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List of abbreviations

CMO	Central Co-Participation council
EB	Executive Board Wageningen UR
FOS	Financial Support Students
ISO	Meeting of students from different universities
LSVb	National Student Union
OWI	Educational Institute
PSF	Progressive Student Party
SC	Student Council
SSC	Student Staff Council
VeSte	United Students, party in the SC
AID	Annual Introduction Days
VHL	Van Hall Larenstein university for Professional Education
WSO	Wageningen Student Union
WUR	Wageningen University and Research Centre

Dear Reader,

It has been my pleasure to work with the 2010 – 2011 Student Council. This group has grown together and met challenges with inspiring enthusiasm. From governmental measures to sustainability on the campus this council has risen to the challenge of defending student interests. We were thrilled that despite difficult circumstances – elections were made possible. The fruits of student co – participation ripen often after councils have moved on. The group 2012-2011 has been a catalyst for changes that will contribute to making this a better institution. This document attests to their efforts and achievements! Thank you for all your hard work and dedication!

Angela Lewis
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1. Councils at Wageningen University

1.1 The Student Council (SC)

The SC formally represents the interests of all students at the highest policy making level in the university. Last year, 2010-2011, the SC consisted of twelve elected students representing two parties; The United Students (VeSte) and the Progressive Student Fraction (PSF). Nine members were from VeSte and three members were from PSF. The SC is the student voice towards the Executive Board (EB), especially the Rector Magnificus. Their major assignment is to find the best possible solution for regulations regarding education and student related facilities.

The SC has four official rights:

- *right to (dis)approve*: The SC has the right of (dis)approval concerning any case that directly applies to students.
- *right to advise*: The SC can provide the EB with advice on any issue related to students. The EB must provide good reasons if they do not follow the advice given.
- *right to initiate*: The SC can put forth ideas and suggestions, and the EB is obliged by law to respond seriously.
- *right of information*: The EB is obliged to properly inform the SC concerning issues of relevance for the SC.

1.2 The Student Staff Council (SSC)

The SSC consists of both students and Wageningen University staff. This council discusses issues that are related to both students and WU staff. The SSC has its own rights, separate from the SC and CMO, with focus on education and research as regulated in the Works Councils Act.

1.3 Central Co-participation Council (CMO)

All central participation councils of Wageningen UR are represented in this body: students of both Wageningen University and Van Hall Larenstein, employees of Van Hall Larenstein, Wageningen University and the research institutes of DLO. This council deals with subjects that involve aspects dealing with Wageningen UR, such as new education buildings, all kinds of regulations concerning the employees of Wageningen UR, and the Wageningen UR budget.

1.4 WUR-Council

At the beginning of the Academic Year 2010-2011 the idea was launched by the co-participation councils to combine the SSC and CMO into a single council. Combining the councils should yield a more effective and efficient co-participation for

the entire organization. During the last year both the SC, SSC and CMO discussed the general ideas behind this concept, as well as its practical implications. At the end of the year it was concluded that it would be feasible as well as profitable for all parties involved. The general idea is that the SSC and CMO will merge into one council, which has one integral meeting. Legal aspects will remain to the participating councils. Some other guidelines were drafted, and given to the new WUR-Council that started at the beginning of the Academic Year 2011-2012.

2. Student Council Spearheads 2010-2011

2.1 Governmental Plans

The cabinet plans to cut budgets on student support (so-called 'Halbe-Heffing') and higher education had a big impact on the Student Council 2010-2011. On this topic the Student Council cooperated a lot with the WSO and national student organisations (ISO and LSVb).

The SC worked on:

- The 'Sinterklaas' action, to raise awareness of the plans among students
- Sending letters expressing students' concerns to minister Verhagen and State Secretary Halbe Zijlstra
- Promotion of the petition on www.minimaalnominiaal.nl
- Presentation of a manifest on behalf of beta students to Halbe Zijlstra
- Demonstration with 700 students on the Market square in Wageningen on the 10th of December, 2010
- Launch of the website www.metdebusnaardenhaag.nl and the promotion of the national manifestation in The Hague on the 21st of January, 2011.

