed affordable high-quality food to students and we plan to expand on this further by exploring possibilities of alternative providers as well as having conversations with the administration to bring this issue to their attention.

Additionally, we aim to improve the well-being of students by organizing FPN community events, because we believe that community in a university is as important as its education.

As you know, next year, a new psychology curriculum will commence, featuring fresh ideas, additional courses, and novel challenges to confront. Undoubtedly, it will garner significant attention. However, there will remain students who are in the process of completing the classical psychology program. Their challenges risk being overlooked under the assumption that the program is destined for discontinuation, leading to neglect of necessary adjustments. Therefore, a crucial objective for the forthcoming year should be to provide support to students as they navigate their academic challenges. Especially with Academic skills students have been struggling with for years.

Last but not least, this year should be a start to a greater transparency of the student council. Our goal as student representatives is to reconnect with students, proving that we are their side, that we hear them and ready to help.

FACULTY COUNCIL FSE STUDENTS

KAN Party

Matthieu Marienbach, Cassidy Hemmers, Vjosa Shabanaj, Ben Sauer



Cassidy Hemmers, Matthieu Marienbach

While the FSE student body is diverse, we—Matthieu, Cassidy, Vjosa, and Ben—believe that all 3700 of us share many common needs and hopes. KAN aims to understand these needs and transform them into concrete actions.

Our campaign is built on the pillars of inclusivity, sustainability, and actionable reforms. Below are some projects we would like your feedback on:

- **Education:** We recognize an urgent need to enhance the quality and student-friendliness of certain FSE programs.
- **Mental Health:** We aim to increase awareness of mental health services and advocate for the restructuring of poorly designed attendance requirements.
- **Sustainability:** We propose the launch of a pilot for a student-managed, not-for-profit, organic lunch café in Randwyck. If successful, we could extend it to UCV and the city center.
- **Inclusivity:** To foster a student-driven inclusive environment, we propose a high-quality diversity and inclusivity program. Additionally, we want to correct the imbalanced gender ratios of our programs.
- **Your Study Experience:** Optimal study conditions, mutual support, and innovative initiatives thrive in well-designed social spaces. We propose extended building opening hours and the improvement of communal areas for students to collaborate and connect.

We are advocates, not self-servers. Allow us to demonstrate that because we care, we KAN.

NovUM

Daphne Vryghem, Carlota Morillo Rosado, Mauro Cioci, Isve Engelkiran, Francisco Santos Silva, Aryan Suri, Ritwik Srivastava, Shari Celma Crespi



Francisco Santos Silva, Shari Celma Crespi, Mauro Cioci

It is recognized by NovUM that there is a need for improvement in the issues students are dealing with. NovUM is dedicated to solving these problems to enhance students' quality of life, focusing on internationalism, education, and well-being. This multifaceted approach underscores our commitment to creating a more inclusive and equitable society. By prioritising these objectives, NovUM aims to positively impact the lives of individuals

across different segments of society and touch their hearts. NovUM's efforts in advancing the Faculty of Science and Engineering align with its broader vision of building a more prosperous and sustainable future for all. There are a few bullet points that the new election committee will be aiming at achieving this year. These are listed below.

EDUCATION

- Enhance Academic Planning and Advisory

Support

Develop a forum for academic planning discussions, focusing on course scheduling, elective choices, and career pathways within the FSE.

Compile an advisor directory to guide students in choosing advisors based on individual needs, ensuring access to knowledgeable and supportive mentors.

- Establish a peer-to-peer support network

Create dedicated spaces for students sharing common courses to collaborate on understanding materials.

Foster an environment for collective learning, allowing students to share insights and address each other's questions and concerns.

- To provide more mock exams for FSE students, collaborate with faculty to publish exams from previous years for practice.
- Students will have increased opportunities to participate in exchange programs.
- Advocate for the reinstatement of the reflection week after Period 5 in the MSP.

