

CSF Election Programme

Our election programme is focused upon four main issues to improve the university's policy: Sustainable strategy, real integration, relevant education and a responsible university. In this election programme we will explain what concrete measures we want to take based on the four pillars university policy should focus on according to CSF.

SUSTAINABLE STRATEGY

Sustainability is important. This includes environmental sustainability, but we also take the concept of sustainability further. Plans and policy for the university should be sustainable as well. The university should have a sustainable long-term strategy with regard to growth, budget and the environment of Wageningen.

- Both the university and the Student Council should have a focus on long-term solutions to problems, instead of a lot of short term solutions. In the future this might help to prevent solutions like the Extended daytime schedule.
- In order to sustain our quality of education the current growth strategy of just reacting to it should change to a more pro-active approach. Only this way we can manage the negative effects on small-scale education and the pressure on facilities.
- On many aspects the WUR is sustainable already but looking students and employees still fly all over the world for conferences and projects. As CSF we see a lot of possibilities to promote other ways of transport, reducing transport and compensating CO2 when flying is unavoidable.

REAL INTEGRATION

To benefit from internationalisation, good integration is key. As CSF we notice that the current integration can be significantly improved. At the moment we see mainly coexistence of different cultures. We aim to move to real integration by approaching internationalisation holistically. Integration is not just about internationals but also about Dutch students, integration involves both sides. For good integration good policy measures are also necessary, for example a sufficient level of English and good expectation management.

- In order to improve communication and the gap between students from different countries there should be higher minimum requirements on the English language mastered by students.
- There should be one clear image the university presents itself with, if it wants to be the integrated university. It should communicate to all students that an open attitude towards new cultures is expected and that internationalization needs effort of students themselves.
- In order to become a real international university, the university should diversify her (policy) staff. To better understand problems regarding internationalization and come to real solutions international policymakers are crucial.

RELEVANT EDUCATION

As CSF we believe that education should have an impact on society and in student's life. Students should learn to be self-aware and conscious of their role in the society. The focus of education at the WUR should be relevant for current worldwide challenges.

- There should be more attention for science integrity, ethics and philosophy in our courses, since students and scientists should be aware of their role in society and the way their scientific research is perceived.
- We should continue to educate students on worldwide relevant topics within the domain of life-sciences. To explore the potential of nature to improve the quality of life should remain the main focus of our study programs and students should be aware of what impact their study can have on the quality of life of others.
- Organizing and attending extra-curricular activities should remain a part of students development, even with the extended daytime schedule in place. Students should be able to broaden their perspective with readings and events on topics that they find interesting outside of their study domain. The effect of the EDS on attendance to activities should be monitored closely and when needed organizers should be supported to keep going.

RESPONSIBLE UNIVERSITY

CSF encourages the university to act in a responsible way. WUR knowledge should be used in a good way, also within the organization. Besides the responsibility to provide education the university should be a safe place for all students where the (mental) well-being of students is taken into account. Also with regard to growth, housing and the city the university has a responsibility and should be proactive.

- The university should have a look at stress reduction and reducing the amount of burn-outs by making clear where students can get help if needed and by lowering the threshold for getting help.
- The university should take its responsibility towards students living outside of Wageningen by reducing gaps between lectures and therefore helping students getting home on time.
- The university is embedded in Wageningen. In order to maintain sustainable relations with its inhabitants the university should improve the communication with the municipality and inhabitants on issues such as housing and growth.