Unfortunately the proposals on the 'Halbe Heffing' and the cut on the 'Stufi' (financial support for students) are accepted by the Dutch parliament. However, the implementation of the law is delayed for a year and the discussions on compensating full-time board members are not finished yet. Also national organisations like ISO, LKvV and LSVb are working on a court case against the 'Halbe Heffing'.

>> PICTURE

Piggy Bank

Text: Rob Goossens / Photo: Bart de Gouw 13:42u 10 February 2011 -A nice full piggy bank: that's what Wageningen students had to offer minister Maxime Verhagen on his visit to the Wageningen campus on 31 January.



2.2 Housing

The Student Council and the University agreed on minimal standards for temporary housing for international students. Constant pressure from the Student Council on those involved in student housing has contributed to the realization of 400 extra temporary rooms for international students and the planning of an extra 400 rooms to be built at the Born, as well as possible developments nearer to the city centre.

Other activities the Student Council initiated were:

- A lobby to convince the municipality council to give their approval to start building (student housing) on the campus
- An elaborate policy plan for the housing committee
- Making the municipality take a serious look at possibilities for a mortgage arrangement for students
- Offering help to international students with very poor living conditions at the beginning of the academic year and making sure this will not happen again in the future
- Contacts with Stichting Tijdelijk Wonen (STW) and starting the process to introduce a system of temporary housing facilities, e.g. living in empty offices, in Wageningen
- Making the Student Council into a serious partner between all parties involved in housing in Wageningen
- Putting pressure on all parties to come to solutions to the urgent problems

>> HOUSING

Go-ahead for student accommodation on campus

text: Albert Sikkema 15:55u 28 June 2011 -Yesterday, during the council meeting, the municipal council voted unanimously in favour of the construction of student accommodation on campus. The council gave permission for a building with 400 student rooms along Bornsesteeg road. The municipality also agreed to 200 student accommodation units being built in and around the centre.

2.3 Quantity & Quality

Quantity and quality refers to a subject the SC has been **concerned** with for a longer time. In the past years Wageningen University has grown significantly in student numbers. The SC is worried that due to the high rate of growth the quality of education and facilities is affected. Therefore the SC has decided to determine the current state of quality in education and facilities and keep track of the development over the coming years. Several areas will be considered, e.g. study advice hours, graduation places, sports facilities etc.

The SC will build a dossier on the subject. The aim is to provide the Executive Board indicators of the quality and how it develops. With this the SC hopes to convince the Executive Board to take preventive measures when necessary. The dossier has a signalling function. The SC hopes it will prove to be very useful in the coming years.

3. Education

3.1 Bachelor before Master

The discussion concerning the BSc before MSc (meaning that you cannot start with your Master studies before you finished your Bachelor - former Sharp Distinction; in Dutch: Harde Knip) started in 2009-2010. The Dutch government at that time wanted to make it obligatory for all Universities to have a BSc before MSc policy, and they also changed the funding system for Universities which made it very costly to have MSc students which were still registered as BSc students. The financial reasons made the SC 2009-2010 accept that the BSc before MSc system should also be implemented at Wageningen University. However, the SC 2009-2010 accepted this under several conditions, of which the most important were:

- the SC has approval right on the hardship clause;
- the SC will have approval right on the final plan;
- active students and students with a limitation are not hampered by Bachelor before Master

A steering group was formed, including students, which delivered its advice for the final implementation plan in the beginning of 2011. The EB approved all proposals of the Steering Committee with the exception of the funding additional study advice and the hardship clause committee. The SC believed that this decision would endanger the agreement that active students and students with a limitation are not hampered by the BSc before MSc. The SC came to the following agreements after various discussions with the EB:

- The SC can be actively involved in the process of designing the framework of the evaluation Bachelor before Master in 2014.
- If the evaluation Bachelor before Master in 2014 shows that there is a problem that needs to be solved, the SC will be involved in the process to find a solution for that problem.
- The SC will be informed about the means that will be used to guarantee that active students and students with a limitation are not hampered, especially concerning funding of study advisors and the working of the committee, when they are known.

