

For what truly matters.

Transparency. Influence. Change.



Dé
Partij

Preface

Dé Partij was founded because student life is coming under increasing pressure. Over the past 10-20 years, there have been many hard-to-understand decisions, think of the alcohol policy, the introduction of the BSA and the unwillingness to build student housing. Students' interests have been forgotten in board rooms in recent times. These decisions and set priorities were mostly implemented without any transparency. As a result, the student community has not had a chance to be heard in recent years. We want to give students that chance again: transparency, openness and action. So that we can form an opinion, so that we have the opportunity to indicate what truly matters to us and take action.

Despite the fact that the student council has been around for years, few students know what we can and cannot achieve. The student council should be involved in every decision that affects students. This can be a particularly powerful means of pressure when odd decisions are made. However, the advice and response should then be shared with all students so that everyone can respond to it. Dé Partij continues to see communication with all students and transparency as the foundation of a good student council.

We were able to make our mark on every opinion and issue last year with one Seat. All communication towards the university is approved by the council. Dé Partij does not let itself be steamrollered and thus ensures that the Student Council does not let itself be passed over. Followers of our channels have probably already seen this meditation hut pass by (if not, here). Before we were in the council, the student council had allowed itself to be bypassed by the TU in the process and so, in our opinion, 1.2 million was spent unlawfully. When we wanted to ask questions, another council member came to us, mistakes had been made last year, but nothing was going to change anyway. Maintaining the good relationship with the TU was placed higher than the interests of the student.

We also made joking campaign text last year referring to a party cartel. Now it turns out that, unfortunately, we were close to the truth. Previously, it was chosen to differentiate parties on choice of issues and not on content within these issues. Democracy is a party, but with the SR there was no such thing. There was very limited choice possible on viewpoints. Much was played out internally, here a sentence from mutual election agreements: "The name of the other party will not be used negatively". In other words a ban on criticism, we put a stop to these kinds of inexplicable restrictions from day 1.

We have tried to improve the transparency of the SR at every step. For example, the public internal meetings, required by regulation, have been reinstated, advice letters, agendas and minutes are published by us and all parties are more busy communicating to students around meetings with the executive board. Dé Partij has abolished cartel like situations and hopes to finally have elections in which students are given a real choice. So your vote can influence, vote for a better student life, vote for what truly matters!

Vote Dé Partij,

Koos Meesters

President

Transparency, Involve Students!

- **Transparent decision making is our founding principle.**
- **TU has to comply with Open Government Act.**
- **Proactive communication from council.**
- **All Council documents published on central website.**

Transparency is the foundation on which all other topics stand. If no student knows what's going on, we cannot possibly represent students on important issues. Transparency is a cornerstone of responsible governance. It is not just about making information public, but also about fostering trust between students and TU Delft.

We believe it is important for our university to be accountable to the students who have chosen to study at TU Delft. Transparency allows us to understand how decisions are made and why. It is an essential part of a healthy relationship between governance and organisation.

In addition, transparent decision-making protects against conflicts of interest. It allows us to see whether employees are acting in the public interest or serving certain undesirable interests. As students, we have the right to know what goes on behind the scenes. In this way, transparency fosters mutual trust. When we know that our university is open about its actions, we are more inclined to trust it. Moreover, transparency prevents the perpetuation of abuse and a cover-up culture. Light casts shadows on dark practices.

In a democratic society, checks and balances are vital. Transparency allows us, as a student council and students ourselves, to check whether the university is fulfilling its roles as intended. It keeps them honest and accountable.

Alcoholpolicy



- **Abolish alcohol policy**
- **Lively campus with independent cafe's.**

Trust the Student

TU Delft has made it clear that the student can no longer be trusted, as the student must be protected from himself. Indeed, a drink before 17:00 causes spontaneous disturbances in the eyes of the TU. But, we may still be lucky. Fortunately, the genius who imposed the ban still has one foot in society. The 'Prohibition' of campus has not been prescribed, What a relief. Dé Partij has put alcohol policy back on the agenda and ensured that the BOE has to defend this decision in public for once.

The only thing this ill-founded policy has achieved is later opening of social events. Before the alcohol policy, 7 out of 8 faculty bars were open before 5pm, since then every bar has delayed its opening time. This is disastrous for the social bonding of students and staff. We like to say that the faculty bar is the best-attended lecture at TU Delft. The exchange of ideas, conversations and discussions that take place there are vital for connecting students and developing indispensable soft skills. With the bars opening later, people are less likely to go to this meeting place, especially students who are already not so well connected to their study environment. As a result, the vibrant campus the Board of Executives is so keen to create is further away than ever. The current alcohol policy should at least be thoroughly reviewed and preferably scrapped.