INTERNATIONALISM

Raise awareness of Dutch news affecting international university community
Displayed on screens in the faculty

WELL - BEING

- To open faculty grounds for students during the weekend, as it has been the case for pre-Covid UCM, it provides an extra familiar study space and for student events to take place during weekends.
- To provide more mock exams for FSE students, collaborate with faculty to publish exams from previous years for practice.
- Students will have increased opportunities to participate in exchange programs.
- Faculty departments are cold in winters and summers, heating should be adjusted sustainably.
- Call for the reintroduction of resit exams on Periods 3 and 6 in the MSP.

These initial actions signify just some priorities that NovUM will be working on. The aim will be to support the faculty by implementing measures to reduce their workload and alleviate pressure, thereby fostering a more supportive and conducive academic environment.

FACULTY COUNCIL LAW STUDENTS

NovUM

Ivor Meštrovic, Aydan Müller, Gabriel Pate, Nandika Singh, Szymon Lyczko, Marcel Matlok



Aydan Müller, Ivor Meštrovic

As NovUM candidates for the Faculty of Law, we stand for change. We believe that it is the students' right and duty to improve their faculty and the environment they are working in. This year, we are standing in this election to be your voice, your representation working together for the better Faculty of Law. As the biggest student party, we recognise your needs and adapt to the ever-changing priorities. It is why our long-standing pillars of Housing,

Education, Internationalism, and Sustainability are now accompanied by Well-Being. In the upcoming academic year, these will be our targets for improvement. Together with our policy vision, go our ideas which we would like to implement at our Faculty. Student well-being stands at the centre of our interest. We believe that you should feel comfortable and safe in the setting you are working in. Faculty should facilitate our time

in Maastricht, not make it harder. We want to work on the issues of:

- Mental health
- Individualising approach to the students and answering their needs

Avoiding classes during the major holidays and providing students with the opportunity to access the knowledge if they miss class.

Better educational support in case of illness

or unforeseen circumstances. There is no doubt that education remains one of the most important areas where the Faculty Council has its say. The learning process that we are part of should be constructed to reflect our needs and possibilities. We will be working to:

- Get extended feedback on the exams. Making the assessment a part of the process, not just a control point at the end of the period.
- Diversify the examination MECC exams are overwhelming. Let's create more examination opportunities throughout the period, making the final examination less of a burden.
- Create more study spaces. We need spaces to study and work with our peers. Faculty should facilitate us finding a peaceful place for education, also on Saturdays.

Last but not least is communication. Students are the inherent part of the Faculty and have the right to know what is going on around them. It is crucial for fostering student engagement and social activity. We will work on:

- Establishing more ways of internal communications
- Making sure everyone is aware of the events, changes, etc.
- Make communications clearer
- Include extracurricular activities in internal communications

Don't hope for change, vote for it!

DOPE

Thimon Falch, Lotte Morsing, Bo Schmeitz, Manou Schiepers

This year again, DOPE will be represented at the FDR for the faculty council elections. We, the candidates, are committed to the interests of our fellow students. We aim to incorporate (more individual) feedback after assessments. The present system does not

offer enough feedback for students to develop themselves academically. We intend to solve this issue by persuading the faculty staff of the importance of individual feedback. Secondly, many students have to purchase new expensive books every semester, rightfully so,

perceived as a burden. Therefore, we want to look at ways to reduce the high costs associated with purchasing literature. We want to investigate whether there are more options for refurbishing books and a central system in cooperation with the library. Thirdly, we

would like to optimize students' mental health by providing them with more personal counselling. Especially during the current pandemic, the mental health of the students has become of great concern. The faculty's current initiatives to provide this help have become inadequate in meeting the student's needs. We strive to make the help more personal and thereby more effective. Furthermore, the current pandemic leaves us with far too little study space, particularly for group projects. Unused classrooms should be opened up and transformed into study space. This will grant students the opportunity to discuss and work together to utilize the methods of PBL fully. We are also focused on enhancing the guidance of the tutors. Students have expressed their concerns that they feel as if some tutors are not on the same level of professionalism as other tutors when it comes to students' proper tutoring and guidance. Lastly, we want to improve the communication between the faculty and students. For example, sudden adjustments close to a deadline cause much agitation among students. We want to enlighten the faculty on this issue to make their organization run more smoothly. As we've said, we are committed to the interests of students and we will work very hard to turn these points into reality. However, this can only be done with your vote. We hope that we've convinced you to vote for us as DOPE for a better faculty and a better tomorrow!