3.2 Study Advisors

Study advisors are the main tool of the University to guide students through their studies. The quality of, and the manner of approach of study advisors differs. The situation under which study advisors have to work is also rapidly changing; the BSc before MSc system, Towards Flexibility and the Governmental Plans are all measures which the study advisors have to be aware of and help students deal with.

This year the SC looked at the workload of study advisors. As a result of this the SC circulated a questionnaire to all study advisors. The results indicated that study advisors mostly feel that they manage to fulfill their tasks, but that sometimes they do take more time for this than they are supposed to. They were somewhat worried about the upcoming changes and feared that they would need more time than they have available. It also became apparent that the tasks of study advisors are not very clear, often study advisors deal with situations they are not supposed to take care of.

The SC has forwarded these results to university staff dealing with education, and has used the results amongst others in discussions with the EB concerning BSc before MSc(see paragraph 3.1) .

3.3 Towards Flexibility

Towards Flexibility involved the introduction of the major-minor system in the BSc by 1 September 2010. Towards Flexibility was approved by the Student Council in 2008-2009. Towards Flexibility was implemented to increase student mobility (e.g. exchange programs) and increase the possibility for students to follow a minor.

The SC requested to be involved in the evaluation of the implementation aspects. The evaluation took place and all concerns were addressed satisfactorily. Besides this, the SC of 2010-2011 requested to be involved in the evaluation after 3 years. The framework for the evaluation was presented to a delegation of the SC and it was to the SC's satisfaction. The next SC will continuously keep an eye on the processes around Towards Flexibility.

3.4 The Examination and Education Regulations(EER)

The EER (in Dutch: OER) have to be approved by the Student Council annually. This year only minor changes were made and the Bachelor before Master system was included in these regulations. In 2011-2012 larger changes can be expected in the EER, since there will be a (new) institutional accreditation, which requires a vision on education, and a "model-EER".

4. Student facilities

4.1 Student Physician and Vaccination Centre

Although the main outlines for the new system of student healthcare were already agreed upon by the SC 2009-2010, the details were filled in this year. The result is that students can register with any General Practitioner (GP) in Wageningen, though the Doctor's Practice Van der Duin/Van Dinther will be specialized in student healthcare. V.d. Duin/v. Dinther will be supported with advice from the former Student Physician. The former Student Physician can also give independent reports on study related matters, which are necessary for extra funding in case of study delay and other special circumstances.). If students need vaccinations related to their study, they can get a refund from the WU Vaccination and Travel Fund.

>>STUDENT LIFE

Student council fears disruption in medical care

text: Alexandra Branderhorst 16:50u 29 March 2011 - The university will from now on be referring students who are ill to the general practitioner. The Student Council laments the loss of the university doctor for students and is sceptical about future developments.

4.2 Eating Facilities

The committee 'Eating Facilities' has been established as a follow-up of the mensae-debate in 2008-2009. After 2009-2010 this committee continued as a sub-committee of the Student Facilities committee, to regularly monitor and stimulate the pilot of an evening eating facility that is carried out in the Grand Café of Forum. Next to that, the committee looked into other possibilities for evening eating facilities. At the end of the pilot, which was funded by the University, the evening eating facilities were not profitable yet, even though the SC had made several recommendations to improve the facilities. Albron continued to fund the evening eating facility until the end of the Academic Year 2010-2011.

During the year, it also became clear that there would be a new tender for the catering contract of Wageningen UR. A vision group was established by Wageningen UR to form a vision on catering as a whole. Some SC-members also joined this vision group. The lessons-learned from the Eating Facilities were used as input for the vision group: according to the SC, through a questionnaire the SC found out that students want more (cultural) diversity in the assortment, and are in favour of more competition, with competing suppliers, which also increases both diversity as well as quality. Also, a more sustainable approach is asked for by students. The SC hopes this will show up in the vision of the vision group.

