

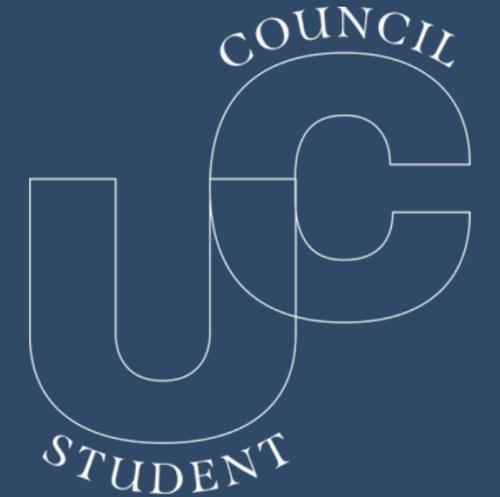
STUDENT
COUNCIL
BOARD OF 2025-2026

ELECTIONS

Infosession 2026



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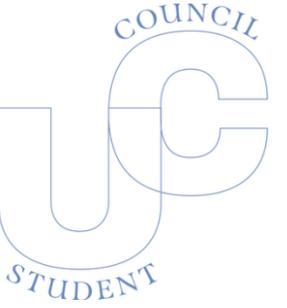
WHY SHOULD YOU RUN?

PRACTICALITIES

ELECTIONS & TRANSITION



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**WE AIM TO IMPROVE LIBERAL ARTS
AND SCIENCES EDUCATION AT UCU
FROM A STUDENT PERSPECTIVE.**

MISSION STATEMENT



WHAT IS THE UC STUDENT COUNCIL?

**THE CONNECTION BETWEEN COLLEGE HALL
AND THE STUDENT BODY**

What do we do ...



Represent students in all educational and other relevant matters (Finances, Relocation) as well as tackle specific issues and complaints

Office hours, emails, focus groups, meetings with cluster chairs, fellows, teachers, MT, BoS, UCUC, other staff, committees and team

Investigate students' opinions

focus groups, UC Student Council questionnaires, track reps

What do we do ...



Have a formal say in UCU academic and governance policy

Management Team; UCU Council; Board of Studies; additional committees

Organize all sorts of events

Track Market, Intro week events, UCUNext, Deans Diversity Initiative, Meet The Staff Events, and many more!

WHERE DO WE REPRESENT?



