

Next University Council meeting: 2nd November 2023

#### Did you know...

...that the Restaurant is closed during the summer, but you can still eat in the Cube and Cobbenhagen?

... that with a sportcenter subscription you can swim for free in Stappegoor during this summer?

... that the coffee machines will be replaced this summer and each machine will also have plant based milk?

... that a gender neutral toilet will be realised in Academia this summer?

### Update University Council

On Thursday, the 13th of July, the last University Council of this academic year took place. An important document that was discussed this University Council was the Profile Fund. This is, for example, important for students doing a board year, because from the profile fund the grants are paid that student board members receive at the end of the year. The reserve of the profile fund is increasingly running out, so these grants would be reduced. After some good discussions and arguments, the Executive Board decided to withdraw the piece. This means that the current profile fund remains in operation. New discussions on the profile fund are likely to be held next year. Besides the profile fund, the Spring Marap was also discussed. In the Spring Marap you get an insight into the financial development from January to April 2023 in relation to the budget and what the forecast is for the entire year based on this development.



# Front wants to welcome all the new students at our **University!**

## Recap of the year

The academic year is over, with much happening at both university and national levels. On campus, there have been several developments last year. For instance, many new outdoor workplaces have been realised. Front and Tigeak reopened the Campus Café and construction has started on the Marga Klompé building, which we hope to be able to occupy next academic year. In addition, this year we were allowed to start elaborating Tilburg University's new strategy 'Weaving minds & characters'. This year, concrete plans have been made regarding student housing, sustainability and social safety. The new plans will be implemented in the coming years. This year, following our initiatives, we also started shaping a new, **more inclusive exchange procedure** in which GPA will no longer be the only selection tool in the procedure. In addition, we are in dialogue with the University to better recognise and value student board members.

This year, we also experienced that as a university, we are dependent on the world around us. For example, this year we noticed the influences of the war taking place in Ukraine, which affected our community, as well as the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. We saw how quickly we as a university, and as active students, can shift gears, which made it easy to set up a clothing collection campaign for charity in no time. Dutch politics also had a significant impact on education. Within a short time, Minister Dijkgraaf submitted two letters to parliament, one concerning the binding study advice and one on internationalisation in higher education. These were two great reasons for us to send letters to the House of Representatives and thus exert our influence on national politics. A great year to look back on and we are looking forward to what the future will bring us.





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