4.3 Taskforce Sustainability (TFS)

The TFS started out as the sustainability project within Wageningen UR. Where the first phase focused on defining the ambition level of Wageningen UR, the second phase was about creating a plan of action to fulfil this ambition: to become a leader in sustainability. The actual measures that will be taken, are the result of the work of seven working groups, consisting of employees and students. Those measures should lead to Wageningen UR actually having a less damaging impact on the environment. The role of the TFS is to implement and stimulate these measures. Some 30 actions were formulated and divided by themes. The TFS tries to find people within the organization who could be made responsible for an action in such a way that sustainability will become an integral part of their job. During the Academic Year 2011-2012 this will be continued. The goal is to make the TFS unnecessary, since sustainability should be an integral part of the operational management of Wageningen UR. One project especially of interest for the SC is a Green Learning Centre which should be set up, in which students, researchers and the Facilities & Services department work together on practical projects to improve the sustainability of daily operational management.

4.4 Campus

4.4.1 Impulse (a.k.a. Competence Center)

During 2010-2011 the University came with the idea to start a centre where students, employees and outsiders could meet and discuss (future) research projects. A building would be assigned and designed to create space for "meaningful encounter". This became known as Impulse (attached to the Restaurant of the Future). Two SC-members helped in brainstorming about the idea and working out the details. In the end, the three different groups should feel welcome in Impulse, and it should be a place where people inspire and get inspired. After Impulse is opened, an intensive program will be set up with (Studium Generale-)lectures, drinks, small presentations, art exhibitions, brainstorm sessions, etcetera.

4.4.2. WUR-shop

The main problem concerning the WUR-shop were the long queues. Due to the increasing number of students and the constant capacity of the WUR-shop, extreme lines started to form this Academic Year. The SC came up with several practical recommendations to shorten the queues. The SC also brought the issue under the attention of the EB and stated that something should be done. Though small improvements were made, this will still be an issue in 2011-2012, especially since student numbers will keep increasing.

4.5 *Movie-W and culture*

Around February 2011 Movie-W came to the SC, stating that they would lose their subsidy. The EB decided to discontinue Movie W at the current location, i.e. organizations housed in LA13 will have to move in 2012, and thereby the structural support will not be continued. The SC raised this issue to the EB, both within the SC as the CMO, as the SC feared this would mean the end of Movie W. Together with WSO a petition (WURthy culture - 2704 signatures) was organized, asking for the safeguarding of culture within Wageningen. The EB indicated that they will try to help Movie W with a new future, and have asked Movie-W to come up with a sound business plan in the beginning of 2011-2012.

» BACKGROUND

Culture lacks lustre

text: Yvonne de Hilster / Photo: Yvonne Kroese 11:15u 24 March 2011 -Culture mirrors life.

Films, debate, music, sculpture and theatre for students and by students can also boost a university's image. But no spotlights are turned on the low key cultural scene in Wageningen, unlike that in most of the other universities in the Netherlands.

4.6 *Orion*

During the year, the SC has been involved in the Orion committee. Although the main decisions were already taken in previous year, the SC made sure that also in the technical details the whole building will be as student-oriented as possible.

5. Active student life

Active student life is essential for keeping the university attractive for new students and to ensure students in Wageningen keep having the highest satisfaction of Wageningen University. Students are the essence of keeping this active student life attractive. The university should provide the facilities necessary and stimulate students to develop themselves outside their studies as well.

One of the most important ways the university provides this, is funding of students who miss classes, because of their activities contributing to the active student life of students and is called FOS (financial support students). The FOS-regulations are written in close cooperation with the SC. The SC has approval right on the entire regulations. In 2010-2011 it was time to make new regulations for the FOS distribution.

The SC was committed to provide fair and understandable regulations which focus on what organisations add to Wageningen student life. The Student Council and the University agreed upon new regulations concerning the distribution of FOS amongst FOS eligible organisations, and all of the SC's goals have been reached.