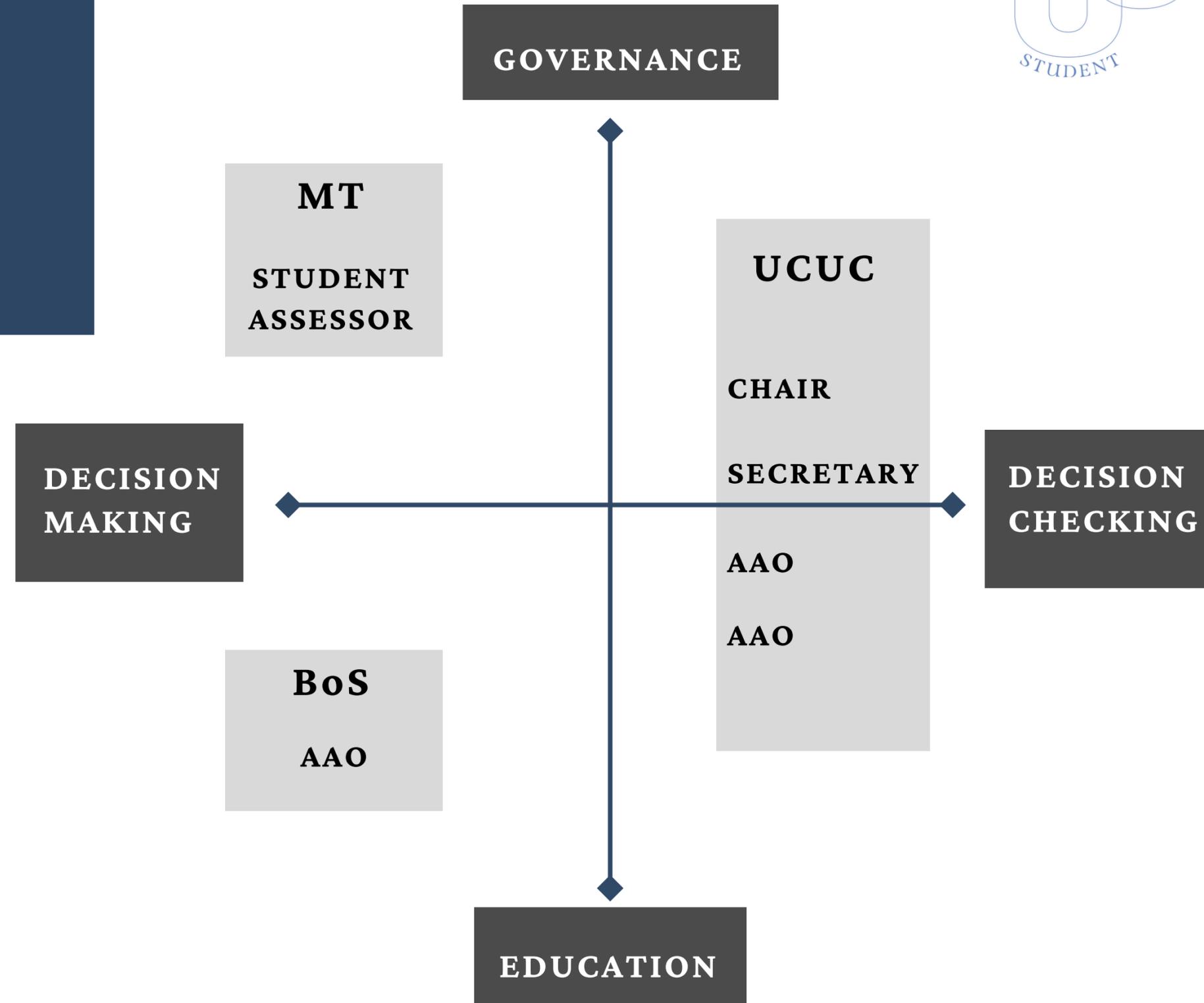
VARIOUS BODIES IN COLLEGE HALL

UCUC

BoS

MT

other committees / working groups



POSITIONS IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL



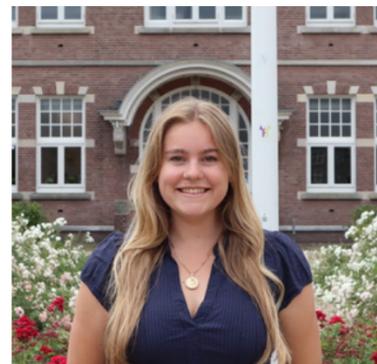
CHAIR



STUDENT ASSESSOR



SECRETARY



BoS



**UCUC
&
UCSRN**



UCUC

**+AAO
Chair**

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
OFFICERS**

CHAIR: YUNA

WHAT DOES MY POSITION ENTAIL?

- Write the agenda and chair meetings
- Being end responsible for the Student Council's activities
- Long-term , planning monitoring goals progress
- Keeping the board feeling motivated and fulfilled with their “job”
- Contact person to external parties
- Active in UU structures
- Vice-chair of the UCUC

THIS YEAR I...

I worked on an AI project, co-managing the Elections portfolio, trying to get good contacts with UU councils, working on course evaluations and ARR updates (through the UCUC); have spent a lot of time along with the board on budget cuts, Worked on work-pressure



CHAIR: YUNA

WHAT HAVE I LEARNED THIS YEAR?

- Structuring and chairing efficient meetings
- Time Management: Overseeing what is feasible in relation to our mandate and energy/time ratio
- The structures and dynamics of UCU and UU
- Code Switching: how to interact with different people in different contexts
- Navigating board dynamics in times of unexpected change; (trying to) be the professional and emotional backbone of the board
- Advocating and negotiating in 'staff-dominated' spaces, being able to voice our opinions when needed
- Personal abilities and limits



ASSESSOR: FELICITAS

WHAT DOES MY POSITION ENTAIL?

- Student representative in UCU's Management Team
- Main representative towards UCU & UU governance
- Vice-chair of the Student Council
- In close contact with assessors of other faculties (CvUA) - many meetings in Dutch
- Handling confidential information



THIS YEAR I...

Worked with MT to plan and implement the UCU budget cuts, worked on the Campus Housing portfolio (Dining Hall), organised the MT Town Hall & meet the staff events, worked with the Board of Studies on projects about UU courses and curriculum, helped organising Introweek, as well as collaborated with other assessors

ASSESSOR: FELICITAS

WHAT HAVE I LEARNED THIS YEAR?

- Experienced a professional environment where I might be the only student in the room
- Learning to represent various groups of students to MT & other governance bodies
- Handling sensitive information
- Strategy and leadership skills
- Networking and collaborating with a wide range of people, “how to keep whom on your side”
- Inner workings of UCU and the UU
- Balancing my priorities while always having something to do and emails coming in



SECRETARY: Mathilda

WHAT DOES MY POSITION ENTAIL?

- Board Administration and Finance
- Student Representative in the UCU Council
- Working on PR and Communication, such as creating Monthly Updates and upkeeping the website
- Checking on board dynamics and workload
- Planning meetings and checking calendars.
- Taking Minutes
- And whatever portfolios you decide to take up!

