

UNIVERSITY OF TWENTE.

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL 2023 - 2024

The University Council is the central participation body of the University of Twente. It has a say in UT policy at central level. The Council consists of 18 members: nine staff members and nine students. Three parties are represented in the council. For the students: UReka and DAS and for the staff members: Campus Coalition.

For the academic year 2023 - 2024 the members of the University Council are:

Employees

Herbert Wormeester (chair), Hanneke Becht, Pieter Boerman, Cynthia Souren, Emile Dopheide, Wilma Dierkes, Roberto Cruz Martinez and Eline Marsman.

Students

Sabin Kerwien Lopez, Robin Kamphuis, Tom Lamaker, Lydia Mak, Ethan Höfgen, Oliver Davies, Monique Willems, Ilse Ekkelkamp and Bernard Mulder.

In June 2023, there were [student elections](#) for the University Council which resulted in a new composition of the University Council. In the transfer meeting on 23 August 2023, a transfer of UC duties took place between the former student members and the new student members who started on 1 September 2023.

This [formation overview](#) gives an idea of how the positions within the University Council are distributed. And in this newsletter, the new student members introduce themselves in more detail.

MEET SABIN KERWIEN LOPEZ



Foster a truly inclusive and progressive institution

My name is Sabin and I am going to start my second year as a student University Council member next academic year! At the UT I study Interaction Technology and am very active within my study association. I am filled with anticipation, and excitement but also a sense of responsibility for the upcoming year!

The council year has been an incredible journey, granting

me valuable insight into the inner workings of our university on a policy level. I have had the privilege of witnessing the decision-making processes and understanding the mechanisms that shape the campus's direction. However, throughout this experience, I have come to realize that there are still crucial areas where student voices and opinions must be actively integrated to foster a truly inclusive and progressive institution.

Digitalization and technological advancement are rapidly transforming the educational landscape, and it is imperative that students have a say in how these changes are implemented. Another vital aspect that requires our unwavering attention is social safety on campus. Every student should feel secure, respected, and protected within the university's premises. I hope that through a transparent and accessible approach, those topics can be tackled and that students are well-informed about our ongoing projects, decisions, and the progress made on their behalf.

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MEET ETHAN HÖFGEN



Represent the voices of students

I am Ethan Höfgen, a bachelor student doing the *Technology and Liberal Arts & Sciences (ATLAS)* programme. Last year I did the honours track *Entrepreneurship & Business Development*, I was the chair of the student association on sustainability *SUSTAIN* and I was in the board of the national student association *UCSRN*. As of now I am an active member in my study association *ATLANTIS* and I am a Confidential Contact Persons of the *Student Union*.

Personally, I like a lot of things, but I have an affinity with plants, technology, learning and space. In my leisure time I enjoy cycling, walking, playing games, socialising. And when I have time I like to draw, write and practice the piano.

Coming year, I am looking forward to meeting people, making plans and initiating them. By doing so I want to make this institute more sustainable not just environmentally but also socially by looking into the wellbeing and D,E&I of the student body. I want to represent the voices on these matters by talking with different people. I want to use these

insight to make important decisions with and for the university.

I expect there to be long weeks of meetings, reading, discussing and more meetings. It will be hard work, but I think it will be enjoyable work. I think I will be fun collaborating, getting to know people I will work with and learning about the university. I am excited to start this year refreshed after a nice summer break, ready to give it my all.

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MEET LYDIA MAK



Making a positive impact

My name is Lydia Mak and I am in my fourth year of Industrial Engineering and Management. Last year, I was a board member of Study Association Stress as commissioner of Educational Affairs, where I learned a lot about the desires of students regarding education and how the university works. In the University Council, I want to make a positive impact for all students. With the national internationalisation debate, and other changes happening, I expect a lot of interesting discussions to take place next year, in which I will do my best to represent the student perspective!

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MEET MONIQUE WILLEMS



Contribute something for the students

My name is Monique Willems, a master Industrial Engineering and Management student. Last year, I was active as a board member of Study Association Stress as the External Affairs. My hobbies are playing sports, from tennis to snowboarding and everything in between. I have been active at different sports associations on campus (D.H.C Drienerloo & Prianha) and now play tennis at T.C. Ludica. For me it is important that students can develop

themselves, also outside of their study. I want to advocate for enough facilities so students can develop themselves, in their study, sport and social activities. I expect to learn many new things about the way of working in the university and want to contribute something for the students at the UT. So reach out if you think something at the UT needs to be changed.