Moreover, we have learned from W. Andelgangen that the BOE plans to keep tightening this policy. When we ask for an evaluation, they keep stressing that this evaluation could also lead to stricter policy. so before the evaluation is done, the college is already threatening the consequences, quite a strange course of action. We will continuously challenge this policy and share this with all students to come up with a policy that does have support. After all, Dé Partij would love to see that lively campus with a thriving hospitality industry without arbitrary bans and restrictions.

Vote for a vibrant campus, vote Dé Partij.

Internationalisation in Balance and the Importance of Diversity.

The business, service and non-profit sectors of our society need employees who are prepared to work in diverse environments and who recognise the resulting workplace benefits such as critical thinking and mutual understanding. Our university Plays an important role in instilling these skills in the student population. In addition, the university Plays an important role in ensuring social mobility in society. Social mobility is important because it enables people to move up within the social hierarchy. These are unfortunately at odds with each other at the moment; wealthy non-EEA students outnumber and punish first-generation students in the case of a numerus clausus.

Socio-economic Imbalance

Currently, we see that, for studies with a numerus clausus, the intake of international students is high. This international pressure on public facilities reduces the accessibility of Dutch students to academic education. As far as we are concerned, accessibility to education is priority number one of a public university. This ensures the social mobility that good education creates, which is also incredibly important for a well-functioning society. Students outside the EEA pay a lot to study here and can pay a lot of money for training to pass entrance tests. This socio-economic imbalance of non-EEA students is now making studies such as Aerospace Engineering and Computer Science inaccessible to many other aspiring engineers, which we find undesirable.

In recent years, this discussion has often been held, but did not get beyond 'finding a healthy balance'. In this section, we want to give our view on this balance with concrete policy. This policy is mainly based on the intended policy options the national government will give to universities so that they can get a grip on student intake themselves.

We hereby propose target percentages for bachelor programmes with a numerus clausus. We would like to stress that these changes can only be introduced gradually over several years and would only apply to new incoming students. This policy can be enforced by introducing Dutch-speaking/bilingual tracks within an bachelor programme. Whereby numeri clausi would be introduced per track in order to achieve the targeted percentages. Dé Partij believes that a distribution of 70-80% national, 20-30% EEA and 5-10% non-EEA will lead to a healthy balance. A balance in which education remains accessible to all, the corresponding social mobility is guaranteed and the benefits of a diverse student population also find their place.

Social Housing

- **More housing on campus.**
- **No studios, but shared housing.**
- **Wellbeing students as a priority.**

TU Delft must take responsibility in housing. Student housing in Delft has been a problem for years, with responsibility being placed mainly on the municipality. While the latter is not particularly benevolent when it comes to student housing. We see problems mainly in the form of housing that is currently being built, only studios. Dé Partij would like to see a stop on building studios and a commitment that all new housing on the TU Delft campus will be shared housing.

In a student house, you and your housemates help each other with a host of issues: personal problems, coping with week 10 and also each other's study success. It has been shown in numerous reports that living in a studio flat is disastrous for students' well-being. You also don't have to be a genius to come to the conclusion that students are lonely when they have to live alone. The current housing associations all say that they can simply only build studios because of the rent allowance, a studio is therefore simply more profitable than a cosy house. This perverse incentive comes at the expense of the students themselves. We therefore call on TU Delft to take responsibility and put the interests of the student above those of the housing corporation. TU Delft must choose what truly matters: the wellbeing of the student and not DUWO's business case.

Supporting Student Culture

- **Student volunteers have to be fairly supported.**
- **Inflation correction RPF and indexation with Collective labour agreement universities.**
- **Tuition-free board year.**

The student community runs on volunteers without whom practically all social activities for students in Delft could not exist. TU Delft should recognise and appreciate this, but above all, support them fairly. At the moment, TU Delft is particularly meagre when it comes to this support. Recently, we have noticed that boards and committees of all associations in Delft are having more difficulty finding successors. Indeed, compared to commercial extracurricular activities, financial support is severely underwhelming. Action must be taken now to ensure that the rich student culture continues to exist.

Regulations Profiling Fund (RPF)

Student life has become more expensive over the past 10 years. However, financial support has not increased with this change, such as the huge increases in rents or the rise in the consumer price index. RPF is a financial support for study delay, if this financial support does not grow with the cost of daily life, the opportunity for personal development besides studies will only be available to economically well-off students. Dé Partij aims for a one-off 50% correction for these 10 years of negligence and indexation with the collective labour agreement for universities. In this way, we will ensure equitable support and the ideal student life for every student.

