

Thirteenth VeSte Party 2009-2010

In the year 2010-2011 we, VeSte 2009-2010, and our 28 candidates achieved the biggest election victory for VeSte yet, receiving 9 out of 12 seats. We worked very hard on achieving this and are very grateful for the trust students have in our party and their enthusiasm. A lot of logistics and early mornings were necessary, but the goal of making VeSte visible for all students was reached without a doubt. Everyone who visited the Forum saw VeSte's castle made from beer crates, received free magazines and could get information at our info-stands. Promotion at Leeuwenborg was similarly successful. VeSte was not only at every education building, we also helped behind the bar at the Bunker and Woeste Hoeve and attended a lot of parties for promotion.

Even though the elections was the highlight of our year we, as Student Council members, contributed a lot more:

- We were actively involved in the process concerning the facilities of the vaccination centre and student Physician
- We were actively involved in the committee which has achieved warm evening-meals at the campus
- We were in the committee overseeing the Orion building plans
- We were able to convince the university of the need for an investment plan for the sportcentre "the bongerd"
- We were able to convince the university to look at different options to solve the room-shortage, like hotel "hof van Wageningen" instead of only using "Hoenderloo" holiday park.
- We were able to work with the international students of Wageningen during a lunch at which they could talk to us about their problems. These results will be processed next year.
- We have taken the first step in a campaign on RSI prevention that will start in September 2010
- We managed to prolong the Christmas holiday for 2010 with three days and have made sure that from 2011 onwards, no Christmas holiday shorter than two weeks will be scheduled
- We took the first steps in creating a Honours program, which is going to be implemented soon.
- We monitored the implementation of Towards Flexibility

Not only were we busy with protecting the rights of active students at the university, we also organized activities to bring students together. An open party at Ceres together with the AID board was organized which over 1150 students attended. Also a board congress at KSV Fransciscus for all student and study associations with 8 different workshops like etiquette, leadership training, sponsoring and annual budget information was given. To close the gap between municipality politics and students a municipality debate was organized at which students were able to discuss topics with all party leaders.

As VeSte is focused on keeping the contact with the students as close as possible, we started distributing a newsflash every period to keep students updated on activities of VeSte and the Student Council. Also as input from students is very important we started a supporters mail this year. In this supporters mail we ask students to respond on the topics with their viewpoints. This initiative has been very successful with over 150 supporters and at least 30 reactions on the supporters mail every time.

We have had the time of our lives together; stressing, laughing, crying, joking and most of all learning together. We are looking forward to another enthusiastic group of students representing our party, VeSte de BeSte!

Love, Eva Helmus, Kees van der Ark, Apple Yi Bingqing, Judith van Niekerk, Anouk Platteel, Susan van Aalst en Julie-Anne Tangena