

LIST VUUR HUMANITIES - MANIFESTO SUMMARY

VUUR Humanities fights for a head-on approach to student wellbeing, internationalization and quality of education. With almost 6000 students, high-ranked education and a historic site, the faculty of Humanities certainly should be proud of itself. Nevertheless, many challenges lie ahead.

Growing financial insecurity and performance pressure have led to unprecedented numbers of burnouts and other mental health problems. We cannot afford complacency or a half-hearted approach towards this pressing issue. We must take action now.

Fortunately, the faculty council has taken steps to combat this problem. Along with *Geestwaardig*, list VUUR has written a bill to establish a student wellbeing taskforce and has requested a renewed communication plan with regard to student assistance.

Another challenge that the faculty of Humanities faces, is the growing internationalization of the faculty. Too often, we've received complaints that international students are only assisted in the first two weeks with practicalities after which these students mostly have to rely on information in Dutch. Furthermore, the transition to courses in English has proven problematic from time to time.

Therefore, VUUR Humanities will fight for sustainable internationalization with more care for the quality of education and guidance for international students. Next academic year, we will make sure that the faculty makes important faculty information available in English and provides international students with a mentor system and Dutch courses facilitated by the faculty.

Quality of education is an issue that needs to be addressed as well. Whereas the university funds can not keep up with the growing amount of students, seminar groups increase in size and, consequently attention for individual students decreases. As a result, education is increasingly less tailored to individual needs and ambition.

In the faculty council, list VUUR has fought for a more flexible faculty that provides opportunity to all. This year, faculty councillors managed to bring about a *flexible studying* pilot, giving students of Liberal Arts and Sciences the opportunity to follow and pay for individual courses. When proven successful, we will be fighting to expand this pilot to other studies as well.

List VUUR is dedicated to continuing the push for better student wellbeing, sustainable internationalization and better tailored education. Yet, in order to get things done, we need your help. Vote from the 2nd to the 4th of June on a progressive yet pragmatic party with a record of getting things done. Vote for list VUUR.