6. Internationalization

Throughout the Academic year the SC was focused on internationalization within the organization, as it was one of the spearheads for Wageningen UR (Strategic Plan 2007-2010). The topics the SC discussed were mainly about facilities which can be offered to international students, integration of both national and international students and English language usage within Wageningen University. A recommendation report was made based on the answers of questionnaires from international students concerning the international environment of Wageningen University.

1. **International office:** In the current state the international office is working on taking care of international students before they arrive and the first three weeks in Wageningen, with regard to student housing, finances and residence permit. The SC would like to expand the Housing Desk next to the Student Service Desk during the beginning of the academic year to provide more convenience for the new international students .
2. **Integration activities:** The SC organized a drink activity called "WURld Cafe" during the Winter AID (Annual Introduction Days for new students arriving in February) in Forum for both national and international students. It was a success and therefore the SC stimulated ESN or ISOW to continue organizing this activity and make it to be a monthly activity.
3. **Website for international students:** The SC proposed to start a website especially for international students, mainly to provide information about activities in Wageningen. Besides giving specific information to new international students before they arrive in Wageningen, the SC wanted to establish a platform to make it possible for international students to communicate with each other. The next step is to try to implement it.
4. **Checking use of languages in student organizations:** The SC circulated a questionnaire to all student organizations in Wageningen, to get an overview of how student organizations are using the English language. The next step is to confirm this overview and provide a proposal on how to continue with this topic.
5. Initiative to establish the "**Joint internationalization committee**" within the co-participation council of Wageningen UR, to deal with Wageningen UR broad subjects concerning internationalization.

7. IT Group

7.1 Studentnet Wageningen University/EDUweb

The EDUweb will be renewed in the future into a MyPortal site, in which all student-related sites will come together. The SC participated in developing a temporary website, called Studentnet, on which links to different student (information) sites are available. The new student portal should be launched within a reasonable time, and will hopefully enable students to work more efficient.

8. Elections

There are 12 seats in the Student Council, which are divided between the SC parties participating in the elections. Last year these were: The United Students (VeSte) and the Progressive Student Fraction (PSF). Each year all WU students can vote for their SC representatives. First students have to choose between the two fractions, which creates a "list" of candidates, then students can vote for one student on the Party list.

Again in 2010-2011 there were enough motivated candidates ready to become a member of the Student Council 2011-2012, resulting in two consecutive years with elections. This is a positive trend for student representation, which hopefully will continue in the coming years.

In 2010-2011 the amount of students that casted their votes went up to 33% of all Wageningen students. This is 5% higher than the year before. Again this shows that the Student Council has created more awareness among students. This is important for the Student Council, since the SC values student input highly.

9. Promotion

9.1 SC activities

In 2010-2011, the SC organized several activities to make the SC more well-known and offer opportunities for interaction with students. Important activities the SC held last year were:

9.1.1 Demonstrations Halbe Heffing

At the beginning of the Academic Year, large budget cuts on education were announced by the Dutch national government. Soon after this, the SC decided to join forces with the WSO, student organizations and national organizations to organize a demonstration on the market square in Wageningen in December 2010. To promote this demonstration, the SC had a "Sinterklaas"-action, in which a Sinterklaas and his "Zwarte Pieten" gave chocolate coins to students, to support them in the budget cuts. Attached to coins were flyers with information about the demonstration. In the end somewhere between 600-1000 students showed up, who were supplied with free chocolate milk, music, and speakers from national political youth organizations. The demonstration was widely announced with posters, flyers and social media, and was generally seen as a success. A national demonstration in The Hague followed on 21st of January, 2011 in which both the SC and WSO also helped organizing and promoting. Also, together with the University, buses were arranged for students who could not travel for free to The Hague.

»STUDENT LIFE

Big turnout at Wageningen student protest

text: Alexandra Branderhorst / Photo: Guy 11:55u 16 December 2010 -More than 600 students gathered at the market square in Wageningen on Friday 10 December in the biggest demonstration in Wageningen in years.



