

Introduction

VeSte Wageningen (United Students) is an established party in the Student Council, exists 20 years. VeSte represents all active students and has connections with the majority of student organisations in Wageningen. VeSte aims to involve every student and uses her experience, alumni and connections to develop the university in the way YOU want.

Our candidates are chosen through an extensive selection procedure and each have their own personal spearheads. Have a look at our vision and focus points for upcoming academic year, based on our three pillars:

1. World Class Education

VeSte strongly supports maintaining the 'Wageningen way of teaching' despite the growing number of students. An open atmosphere and interaction between social sciences and life sciences is valued. In the light of digitalization we would like to see more opportunities for flexible workplaces by creating an optimal digital working environment. However, VeSte is of the opinion that digitalization can be used in a facilitating way, but should never replace valued teaching methods.

VeSte values the involvement of students in education. This is possible by enhancing the quality and involvement of programme committees and stimulating the exchange of knowledge in several ways.

2. Broad Academic Development

VeSte wants the university to actively encourage students to develop themselves (beside their study curriculum). This should be facilitated through financial support and a flexible attitude towards the scheduling of the curriculum.

VeSte is in favour of having more attention for talent development. All students should have fair chances. This can partly be achieved by more communication about options for scientific challenges, capita selecta, summer schools or by accrediting Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs). Furthermore, we want to encourage students to go on an exchange. The online platform VeSte Goes Abroad gathers those experiences from and facilitates the needs for future exchange students.

3. Vibrant Student Life

Students should be able to develop themselves as individuals and gain the necessary skills for your later career. Communities, sports, and culture are all equally important parts of the student life. Additionally, VeSte wants to facilitate more opportunities with regard to the usage of the campus(buildings) in the evening for all kind of (intercultural) activities. When deciding on measures to accommodate the growing numbers of students at our university, VeSte will always strive for a vibrant student life.