

STUDENT FACTION XVI

PSB! NEWSLETTER



Introduction

Dear reader,

We are thrilled that you are joining us for the third newsletter of this academic year! In this edition, we'll bring you up to speed on the latest developments within the faculty and give you a preview of what's coming next.

We value your feedback. If there's anything about this block that isn't going as smoothly as it could, or if you have ideas for improvement, don't hesitate to reach out and share your thoughts.

Warm regards,

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Developments in the Faculty

Merging decision

The decision regarding the merging of the BSS faculty with other small faculties has been momentarily postponed by the university until the month of May. Nevertheless, the faculty board and faculty council have been asked to draw up requirements and conditions we would like to be met following any merging situation. These conditions would include an additional faculty board member, maintaining the internal organization that we currently have, an inclusive name for the new faculty, and all the faculty buildings being within one kilometer at most. We want to ensure that the transition would not affect student life and performance, and that there would be good collaboration and organization for the staff within a possible new faculty.

Why This Newsletter?

We believe clear and regular communication is key to building a strong connection with students. In our policy plan, we committed to increasing our visibility and keeping you informed. This newsletter is our tool to do just that: sharing some updates on faculty developments, our ongoing projects, and important points from the faculty council meetings. Our goal is to keep you in the loop and make sure your voice is heard.



Elections for the 2026-2027 Academic Year

This year, the Faculty Council elections for the student section are being held from the 18th to the 22nd of May, with the results being announced on the 26th of May.

PSB is very happy to announce and congratulate their new list of candidates, which you will get introduced to very soon on our social media. In the meantime, the new policy plan is underway as well, and will be uploaded prior to the elections.

We urge all students at the BSS faculty to exercise their right to vote. The faculty council is the second highest consultative participation body in the RUG, after the university council. As such, it is important to ensure that

student voices are heard and well-represented, which can only be achieved if students themselves actively engage in the election process.

All students registered at RUG are eligible to vote. An email will be sent out during the election week which lists all the steps that need to be taken, as well as the parties and candidate profiles.



About us

Partij Studenten Belangen (PSB) is currently the largest sitting party in the Faculty Council of Behavioural and Social Sciences of the University of Groningen. Since 2010, PSB has actively represented the interests of all students in this council. The participation of the staff and students of the Faculty of Behavioural and Social Sciences (BSS) is arranged through the Faculty Council. At the Faculty of Behavioural and Social Sciences (BSS), this council consists of nine elected members representing the staff and nine elected members representing the students.

Our collaborations: The study associations

Within PSB, we find it important to maintain close contact with the study associations of our faculty: VIP, ODIOM, and Sociëtas. These associations are closely connected to students and pick up many signals about what is going on among them. By engaging in regular conversations with them, we gain a clearer understanding of what is happening within our faculty.

We invite study associations to participate in several of our working groups, such as BEHAVE and the Mental Health Working Group. Their input is highly valuable and greatly supports us in our work within the faculty council.

For each study association, one contact person within PSB is appointed who is responsible for maintaining communication. In this way, we stay actively involved with the associations and work together to improve education and well-being within the faculty.