9.1.2 New Year's drink

This year the New Year's drink was organized by the SC in co-operation with the Wageningen University Fund (WUF). The Teacher of the Year program of the WUF was combined with the New Year's drink of the SC to involve more students in the elections of the Teacher of the Year. Quite some students showed up for the Teacher of the Year Award and the drink with live music afterwards. There was also a cartoonist present to entertain students.

9.1.3 Small SC-exhibition

To tell students more about what the Student Council is doing, the SC put together a small exhibition on the ground floor of Forum. Through posters the co-participation structures were explained, as well as different tasks of the SC and the two parties. The SC also asked students for input and ideas.

9.2 VeSte activities

VeSte is a very active SC party which organizes activities for all active students and is focused on keeping the contact with the students as close as possible. Since the year 2010-2011 VeSte has gained a valuable partner in KLV Alumni Network. Together with KLV it becomes possible to organize even better activities.

9.2.1 Open party at Ceres

VeSte organized an open party at Ceres together with the Ceres board, since it was such a big success the year before. This party was organized to get the name VeSte and the VeSte 2011-2012 candidates in the spotlight right before the elections. The theme was 'Route du Soleil'. VeSte made nice promotional movies from the current fraction as well as the candidates, both of which were showed during the party.

9.2.2 Board congress at the Forum

A board congress was organized for board members from all student and study associations. During this board congress students had the opportunity to follow 8 different workshops which were all in the mindset of being in a board. The workshops were almost free of costs for all students, and included workshops like the 'lifo' test, accounting, sponsoring and public relations. Paul den Besten, chairman of KLV, gave an interesting speech about liability in relation to being a board member.

9.2.3 Internationalization in Wageningen student life -debate

In November 2010 VeSte organized a debate about internationalization in Wageningen student life. The idea behind such a debate was to explore the possibilities to improve the participation of international and Dutch students together in Wageningen student life. To make sure that students and staff members were well aware of the vision of the different stakeholders, VeSte invited the Rector Magnificus, an international student, a member of Thymos and a representative of the larger student associations. All of these special guests were member of a panel of 'experts' and had an important contribution to the discussions. The debate proved very fruitful and both the students and the university promised to look for better ways to include international students in Wageningen student life.

9.2.4 VeSte Association

In 2010-2011 VeSte spend time on upgrading VeSte's internal development as an organization. This resulted in a VeSte Party, an association of which every student can become a member. This way supporters of VeSte can truly have their say by attending general assembly meetings. VeSte became a true democratic party.

9.2.5 Elections

VeSte had a very successful election campaign. With many creative ways to create exposure we contributed to the high level of students voting (33%). The new fraction was very enthusiastic and showed great eagerness to start. Every student who visited the Forum saw VeSte's castle entrance with banners along the bridge and three heralds announcing the start of the elections. VeSte handed out free magazines for students at all locations and had info-stands at all important education buildings. VeSte also was present in the elevators of the student flats to provide coffee and tea to the students going off to lectures in the morning. During the lunch break at the Forum VeSte dropped hundreds of balloons from the eight floor. All this resulted in a great victory, 9 out of 12 seats, with many thanks to our voters.

» VIDEO

Student parties battle for votes

text: Linda van der Nat / Photo: Guy Ackermans 9:04u 24 May 2011 - This is the week of the student council elections. Students can cast their votes for one of two different student parties: VeSte and PSF.

» STUDENT LIFE

VeSte is setting up a society

text: Linda van der Nat / Photo: Bart de Gouw 14:58u 8 June 2011 - Student party VeSte is going to become a society. That means the party will no longer just operate as a political group within the Students' Council, it will also be a political organization that students can join as members. The official foundation of the society will take place on Thursday 23 June. VeSte is calling it a 'very significant step for student participation in Wageningen'.