Lotte Morsing, Thimon Falch

KAN Party

Beatrice Pedergana, Thanos Pantazis



Beatrice Pedergana, Thanos Pantazis

As KAN representatives in the Law Faculty, our aims are clear. We want to create a sense of community and connection between students and the university. Therefore, we are proposing monthly meetings or a platform where students could inform us about their concerns and propositions for the programs. Council representatives have an overview of the budget and spending of the faculty, and we want to use this opportunity to bring the decisions closer to who is imminently affected. The two biggest concerns of students are housing and mental health. These are the two topics we are going to be fighting about the

most to ensure that all the students have the help they deserve from the beginning. Problem-based learning (PBL) is one of the main reasons we, students, chose this University but we believe that there is still space for improvement. We want to actually represent the students' concerns and ideas for the faculty and the only way for us at KAN is by listening and interacting with our peers in an open and close relationship. We want to establish a permanent communication that would last all year to make the election a process and not just a moment.

List LEX

Julie Kullook, Ella Delanty, Eden Lemmer, Cristian Rusu, Robert van Abswoude, Maartje Ras, Denise Baumsteiger, Tessa Schriders, Prescilla Reutelingsperger



Ella Delanty, Eden Lemmer

We are List LEX, and this year we are represented by Julie Kullook, Ella Dellanty, and Eden Lemmer. Together, we have one big mission: To bridge the gap between students and the faculty staff, making us feel heard. We understand and want to address this disconnect by representing you in the Faculty Council. Moreover, we know firsthand what it means to be a student at the Faculty of Law and have also experienced the pressure that comes along with this experience. It is our aim to advocate on all

student's behalf to improve your university experience, both academically and non-academically. Our goal is to communicate that you are not alone and that we can address your personal experiences and thoughts on how to improve student life at our faculty through representation on the Student Council. With List LEX, your feedback and concerns will shape our faculty growth and direction. Our motto for this year is our law school journey is a marathon, not a sprint!

FACULTY COUNCIL SBE STUDENTS

DOPE

Maurits Loonen, Floortje Toma, Romijn Kroep, Jules de Kock, Jasper Gielen, Joris Adema, Ellemijn Egberink, Julot Rijk



Floortje Toma, Maurits Loonen

Dear fellow SBE students, In the name of Maastricht Student Representative Party DOPE, we are running for the faculty council of the School of Business and Economics. We are highly motivated to improve certain aspects of our faculty and to make sure your voice is being heard. We strive for achieving the valuable position to change and improve your education and study experience. We will be involved in study related decision-making about our faculty. This year we possess 5 seats in the faculty council. This enabled us to implement multiple improvements. In the upcoming year we want to continue making valuable changes. First of all, we are aware of the scarcity of learning spaces at the libraries, whilst learning spaces within the SBE remain unused. In our opinion this could be improved by increasing the availability of these rooms and expanding the opening hours. Furthermore, we are convinced that the facilities inside the tutorial rooms have to be improved as well. For instance the amount of

sockets should be increased and coat racks should be placed. In addition, we noticed significant differences among the quality of tutoring. We believe tutors need clearer guidelines regarding the content of their tutorials and objectivity of their grading. It should be clear what level of involvement in the tutorial is expected for both tutor and students. Moreover, we want to tackle the difficulty of switching between particular tutorials when a timeslot does not fit in your personal schedule. From our perspective there should be more flexibility regarding altering timetables. Last of all, we want to be more critical towards the well-known PBL-system. The current system does not fit every single course and therefore it is necessary improve it. We intend to make sure that it is valuable for every course. We want to end with reminding you that you as a student have the power to make your voice heard. To make a change in the SBE, vote for us, vote for DOPE!

