

SHAPE

ELECTION PROGRAMME

‘21-’22

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SHAPE OUR FACULTY!

SHAPE, founded in 2018, is a representative party that stands for both **continuity** and **innovation** at FPN. During the past year, these two characteristics have become increasingly important to keep the **high standard of quality** we are used to at FPN.

Below, you can find our plans for **further improving studying** at FPN.

THE POST COVID-19 ERA

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We want to make sure that the Faculty gives **clear communication** about future intentions regarding online and on-campus education in order for students to plan ahead their presence in Maastricht. In case of ongoing online education, **improving the hybrid format** to make it suitable as a solution for both tutor and students is paramount.

Tutorial groups can then be split in online and offline breakout sessions.

Furthermore, within the ever-changing regulations provided by the government, we advocate for **optimal matching** between the number of students allowed on campus and current guidelines. Lastly, in times of social isolation, the need for **more study spaces** became increasingly visible.

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COMMUNITY FEELING

The **feeling of belonging** at FPN has never been more important to improve. Especially in times of online education, students need a sense of who they are actually studying with, they need a **substitute for casual chats** with staff members after lectures, and they need better knowledge of who they can contact about the issues students face. We propose the following solutions:



SOCIAL EVENTS

As soon as possible, we want to work on on-campus **social events** that enable students to **get to know** their fellow students and to **make friends** more easily.



STUDENT-TEACHER INTERACTION

We want to enable casual **student-staff interaction** to get to know staff members. We suggest implementing short bookable **1-on-1 meetings** just after online lectures to reduce the threshold of asking questions in the plenary.



TRANSPARENCY AND VISIBILITY

We want to **improve transparency**. The student council has the important function of a bridge between students and staff members. Throughout the year, we want to **gather your input** to address your problems and report back to give you a feeling of what is going on.

IMPROVING EDUCATION

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Many students are struggling with obtaining an overview of the options they have after receiving their Bachelor's degree. We aim to help students **make the right decision** for their future by organizing educational events for the different Master programmes that FPN has to offer.

Furthermore, to provide a level playing field for every student, **high-quality lecture recordings** are essential.

We also recognize that students experience a lot of stress in exam periods. To give students time to take care of their mental health, we aim to implement a **reflection week**, that is education-free, after the exams.

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HEALTHY STUDYING



Student well-being is paramount. At SHAPE we will advocate to **reduce stress** among students by distribution of deadlines and exams in every curriculum. Furthermore, we will plead for **sufficient and personalized mental support** easily accessible for everyone.



Additionally, SHAPE stands for a **smoking free campus, healthy and varied catering** and **stimulating physical activity**.



We want to raise awareness on **sustainability** both in and outside education, working towards a **CO2 neutral faculty** with optimal **waste separation**. Conclusively, feeling at home in Maastricht is dependent on the **housing situation**. We support any initiative that helps students find a suitable place to live and solve problems they face.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS IN '20-'21

At SHAPE, we have worked to **increase visibility and transparency** by showing the matters at hand in the FPN Faculty Council and Student Council on our social media. We will work hard again next year to ensure that you know what your representatives are doing in the council, and that you have the opportunity to **voice your opinion** on what matters to you.

VOTE SHAPE