Tuition-free Boards

Students who dedicate themselves full-time to the community almost always do not attend education, yet they have to pay tuition fees to be enrolled. This enrolment is needed, otherwise you will not get a basic grant, loan, student travel product, RPF and, if you rent from DUWO, a room. We would like to see the possibility of tuition fee-free board years alongside the RPF months, as now your RPF goes directly to your tuition fees.

Sustainability, Made Possible by Delft

- **TU Delft has to be more ambitious.**
- **Keep fossil ties, if transparent.**
- **Educate impact-driven engineers.**
- **Academic freedom is untouchable.**

TU Delft is a leader when it comes to sustainability, on the campus itself and in education and research. It is precisely because of our TU that the transition to a sustainable society can be made. We would like to see these successes continue and advocate strengthening the current policy. This also means that TU Delft should not ban its researchers from collaborating with the fossil industry. Thing is, these companies fund a lot of sustainable research at TU Delft that could not take place without these financial backers. Severing ties would be a great loss to the sustainability goals that need to be met quickly.

Research

Dé Partij believes that the academic freedom weighs most heavily in this consideration. Researchers at TU Delft must always be able to make their own decision to enter into cooperation. It is impossible to judge with today's knowledge which research will be applicable in the future. Specific research may be up for discussion, but never banned in advance.

Education

We like to see students challenged with projects, case studies or examples that show what sustainability means for your future field. This moral ambition should be given a prominent place in education. However, students should be given the freedom to make their own decisions to this end. We see the exclusion of companies at lunch lectures or career events as undesirable. At any company, Delft students can have an impact, but you have to be able to get these well-trained and motivated engineers into your organisation. It is precisely the sustainably minded Delft engineers who can make the difference, including in the fossil industry, so that this new generation of TU alumni forces the fossil industry to change from the bottom up. That way, together, we accelerate the transition to a cleaner future.

Give Students Room to Breathe

- **Recognition bachelor in 4 years and master in 3.**
- **BSA reduction to 30 points.**
- **Focus on Studentsucces, not study succes.**

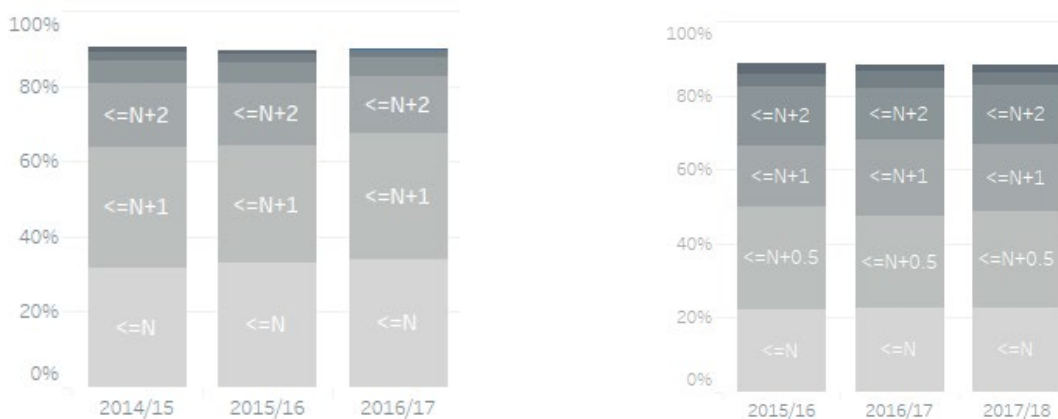
Students should be given more freedom to decide how long they take to study. The pressure currently felt by students to graduate as soon as possible must be reduced. In recent years, there has been too much focus on yields and too little on what this pressure does to students and their well-being. We would like to see this pressure reduced and recognition given to the high study load in Delft.

BSA

The Binding Study Advice should support students in balancing their well-being and study progress, but the focus is now mainly on study progress. In short, too much binding and too little advice. In the first year, as a student, you are still going through a broader development and there is a lot to deal with, such as moving into a room, getting used to study and student life and standing on your own two feet. As a result, the bar is now set too high in the first year, putting too much pressure on the student. Too much pressure has a paralysing effect, can lead to poorer learning performance and thus clouds the picture of whether or not a student is suitable for a study programme. Therefore, we would like to see the BSA lowered to reduce the pressure. And if students are not in the right place, they should be helped to make the right choice. We want more advice, less binding.

Study Load

Engineering studies have a high study load, judging by TU Delft's own numbers. Yet we are expected to complete our studies in 3 + 2 years, while most students take 4 years or more on their bachelor's and 3 years or more on their master's. At Civil engineering, for example, 17% complete the bachelor's degree nominally. The TU Delft can no longer maintain that its studies are nominally studyable and must recognise the length of its programmes and actively promote this.



Yields TU wide, left Bachelor right master. Nominal(N) is 3 years for bachelors and 2 years for masters.