NovUM

Roch Chovet, Quitterie Poulou, Lorenzo Sauty de Chalon



Lorenzo Sauty de Chalon

As we embark on a new academic term at the School of Business and Economics (SBE), it's crucial to recognize the pivotal role of mentors in shaping our academic journey. Each student should have access to a mentor for every subject, providing guidance on understanding course materials and prioritising resources such as lectures or past exams etc. With such a mentorship framework, we can enhance student learning. Furthermore, fostering a vibrant student community is essential for university experience. One way to achieve this is by expanding and promoting student associations. They serve as valuable platforms to explore student's passions, and engage in extracurricular activities. However, promotion of these associations needs improvement. Elevating the visibility of these associations will result in an active UM's student

- community.
- Education
 - Push for more internship's opportunities
 - Each student should have access to a mentor for every subject.
 - Encourage active student policing (listening to student's opinions and complaints about courses and grading process)
- Well-being
 - Fasten access to psychological resources
 - Increased investment in mental health tools and awareness
 - Expanding and promoting student associations
- Sustainability
 - Have more lectures and workshops about sustainability
 - Create a grant for sustainable start-ups
 - Collaborate with the Tapijn Sustainability Hub

KAN Party

Alina Timosenko



Alina Timosenko

As KAN representatives in the SBE Faculty Council, our mission is clear. We want to put on the agenda the affordability and sustainability of meal options in the cafeteria, ensuring everyone can access healthy meals without breaking the bank. For new students, we aim to provide better support during their first weeks, helping them adjust to university life smoothly. We're committed to maintaining a clean and healthy campus environment, including improvements to the Peukenpaal in front of TS53. Furthermore, KAN wants to lead initiatives to raise awareness about student well-being and mental health, ensuring everyone feels sup-

ported and heard. Collaborating closely with the Student Council, we'll organize engaging events to foster community spirit and student involvement. Our goal is to work on improving the quality of introduction days, particularly by focusing on essential topics like sexual safety. Addressing concerns about mandatory attendance and proposing reflection weeks in the academic calendar are also on our agenda. Lastly, we'll advocate for strengthening sustainability-related courses and increasing their visibility among students, fostering a culture of environmental awareness within the SBE community.

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL STUDENTS



DOPE

Mila van Boxtel, Matthijs Udo, Nino van Beek, Jop Smeets, Anne Smid, Jip Bremer, Victor van Oosterhout, Loet Custers



Nino van Beek, Anne Smid, Jop Smeets

DOPE is excited to let your voices be heard! DOPE believes that our University does best when students are well supported, well informed, and have input in their education. DOPE represents students from all walks of life, and our lists reflect the diversity of disciplines, nationalities and interests which make UM a