THIS YEAR I...

made a year plan and biyearly reflection reports, organised the community dinner, and worked on decolonisation and genAI initiatives, enhancing visibility.



SECRETARY: Mathilda

WHAT HAVE I LEARNED THIS YEAR?

- Dealing with an endless to-do list, having a UCSC work/academics/life balance
- understand the structure and dynamics of inner working of UCU better
- working professionally with staff and other parties and adjusting expectations accordingly
- How to function properly as a student board
 - How to organise and keep an overview of board tasks and documents
 - Working with Outlook, banking apps and doing government procedures



AAOs: EVAN, DEDE AND PHILEINE

WHAT DOES OUR POSITION ENTAIL?

- Being responsible for one or more clusters
- Communication with cluster chairs, fellows, teachers, students, and track representatives

Quality control through...

- UCU Council (course evaluations)
- Focus groups, Midterm evaluations
- Feedback/Complaints
- Track representatives
- Curriculum content through Board of Studies
- Own ideas/initiatives/events

THIS YEAR WE WORKED ON...

ALUMNI
OFFICE

UCSRN

TRACK &
THESIS
MARKET

UCUNEXT



AAOs: EVAN, DEDE AND PHILEINE

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED THIS YEAR?

- Managing close relationships with teaching staff across tracks
- Managing dynamics of a sub-group within the ‘big board’
- Code-switching (students vs. staff, personal vs. professional)
- Team work and time management
- How to properly addressing conflicts, complaints and concerns
- How to balance and advocate for student needs in an efficient, proactive way
- Keeping up to date with and juggling insights across all our tracks and colleagues
- How to set boundaries for where your responsibilities lie
 - For example, teachers’ vs. students’ issues





WORKLOAD

AROUND 20 HOURS PER WEEK

This time is spent on things like...

- 2 board meetings per week; 4 hours in total
 - Additional 1 hour check-ins and weekly coffee dates
- UCUC, BoS, MT meetings
- Meetings of other committees and working groups in the college
- Weekly office hours
- Meetings with cluster chairs, fellows, track representatives, students
- Meetings with the other student boards and groups on campus, other UU faculties and external parties
- Daily to-do's: sending out emails, preparing meetings, reading documents
- Organizing events, focus groups, projects, conducting surveys, writing reports

MADE POSSIBLE BY: COURSE REDUCTION

Reduction of (up to) 2 courses per semester

Usually compensated by taking a 7th semester (but this may not be necessary if you have a large previous credit surplus)

Financial compensation which also covers your 7th semester tuition (for EEA **AND** NON-EEA students)



FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS



COSTS

- Cost of studying & living at UCU for an extra semester
 - Can be less if you go on exchange or live off campus!

COMPENSATION

- Board year grant to compensate the work you do, this covers for the tuition fees of your 7th semester and more
 - For ALL students: full coverage of tuition fees + a little more



ELECTION WEEK OVERVIEW**

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
March 28th Candidacy submission (midnight)	29th Break, get your PR ready etc.	30th Candidate Market 12:45-13:45 DH main	31st Afternoon at the Bar	April 1st Radioshow 1 18:00-19:00 Insta live	2nd Radioshow 2 18:00-19:00 Insta live	3rd Break, Take a moment to relax etc.
4th Break	5th Final candidacy deadline (midnight)	6th ELECTION GA PREP Evening UCSC Office	7th ELECTION GA 19:00 Auditorium	8th 	9th ELECTION RESULTS PARTY 23h UCSA Bar	

**Subject to changes

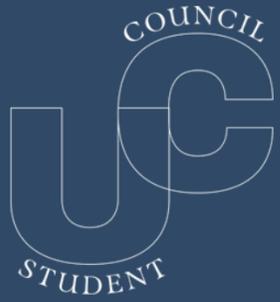
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AFTER ELECTIONS: TRANSITION



- Starts after the elections (brunch on the Friday after results night), ends in the final week of summer term
- 1-3 transition meetings per week:
- Whole board, one-on-ones, position-specific, portfolio-specific etc.
- Also transition meetings with other parties, such as UCSA and CAR!
- Two weekends (fun & work)
- Occasionally joining SC, UCUC, BoS and MT meetings to observe

IMPACT

Representing the voice of over 750 students, having a say in matters of education and governance

LEARNING

Getting to know the institution and workings of the college, working professionally in the board, acquiring lots of new skills

COLLABORATION

Working closely together with other groups of students, faculty members, staff and the management

BENEFITS

Flexibility in creating your schedule, financial compensation of your 7th semester, having your own office on campus, trainings, BHV-certification, and more!

FUN

Getting to know your fellow board members well, organizing fun projects together, interacting with many students



WHY SHOULD I RUN?



USEFUL TO KNOW!



