

Party Program 2020



GROEP-ÉÉN
Representing TU/e Students

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Introduction

This document has the main purpose of illustrating the achievements and goals of Groep-één for the 2020 TU/e elections. Furthermore, it will elaborate on our vision and strategy. At last, general guidelines for the campaign are given. It is meant for both students (voters) who would like to have more in-depth knowledge about Groep-één and for Groep-één ambassadors with the goal to be coherent with each other.

The past year, a new vision was composed by Groep-één to illustrate our main values and way of working. In this document, you can also find strategic areas which serve as a coatrack for more concrete goals, such as the ones in this party programme. We direct the reader to this document for the background information on our focus areas and approach. The concrete goals in this document can be seen as campaign promises to the TU/e students, but depending on the amount of seats we obtain during the elections, the set of goals for 2021 might still change slightly.

This document is merely meant as an overview, and we encourage everyone to talk to one of Groep-één ambassadors, such as someone on the list, to go more in-depth about certain topics. Many issues are way more complex than can be captured in a small document. Also not every strategic area and area of interest is mentioned in this document, so this is not an exhaustive list.

Again, we encourage everyone to approach a Groep-één ambassador about specific discussion points or questions. Groep-één represents TU/e students, Groep-één represents YOU!

Kind regards on behalf of the campaign committee,

Naomie Amsing

Fraction vice-chair Groep-één

Groep-één structure

Campaign committee

The campaign committee is a recurring committee at Groep-één, taking care of the (you guessed it) campaign. This year, the committee consists of Victoria Bogachenkova, Daan Vijselaar, Joep Dirx, Jesper van Duijnhoven, Rody Mens en Naomie Amsing. You can reach them at campaign@groep-een.com.

They took it upon themselves to make this online campaign a total success. Hopefully they will be rewarded with 9 seats :) . Later in the document, it will be explained what exactly they did to make the campaign a success.

Association board

Next to the political fraction, Groep-één has an association with a board and members. The association was originally set up to support the fraction in their work. Since the fraction members are only part-time, they usually do not have time to concern themselves with visibility and organizing events, since all of their available time goes to the political University Council work. The association is meant to support the fraction in this aspect by organizing events, organizing the campaign through the campaign committee, making sure the constituency stays involved and up-to-date, and advising the fraction.

The current board of the association, which was constituted for the period 2019-2020, has written a policy which explains how it wants to make the association more active again, create and maintain a more active member base, and keep the constituency more involved. The board hopes for a good campaign and a lot of seats for Groep-één in the council! If you wish to contact the board, you can reach them via board@groep-een.com

Current fraction

The fraction is where all the magic happens. The fraction members are the students that have a seat in the University Council. These students therefore discuss, on a monthly basis, TU/e wide policies, regulations, plans and initiatives with the Executive Board of the university. Currently in the fraction are Ralph van Ierland, Thomas Lippens, Rody Mens, Heleen van Rooij, Laura van der Woerd and Naomie Amsing.

As a political fraction, the members of Groep-één | ESR also have a right to propose new initiatives to the board of the university. Additionally, the fraction works on a number of projects (portfolios) outside of the regular university agenda, such as student wellbeing, the student housing problem, and financial support for student teams. These are topics that are not regularly scheduled on University Council meetings, and therefore require initiative from the students to up them on the agenda.

The fraction has political standpoints, that are executed either via the portfolios or via the committees of the council. The fraction represents their achterban, in our case all TU/e students, in everything they do. As a student in the fraction, you represent all students at the highest level of decision making at the TU/e! If you wish to reach the fraction, you can email fraction@groep-een.com

List

The election list this year consists of 30 TU/e students. The list is built up in such a way to represent all TU/e students, since Groep-één stands for all students. The top of the list consists of people who will join the fraction (depending on the amount of seats of course) and below number ~10 are students who are mainly on the list to propagate our message to the most amount of students. The rest of association Groep-één also fulfils this purpose, although not “officially”. The order is based on study program, On the list this year you can find:

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| 01 Ralph van Ierland | 16 Roxane Wijnen |
| 02 Britt van de Laar | 17 Mandy Shao |
| 03 Boris Zwaan | 18 Christiaan Goossens |
| 04 Anne Jenster | 19 Annebelle Olminkhof |
| 05 Marcin van de Ven | 20 Marianna Angelini |
| 06 Andreas Chila | 21 Niek Lange |
| 07 Huub van den Bogaard | 22 Tom Suelmann |
| 08 Koen de Nooij | 23 Kevin Grinwis |
| 09 Thijs de Gijzel | 24 Victoria Bogachenkova |
| 10 Koen Hermans | 25 Jesper van Duijnhoven |
| 11 David Blom | 26 Arend Verbeek |
| 12 Kim Smulders | 27 Thomas Lippens |
| 13 Max Bossink | 28 Sander van Gansewinkel |
| 14 Daan Vijselaar | 29 Sil Duckers |
| 15 Arne Steemers | 30 Naomie Amsing |