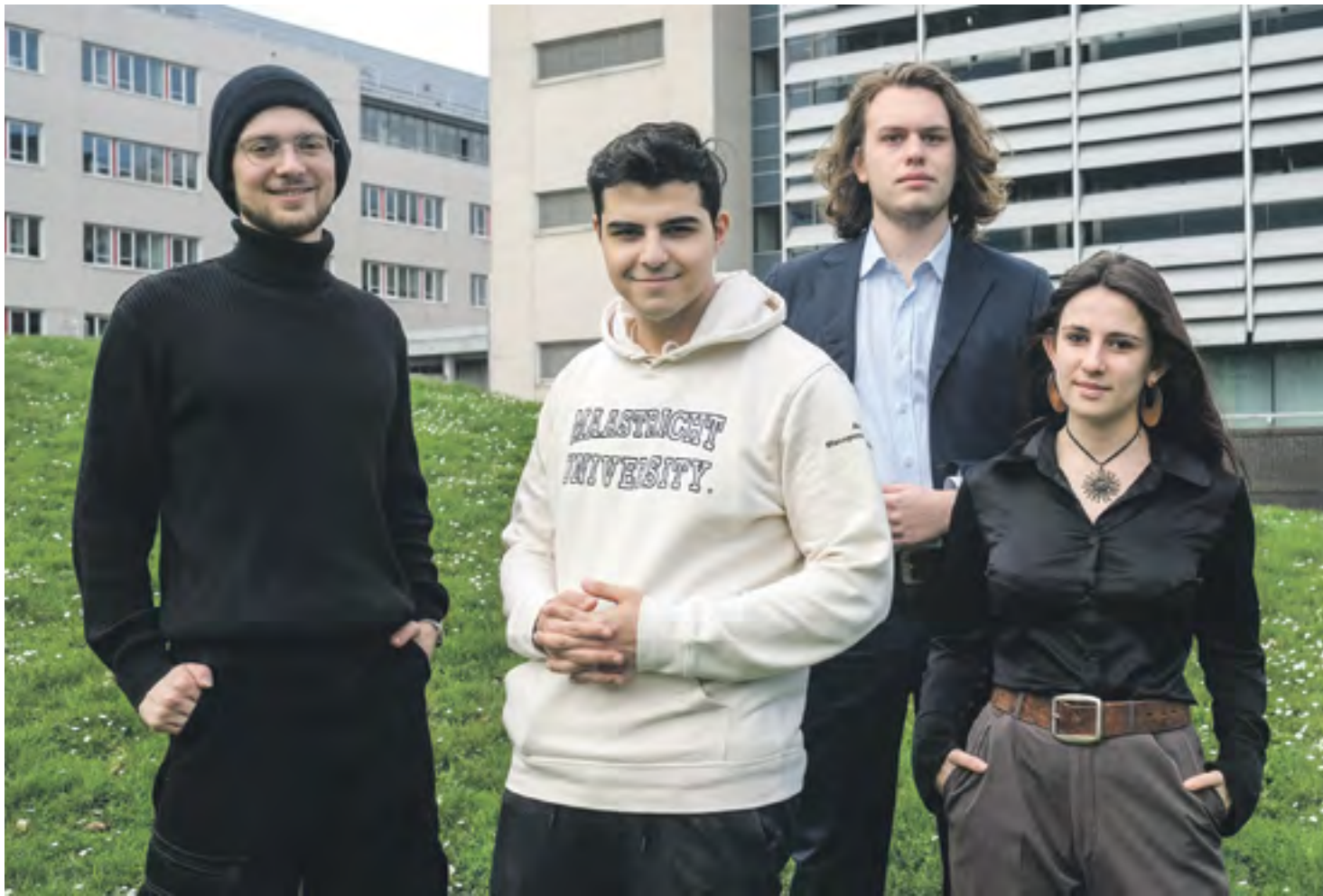
unique tapestry. DOPE has a strong history of positive, student-oriented change at UM, and our candidates for University Council share over twenty years of experience serving this community. Together we will continue to improve the wellbeing, education, and livelihood of students.

Our University is growing and will continue to do so in the foreseeable future. We are concerned that UM is already having difficulty finding space for the students it has now. While new study spaces are always becoming available, simply placing desks and chairs in a room does not necessarily create an environment conducive to studying. We believe that the University needs to consider the quality of the spaces it produces. Quality, is multidimensional, incorporating students, the city, and the wider environment. Our Environment
Improving students' lives means improving our surroundings. Take University catering for example, our food should be tasty, sustainable and affordable; these are not unrealistic goals. Furthermore, UM must consider the consequences of its decision to grow: every new student will need an affordable room, not just in Scharn but in the Center as well; Our International Education
The professionalism, qualifications and language abilities of our