9.3 PSF activities

9.3.1 Toilet Paper

A long lasting tradition was continued this year: PSF distributed the ToiletPaper (also known as PleeSF) four times during 2010-2011 among all students living in Idealis rooms and known student houses in Wageningen. With the ToiletPaper, PSF again found a way to inform almost every student, as well as ask input regarding student issues useful for both PSF and the SC. Among the ToiletPapers, there was also a special issue (the first one) which was published together with the WSO and especially dedicated to the governmental budget cuts on education.

9.3.2 Action education cuts

Together with WSO, PSF organized an action to raise awareness amongst students about the upcoming education cuts. We made a "learning factory" at the main entrance of Forum, in which students could get "educated" very easily. Also, "diploma's" were distributed amongst the students, in which the education cuts were explained, and also why PSF and WSO thought these cuts would be a bad idea.

9.3.3 Debate on Education

In line with the action on education cuts, PSF and WSO combined forces to organize a debate on the quality of education, in the light of the proposed governmental budget cuts. Both the financial aspects, as well as principle aspects were debated. Also some board members of the LSVb and local political youth organizations were present. Some 40 students sharpened their opinions, and thought about how the Dutch educational system should be organized.



9.3.4 Supporters mail

During the year, PSF send several mails to its supporters, to keep them updated about what is going on in PSF land. What is more, these supporters provided PSF with valuable input and critique on what PSF was doing. We hope to continue this and get even more useful input in the years to come.

9.3.5 AID

During the AID, PSF-members joined the info-market informing students about what the PSF does and stand for, and why it could be of interest to them. During the GPS city tour, PSF participated with a small game, and together with VeSte we organized a few cultural diversity quizzes, in which also both parties were promoted.

9.3.6 Elections

Even though it was a close call, PSF found suitable candidates to participate in the elections for the PSF. The candidates jumped in with full enthusiasm during the election period for promotion activities. PSF distributed a special Election Toilet Paper, flyers to all students, fancy posters and attended parties. A concise Election Program was written, explaining what the PSF will do for the students next year.

9.3.7 Internal-external

At the beginning of 2010-2011 PSF realized that the internal structure and focus of PSF as organization could be adapted and improved to be more fitting with the current ideas and views of students. PSF '10-'11 started reconsidering the ideals of PSF and in which way we wanted to express these ideals. This resulted in a very helpful document which made clear where PSF will be going in the coming years. As a result of this, PSF also took up the old network again, and cooperated closely with organizations as the Wageningen Environmental Platform (WEP), the national network LOF and the WSO. Next to this, PSF found it important to lose the "hippie" image. Therefore, large improvements were made in all of PSF's lay out (posters, flyers *and* best of all: the ToiletPaper) and a complete new website was made. The website was already very social-media-compatible, so PSF also had to use this compatibility. This meant that our social media presence was also drastically increased.

10. Afterword

Dear reader,

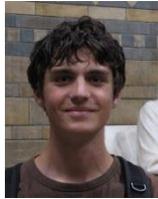
For me this was the first year in which I could offer my support to the Student Council (SC) during an entire Academic Year. Throughout the year, the Student Council '10-'11 worked hard, and even managed to pick up several dossiers during the summer and complete before the start of the new Academic Year. Because of their enthusiasm, perseverance, and attentiveness, it has been a true pleasure working with the Student Council in the year '10-'11.

Partly due to the busy schedule during the summer period and the subsequent move of concern staff to the Campus, completing the Annual Report has required more time than usual. Nevertheless, the Student Council has succeeded in presenting an Annual Report that offers a clear reflection of the SC's initiatives and accomplishments achieved in 2010-2011. I hope you've enjoyed reading the Annual Report and that it has helped to create insight into the scope and activities of the Student Council.

Hermijn Speelman
Independent Secretary

11. Next year's Student Council (2011-2012)

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Aart Claassens



Maria van Delft



**Weizhi (Roy)
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Marloes Ike



Rik Martens



Sanne Mirck



**Leonie
Schönbeck**



**Willemijn
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**Deli (Derek)
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