Campaign goals and achievements

Overview

	 Achievement 2020	 Goals 2021
Inclusivity	Appointing a Diversity Officer for students	Clear admission policy on internationalization
Student Wellbeing	Setting up a university wide Well-being network	Have a full time employee working on structural student Well-being issues.
Personal Development	Relaxation of board grant requirements during Covid-19 Push for abolishing entry requirements of Board grants Career orientation and development as a part of your curriculum	More money for board grants and student teams Alternative solution for the progress requirement of 15 credits for your board grant. Proper recognition and support for extra-curricular activities
Quality of Education	Having student opinions heard during the COVID-19 crisis	Better personal attention and guidance in education Good allocation of <u>our</u> funds to improve <u>our</u> education
Sustainability	see elaboration	Creating a sustainable campus
Community	Attention for community building and onboarding of new students	Accessible Campus and student community
Facilities	Compensation for students and associations during COVID-19	Free software and materials for education

Elaboration



Inclusivity | Groep-één believes our university should be open to anyone. This is in terms of nationality, gender, sexuality, background or whatsoever. To ensure a diverse and inclusive university, Groep-één has worked hard on this topic. This year, we managed to officially get a TU/e employee appointed to work on diversity for students. This employee is working on getting the university more inclusive by making new proposals and providing help to the university itself, but also to students and associations.



Next year, we also want to improve on a better admission policy for internationalization. Think about the decision the university made to switch back to Dutch at Mechanical Engineering, just to reduce the inflow. We stood up for our international community, because we believe they are not at the second place, but at the same first place as our Dutch community. All students should be our priority and we believe the university should think of a proper policy to have a fair admission process.



Student Well-being | The past few years, well-being of students has been high on the agenda of Groep-één. As this topic was a broad problem in our university, quite some parties were already working on this topic, but a joint effort was not made yet. Last year, Groep-één has been busy in setting up a university-wide network of all parties in our university that were busy on this topic. Together they are sharing experiences and ideas and working together on improving our students' well-being. This network is getting a more and more important name and status in the university and increases the attention for this topic!



Next year, we also want to tackle the undiscovered well-being issues at our student community. We are working with the university on a proposal to have an employee dedicated to structural wellbeing issues. The pressure on students and the need for personal attention is high and we want students to excel in this university in a safe and healthy way.



Personal Development | Groep-één believes studying is more than just following courses. It is about developing yourself to get ready for the next step in your career. One of the many ways students can develop themselves is through a board year or student team. This year, we all had to cope with the COVID-19 crisis and we noticed in some cases a board year caused more time, stress or work. Giving them more stress around fulfilling the requirements for a board grant would have been unfair and undesired. Therefore we ensured a relaxation of these requirement to help them and keep them motivated for their board year.



Next to that, we also pushed for abolishing the entrance requirements for a board grant. After a second legal case this year, the university changed its policy. Before, you had to have your Propaedeutic exam and you should have had obtained 75% of your nominal study pace. These rules are not in place anymore.



In the upcoming year, we want more money to be available for board members and student team members, as currently there is not enough money to give everyone the compensation that was meant for them. That is unfair. Moreover, you still need to obtain 15 credits during your board year. We want

to explore possibilities of a tuition free board year or replacing the 15 credits rule with a proper coaching and a study plan.



Besides doing a board year or student team, there are also plenty of other activities that help your professional development. Good career orientation is one of those. This year, career orientation and development was officially included in the program.



Next year, we want to get more recognition and support for extra-curricular activities in general. There are plenty of things you could do next to your courses, but we encourage good guidance along these activities. This can be done e.g. via personal and/or digital coaching.

Quality of Education | Education is one of the core tasks of the university and very important to all students. Also in the university council, many education-related matters pass. Groep-één ensures that student opinions are heard on these topics. Due to corona, the engagement of students was under attack in the fast developing change of education. Groep-één has worked very hard to keep the student engagement as close to what it normally is. Critical but constructive feedback on proposals helped our education remain high in quality.



For next year, in line with our goal for personal development, we also want personal attention and guidance in our education itself. As our university is growing, we need to focus on how to maintain, or restore the personal aspect in your courses. But also during your graduation phase of the bachelor and master. There should be time for you to excel, and that needs good coaching from the moment you step in this university, until the moment you graduate.



Moreover, Groep-één has been very active in the allocation of funds that were raised from the removal of the Dutch 'basic grant' (basisbeurs). This year, around 3½ million euros(!) was made available for improvement of education and this will increase to about 6 million for just next year and even more in the years after. Next year, Groep-één will again be working hard on the best allocation of these funds for our students. It is 'our' money, so it should go to good quality of education for our students. This entails for example large education innovation projects like working more with challenges, but also proper quality of digital education, like lecture streams.



Sustainability | Groep-één has always been aware of the importance of sustainability. Therefore, Groep-één is in close contact with parties that work on sustainability on our campus. By close cooperation, we want to get a university wide mindset on the importance of sustainability. Currently, this is not yet embedded in overarching visions and strategies, and that is something that is necessary when trying to make a change. From the food and drinks in the canteen, to the way we build our campus, to the projects we are working on as a university. Sustainability is a mindset we have to create within the university. It asks for creativity to stay productive and efficient, while making our footprint as small as possible.