lecturers and tutors affects our education. While maintaining tutorial size is crucial, maintaining the excellence of learning in tutorials is even more critical. In addition, we believe that internationalization is not just a statistic, instead it must include integration. Integration of Dutch and non-Dutch students, integration of students and our city, integration of our international character with our education. We must work to break down the barriers between us in order to build a stronger academic community; Our Wellbeing
We believe in a holistic approach to student life. Students are expected to finish their degree in three years while serving associations, committees and teams alongside; the pressure is causing students to burst. All of us love the work we do, and we want UM to provide support and guidance to help students remain balanced in all their endeavors. We would be very proud to represent you in the coming year and ask for your vote!

NovUM

Andrew William Scrivener, Shari Celma Crespi, Alex Lemberg, Mauro Cioci, Quitterie Poulou, Pierre Jault, Amien Abid, Cora Kenter, Ivor Meštrovic, Aryan Suri, Eberle Martinez



Alex Lemberg, Amien Abid, Mauro Cioci, Shari Celma Crespi

Dear students of Maastricht University, As candidates of the biggest party in UM, NovUM, we want to fight for your rights as students to be represented and make your voices heard! We have a diverse but clear focus on:

- Internationalism,
- Well-being,
- Education,
- Housing, and

- Sustainability
With the changing political climate in the Netherlands, it becomes increasingly important to preserve our beloved international community at all costs. This means integrating international students into the environment by providing extensive language courses while also keeping English as the main academic language of the university, within programs

and councils.
Furthermore, our goals for next year include changing the relationship between the university and the food provider, Eurest, so that we as students have access to affordable and sustainable food. Additionally, it is our aim to improve the well-being of students by working with and beyond the Sexual Safety Program to ensure that there

are procedures and infrastructures in place for survivors, as well as educational content for all students on consent and sensitivity to sexual safety.
Well-being also extends to creating an inclusive environment for students who suffer from disabilities. Particularly, we need to draw more attention to invisible disabilities and urge the university to offer better support to those who suffer from them, regardless of faculty or study program.
Moreover, we want to collaborate with the municipal council to ensure having as much impact as possible on YOUR life as a student. This entails increasing the capacity of the UM Guesthouse as well as expanding the reach of the Huurteam Zuid-Limburg to enable it to aid students who live past the Belgian and German border.
We already have relationships with parties on the municipal council and this is something we want to further expand on. Last year we succeeded in ensuring that the Huurteam zuid-limburg received further funding to be able to process more requests. The work on solving the housing crisis is far from finished, which is why we will eagerly continue to work on it. Lastly, in face of the approaching climate catastrophe, we deem it crucial for the university to follow its sustainability goals in accordance with the UM Strategic Programme, to guarantee that UM becomes a fully sustainable university by 2030 and be accountable for its decisions. It is also of great importance to make sure that sustainability focused student associations gain fair access to funding, which is why NovUM has had councillors on the stimuleringsfonds committee to approve and give input on funding requests for years.

KAN Party

Krithik Rock, Alina Timosenco, Thanh Pham, Sonora Ward, Tho Thi, Jakob Seul, Iris Joon, Maëlyse Billard, Matthieu Marienbach, Srna Todorova, Vjosa Shabanaj, Sofia Jimenez, Johanna Firley, Luciana Aguilar Laurencich



Thanh Pham, Matthieu Marienbach, Srna Todorova, Iris Joon, Maëlyse Billard, Beatrice Pedergana, Luciana Aguilar, Cassidy Hemmers

At KAN Party, we prioritize values that resonate deeply within our community. Our party continues to stand firmly on the pillars of sustainability, diversity, inclusivity, and equality of opportunities. We believe in fostering a campus environment where every voice is heard, every perspective valued, and every individual empowered to thrive.
This year, we will continue our effort to make the campus more sustainable in its energy usage and investments with cheaper, healthier food options among more. Besides, we continue our efforts from the last three years to boost equalities at the university by advocating for investments into and strategic discussions on the provincial level about the provision of affordable housing campuses or options for students. We also hope to continue serving our international students to adapt better to uni life by pushing for improved funding for our service centers (including the SSC, the libraries and UM Psychologists) as well as continuing our avid participation in the co-creation of UM's shared vision across faculties for student advising.
Together, let us build a future where every member of our community is equally equipped to flourish.

