

# **Election Programme 2018**

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Party SHAPE is a new party, founded in 2018, with a fresh look at the university. All representatives study at the FHML, so we have a lot of knowledge about the state of affairs. By maintaining close ties with fellow students, study associations and other student representatives within and outside the FHML, we can actually make a difference. **Vote SHAPE, to shape our university.**

## Visibility and student's input

We would like to create more visibility and be easily accessible for students. We would like students to have a place where they can go with questions, points of improvement, valuable input and new ideas for the faculty and university. We would like qualitative representation, which we hope to achieve in this way. We want to accomplish this by organizing events where students can give input, have meetings with presidents of study associations and by letting us listen during General Members Meetings (GMMs) of study associations. This way we hope to get more input and create more visibility.

## Law of Study Finance

The law of study financing was changed a few years ago. That money is now given to the universities to use for educational innovation. However, there are now doubts whether that money is actually being spent on innovation and improvement of education. We want to take a critical look at the execution of these plans and see if all costs do benefit the students. We want to guarantee the innovation of education for all students. Additionally, we want to make sure that this money goes into recording lectures, language courses and student assistantship, so that students gain scientific experience.

## Employability in the labour market'

You do not only study to acquire professional knowledge and skills, but also to develop yourself. Here freedom is indispensable for optimal development of the student. Each student has his / her own interests and must be given the opportunity to develop them further. The individual student must be able to put together a separate training package to a certain extent. This can be done both within the study and outside the study: for instance, taking courses at another faculty within the elective education system or gaining experience abroad or studying research internships as a student assistant. Additionally, extra-curricular activities must be encouraged. The university should be able to respond in order to train students into widely-formed academics.

However, the workload for students must not be excessive. The education by itself should be sufficient to be well-suited to the labor market. It is important to make students employable during the study, but also to actively work on their own employability.

### **Flexible study**

Studying must be the main goal, but as mentioned earlier, there has to be the possibility to achieve other goals as well. This is important for the academic training and personal development of the students. Consider, for example, the internship and the board year of an association.

In order to achieve this, it is important that the university can deliver customization and be flexible. In addition, it should also be possible to selectively follow a few courses. In that case it would be logical that you do not have to pay the full tuition fee.

### **Student guidance**

An increasing number of students experience a significant amount of stress, or already show symptoms of burnout. Many of them suffer with these symptoms throughout their entire time as a student. We think it is important that they can contact the confidential advisers or student psychologists more easily and more regularly.

In addition, there are also many students who need more study related guidance when they have experienced delays, doubts about their choice of study or experience personal problems. For this we have access to the study advisors and student counselors. Currently you have long queues for this. The university is aware of this and is already trying to solve this. Despite the improvements, it is evident that queues have not yet been reduced. We want to ensure that students can get help anywhere and at any time.

### **Supporting student initiatives**

When students want to set up their own initiatives, the university must support the student in this. Think of initiatives like 'Human behind the Patient' or 'Student and Food'. We believe it is important to support and encourage students to set up such initiatives. This is not only beneficial for the students who set up their initiative, but also for the personal development of all other students.

### Recording of lectures

The recording of lectures has already been partly realized. This must be properly evaluated and therefore, we want to maintain close contact with Pulse Education, Student Council and the student assessor. It is now possible for some lectures, in certain lecture halls, in various studies, to be recorded. We would like to focus on the recording of lectures so that this becomes possible for every study and every lecture.

### Study workspaces

The maintenance of buildings is already being discussed within the Faculty Council. We would like to guarantee that the university continues to meet the demand. It is very important for the learning process of all students that they have the opportunity to study in the university. Unfortunately, many students find the University Library at Randwyck to be too crowded.

It is very important that there is a better distribution of the students across the different study places, through communication and awareness. There are actually more study places than most students think. If it still does not meet the demand, we will extensively look at other possibilities.

### To Conclude

Finally, we will deal with the budget, current themes and professorial appointments. We will look critically at the budget so that we can influence the above-mentioned points of action. In addition, new issues will certainly be discussed during the year within the faculty and university to which we, as a party, will respond to the best of our ability.