Community | Community life is a very important aspect in our university. On the campus and city, students are coming together to share their lives. This year, community was heavily under attack because of the corona crisis. But at the same time, community feeling was more needed than ever. Groep-één has tried to raise as much attention as possible for this community building. From our small contribution at the TU/e Radio, towards a TU/e Summer University and towards participation in the



design of the onboarding of new students as well as the student mentors for master students who were new at this university. We stressed the importance of community life by speaking up and acting on it!



For the upcoming year, we want to continue working on community life, and in particular on the accessibility of our campus and the community. There should be sufficient facilities for all associations and teams to contribute to this community building and we will stand up for that.



Facilities | The last clear focus area is facilities. The past year during the corona situation, we focussed a lot on financial means and compensation. We have pushed for extra financial support for students, associations and student teams. Examples like the career expo that was cancelled during the first day, study trips that got cancelled, Student teams that had a hard time finding new members, international students that had no financial income anymore and no way of getting any DUO loans, or students that were experiencing expensive delay in their program because of the crisis. We have pushed for attention on these cases and a proper plan and in the meantime, a lot of compensations have been drawn up!



Besides from continuing on this point, we also want to work on the facilities outside of corona! Our main point is the accessibility of the software and materials you need to study. For study books, often plenty of different possibilities are in place of equal quality. You can loan the books, buy them second hand, resell your book or you are already preferring the lecture notes and slides anyway. However, for software, often no good alternatives are in place. It is often one particular program you need, and you cannot get it in any other way easily. For the quality of our education, it is important to have access to the software we need to study. For materials the same should hold. It is undesired to have students pay a lot of money for the top shelf software they need, or to have them using alternative software that doesn't provide the needed skill and knowledge on the software you will use later on.

Campaign plan

Social media promotion

The campaign committee has been promoting the Groep-één Instagram account and Facebook page and at the time of writing increased the follower count with 145. Furthermore, they have been posting a lot of content and will continue doing so going in election time. Also, Groep-één has the TU/e Instagram the week before the elections as another platform to use. We also plan on using the accounts of other associations/organisations to be more visible (by tagging them or asking them to share).

The content that will be shared: For example, we are giving away ducky socks again following the huge success of last year. We are making videos on the different campaign points to spread the message, even though we cannot meet everyone on campus. We have a deal with a snackbar in Eindhoven to give a discount on certain items. Of course we're sharing the poster pictures of the people on the list. Finally, we have designed some new merch and are giving away a few items.

Campus promotion

Although it is not possible to talk to all students on campus, we do plan on being on campus for the three campaign days. We will have less stands and be there for a smaller amount of time, but still be available for sock pick-up and talks with students.

FAQ

Q: What is/does the University Council (do)?

A: The UC is the central co-determination organ of the TU/e. This means that the Executive Board of the TU/e, AKA the bosses of the TU/e, come up with plans and policies which have to be approved by the UC (or we can also disapprove and block some policies). We represent the students of the TU/e and we always reflect on the impact certain plans and policies will have on students before approving them. We can also present our own plans to the Executive Board based on the signals we receive from the students.

Q: What is Groep-één and how does Groep-één differ from other parties?

A: We can't speak for the other parties but we will elaborate on Groep-één: we are a political student fraction which possesses seats in the UC (just like regular politics). We have been active as a student fraction for about 35 years and our principle is that studying is not limited to just following courses, but personal development also takes place, which should be supported. However, the student that chooses to not be active is also very important, and is often forgotten in policies. We try to change this and represent all TU/e students.

Groep-één differs from others because Groep-één is very practical for a political party, which stems from the fact that usually experienced people (accompanied by a large network) are part of the fraction. This way, the fraction members already know the ins and outs of the TU/e and know just how to operate to get their (and your) ideas and opinions across. The large network ensures the fraction is up-to-date about issues that students experience and we can act on them in a quick and efficient manner. Groep-één also works on a national level, since Groep-één is a member of the ISO (Interstedelijk Studenten Overleg, which roughly translates to Student consultations between different cities), which is a representative of students on a national level. We have used these contacts to send letters to the government concerning the growth of the university and how we need external aid to carry the growth.

Q: Why should I vote? What is my vote worth?

A: The answer to the second question is 'everything'. If 10 people vote, the Executive Board views our opinion as the opinion of a small part of the population, but if all 12.000 students vote the EB will view our (i.e. your) opinion as the opinion of all students. This helps us in our conversations with the EB if we ever want to achieve anything, and via us you can improve the TU/e. Last year, 3697 people voted. For 9 seats, this is about 410 votes per seat. Your vote is worth 1/410th of a seat. The fraction puts in ~20 hours a week per seat, so your vote can make the difference to the amount of hours we put into making this university better and spend on our work.

Epilogue

We hope this document was helpful in providing you with the information you were searching for. We hope to count on your support for Groep-één, in whichever role you're currently in. If you have any remarks, remaining questions or feedback, feel free to contact us. All our contact info is outlined below.

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