THIS PRESENTATION AND EXAMPLES OF PREVIOUS ELECTION STATEMENTS & GUIDELINES ARE ALREADY POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE

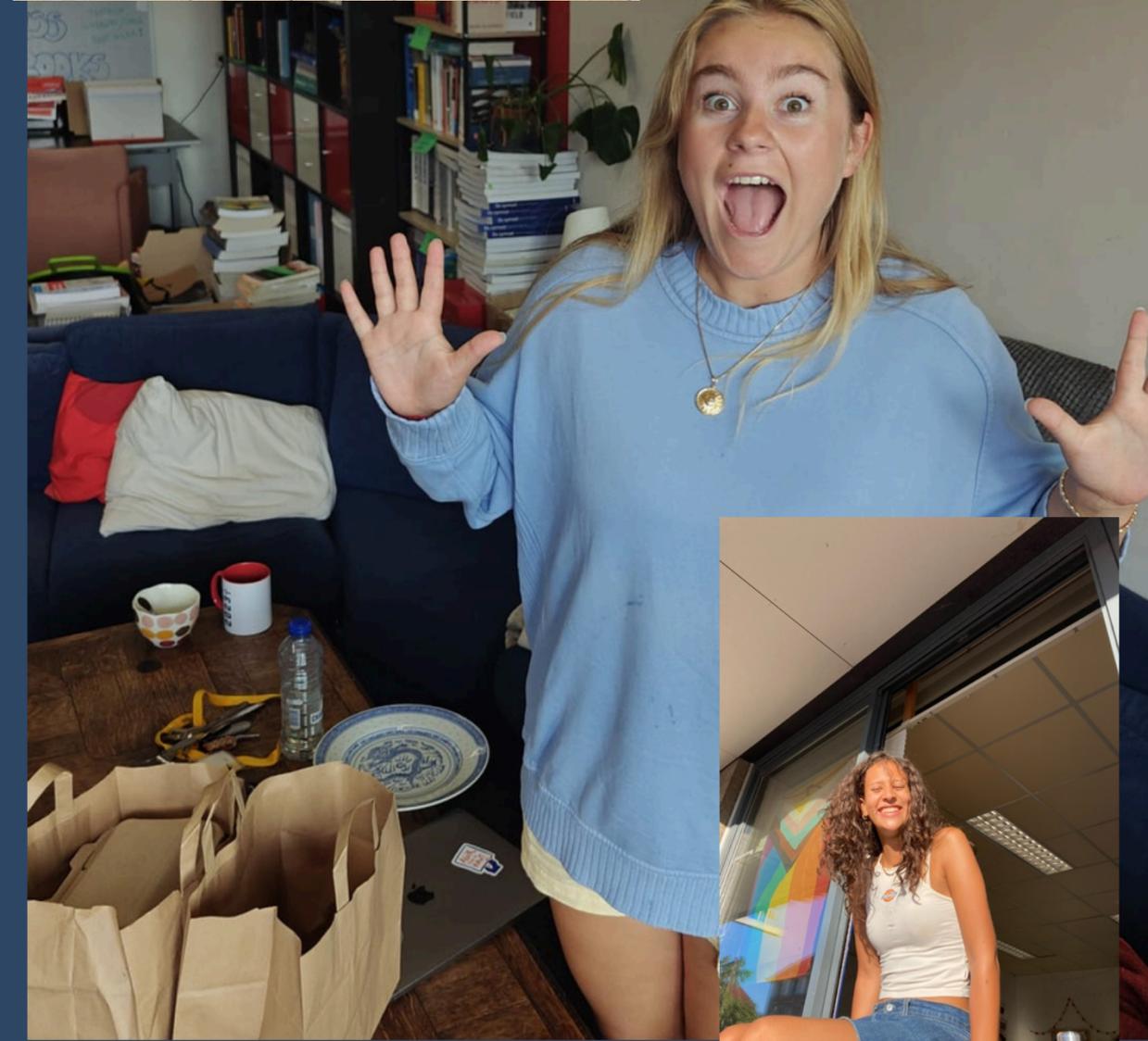
WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU! LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, AND PLEASE APPROACH US WITH YOUR QUESTIONS.

MEET WITH ONE OF US!

VIA THE GOOGLE FORM ON THE NEXT SLIDE

ASK QUESTIONS VIA INSTAGRAM OR EMAIL UCU.STUDENTCOUNCIL@UU.NL

**STOP BY OFFICE HOURS
(MON 18h-19h & THU 18h-19h)**



MEET WITH US !



**Come and see what we do during our
OPEN BOARD MEETING!**

**More interested in what the AAOs do?
They have an open AAO MEETING!**

OPEN BOARD MEETING - 5TH MARCH 12:45 - 13:45

OPEN AAO MEETING - 11TH MARCH 17:45-18:45



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