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MEET OLIVER DAVIES



Listening to students

I am Oliver Davies, a Technical Computer Science student here at the UT. I came into this world far away, in Australia, 22 years ago. Having moved to Amsterdam at a young age and having grown up there, I moved to Enschede in 2018 for my studies. Here, I have been active at study association *Inter-Actief* for most of my study period, during which time I have been in various committees, and last year I completed a board year as the chairman of the association. Besides my activism and studies, I keep myself busy by practising martial arts and other sports or enjoying a drink with my dispute S.D.V.A.S.M.V.V.I.C.T.S.S. BAGGER.

During my board year, I received a number of opportunities to make my opinion on UT matters heard. Having taken those opportunities, I have noticed that it is important to me that the UT properly listens to student opinions, and I have been happy to see how my opinions on certain matters have been received. For these reasons, I felt that a place in the University Council would be perfect for me. In my opinion, the university needs a well-thought out strategy for its future in which quality of education and student support is leading – and I want to help create a student-centric, future-focused UT. I am excited about the challenge to represent student opinions this year!

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MEET ILSE EKKELKAMP



Heard at the highest level

My name is Ilse Ekkelkamp and I will be starting my master's in Biomedical Engineering this September. During my board year for S.V. Paradoks as commissioner of educational and internal affairs, I saw what the university council could mean for students. It gives us students the opportunity to be heard at the highest level of the university and to make a difference in the choices that impact all of us. We get a seat at the table, so we should take advantage of that fact. In the coming year, I would like to be that voice for the students around me, who can always come to me with any concerns, as well as benefit from this incredible opportunity to learn more about the workings of the UT. There are some things coming up next year regarding national plans to change higher education, so I am interested to see what that will mean for us and how we will deal with it. I am looking forward to working with people from all different departments of the university and to seeing what we can achieve with each other!

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STUDENT MEMBERS 2022 -2023



Goodbye

A thank you goes out to the former student members for their commitment and involvement in the University Council. These are: Tim Achterkamp (UReka), Milan Gomes (UReka), Aarezo Sha (UReka), Jaime de Bruin (UReka), Fridtjof Otto (UReka), Robin van Zutphen (DAS), Maartje van Delden (DAS), Sander van den Berg (DAS). This includes Sabin Kerwien Lopez, who has committed to another year as a student member.

MEET ROBIN KAMPHUIS



Improving the university



My name is Robin Kamphuis and I am one of the new University Council members of DAS for the upcoming academic year. I study International Business Administration, better known as IBA. During my first year in Enschede I became a member of student association Audentis and I have also been a member of the board for a year.

During my time at the UT I have always been interested in the ins and outs of the university and when a few friends told me I should join DAS I decided to have a look. It was an immediate fit and I decided candidacy for the university council would be the ultimate way to learn even more about the ways of our university and that it would provide the opportunity to make a difference for all the students we represent. I am looking forward to speaking with as many of you as possible about the ways in which we can represent you in every important decision that has to be made to keep improving the university!

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MEET BERNARD MULDER



Influence in shaping the university

My name is Bernard Mulder and I am currently a 21-year-old student on the Bachelor's degree programme in Technical Medicine. Since arriving here in Enschede, I have actively pursued opportunities to develop myself. I joined an association and found a fraternity and a soccer team and play tennis. Last year, I was given the amazing opportunity to further challenge myself as Treasurer and External Affairs of student association Alpha.

As I look towards the upcoming year I hope to be of influence in shaping the university and its long term vision. I will put all my efforts in keeping the university on a level, on which it is able to rival that of the other Dutch universities. My intentions are that studying at the UT stays an pleasant time and where improvement is possible, push towards those improvements.

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MEET TOM LAMAKER



Student life being preserved

My name is Tom Lamaker and I am about to start my masters in Civil Engineering & Management and Public Administration. Throughout my studies at the UT, I have experienced a lot of what the student life at the University of Twente has to offer. In my first year, I joined the student association A.S.V. Taste. Next to that, I am a member of the triathlon association Aloha. It is very important to me that the student life in Enschede and on campus will be preserved.

That was also my main motivation for a board year at the Student Union in 2022. Through my time at the Student Union, I got in contact with a lot of people at UT and got to know a lot of the processes going on in the background. After my board year, I was still not finished with this side of our university, which is why I decided to become a candidate for the University Council. After the elections, I have been chosen as a member of the University Council, so thanks for that! I look forward to defending your interests in the coming year.

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SAVE THE DATE! 17 JANUARI 2024

On 17 January 2024, from 09:00 - 13:30 hrs. the UT 'Participation Event' will take place in the Gallery. In this annual event connects UT management and participation bodies (central and decentralized). It is intended to exchange experiences, gain information, get inspired, strengthen connections and the position of Participation at the UT.

More details about the program will follow in the next newsletter.

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