

STUDENT FACTION XV

PSB! NEWSLETTER



Week 19

Introduction

Dear reader,

How nice that you're reading the newest newsletter of this block! In the past period, there have again been some interesting developments within the faculty that we would like to tell you more about.

Are there things this block that are not going well or could be improved? Let us know and feel free to send us a message!

Love,
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Study spaces

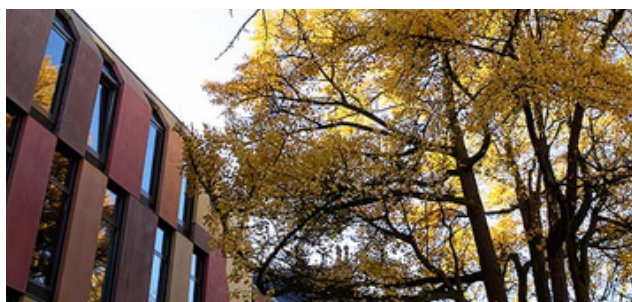
As many of you have probably noticed, the study spaces at BSS are becoming increasingly popular. This means that during exam periods, the study spaces are often fully occupied. Therefore, the Faculty Council has paid attention to possible solutions. The Faculty Board, besides already making it possible to reserve rooms, has now restricted these reservations to BSS students only. If you cannot find a place, know that you can still go to the Front Office to reserve a room.

Developments in the Faculty

Budget cuts

An important issue currently facing Dutch universities is the budget cuts in Higher Education. Our faculty will also have to deal with this. To address this, the Faculty Board has created budget cut plans, which have already been presented to students. These plans include, for example, changing the thesis to another type of product and increasing collaboration between faculties. It is important to note that these plans are still under development and have not yet been officially implemented.

Within the Faculty Council, these budget cuts will remain a key agenda item in the coming period. If you have any ideas, questions, or comments about this, don't hesitate to contact us!



Course evaluations

In the past block, a new policy has been introduced regarding course evaluations. Because the evaluations have long suffered from low response rates, it has now been decided to evaluate courses once every three years. Evaluations will therefore be collected over a three-year period and then assessed. For new courses and courses that receive a lot of feedback from program committees, exceptions to this three-year term will be made.

We're very curious to hear how you experience this change! Don't hesitate to contact us about it.



Other developments...

- One of us will be involved in discussions about faculty policy concerning the inclusion of students with disabilities. This offers a great opportunity to strengthen cooperation with the Faculty in supporting the wellbeing of these students. If you have any ideas about this, be sure to let us know.
- The language of the English master's tracks in Pedagogical Sciences will probably be changed to Dutch.
- Next week, 12th-16th of May, is the election week! Don't forget to vote!



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.

Student Elections: Vote PSB!

A new candidate faction has been formed recently! This year, 9 enthusiastic students are on the list, and we're excited to introduce them to you through this newsletter! The faction consists of Roberto, Sophiane, Zoë, Stijn, Nika, Femke, Lavinia, Emma, and Luuk. Want to know more about these candidates? Be sure to check out the PSB Instagram posts! The candidate faction has also drafted a policy, which you can read via the following link: <https://www.psb-bss.nl/policy/policy-2025-2026>. The election week is coming up, so don't forget to vote for one of these amazing candidates!