List LEX

Bram van den Berkmortel, Esper Schreurs, Noëlle van Haeff, Madelief Hoetink, Willem Verhoeven, Emma Daalmans, Benaissa Oualkadi, Fieke Kappers, Rutvik Karupothula, Femke Nix



Esper Schreurs

We are List LEX-Motus, a student representation party consisting of students from all kinds of different backgrounds. Collaboration is key, we want to collaborate with other student representation parties on points we can agree on, to solidify our position as student representatives within the university council. Our main focal points are:

Communication and transparency: We want to achieve better transparency and more open communication. We strive to bridge the gap between students and the university. We want to increase the university's communication and create more uniformity between the faculties.

Availability online: We are fighting for more outreach to members of the university council. Over the years, it has become clear that students are quick to feel let down by the university administration. Students elected to the University Council will have to be

there for the voice of all. For this, it must also be clear to everyone who can be reached for the individual's views to be put forward. To facilitate this, there will need to be more outreach both physically and online.

Student wellbeing: We believe student wellbeing should always be important to keep working towards. We want to seek ways to limit stress for students and also keep providing mental health programs and help students access them more easily. We also want to increase the number of available study places in and around the university.

Internationalizing: Maastricht University is the leading European university in the Netherlands. By collaborating and studying with students from different countries and backgrounds, both local and international students have the opportunity to broaden their worldview, develop intercultural competencies, and build valuable international

networks. In addition, international students contribute to the economy of the city of Maastricht through their spending, making them an important driver of local growth and development. In short, MU will have to fight to preserve its international character and not let it go to waste.

Sustainability and better education: Being a sustainable university for us is really important. We want to keep increasing our university's position towards a more sustainable future. We also strive for better education. We want education to be accessible to everyone, we, therefore, want to increase the accessibility of eBooks and available resources online.

Call to action:

For questions, ideas, or anything else we are available on our socials or at our email address listlexmaastricht@gmail.com. We hope to see you in the election week!

SERVICE COUNCILS

SERVICE COUNCIL FIN NO ELECTIONS

Dienstraat FIN

Natascha Nelissen, Raoul Rongen, Joanna Malarz

SERVICE COUNCIL FS NO ELECTIONS

SamenDoen!

Ruben Philipsen, Ruud Duijzings, Roy Heijnen, Anke Dassen, Stefan Coumans

SERVICE COUNCIL ICTS

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Jules Silvertand, Sebastiaan Nijhuis, Xander Lebesque, Boudewijn Geelen, Edwin Hendrikk, Mike Moonen

SERVICE COUNCIL SSC NO ELECTIONS

Dienstraat SSC

Maureen Steijvers, Kirsten Reijnders-Timmermans, Hans Mulders



SERVICE COUNCIL UB NO ELECTIONS

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Dear colleagues,
I am Sander Biesmans. Since January 2, 2024, I am serving as the process coordinator / Scrum Master for the Digital Learning Environment and Digital Testing teams within EC&S / University Library. In this role, I play a part in fostering a positive work environment within the teams. I am putting myself forward as a candidate for the UB Service Council to broaden the utilization of my skills and responsibilities, and advocate for the interests of my colleagues. I also believe that I bring a different perspective to the table due to my background in Mechanical Engineering and Industrial Design. I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to represent the interests of my colleagues and to ask critical questions about organization-wide plans. I hope to earn your trust and support in the upcoming elections!

Best regards,
Sander Biesmans

SERVICE COUNCIL MUO NO CANDIDATES

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