



# ORAS informs: Newsletter ORAS

Student Council DUT

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## WHY THIS NEWSLETTER?



**ORAS is a faction in the Student Council and is non-stop busy for you. Therefore we want you to know what we are doing. We are always available by e-mail, [info@oras.nl](mailto:info@oras.nl) or telephone 015 -27 83349. Or you can always come visit us on the 20th floor of EWI!**

## ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN EDUCATION

A month ago, the ORAS faction travelled to Canada to do research about entrepreneurial education and exchange programs. We visited UBC in Vancouver and the University of Toronto. We have noticed that the two universities give a lot of **freedom to professors to set up their own courses** about entrepreneurship. For example, at UBC the course New Venture Design is invented, where business and engineering students set up their own company. At the University of Toronto they even have their own incubator which closely works together with the university. As for the exchange programs: the first exchange between UBC and Delft will take place in September! Are you interested in the other results? The report will be published on our website soon.

## KICK-OFF BUDDY PROGRAMME

ORAS has established a **TU- wide buddyprogramme** in cooperation with ISAD! Dutch and international students are matched based on interests, languages they would like to learn and countries they would like to visit. ORAS thinks it's important to close the gap between national and international students. Meanwhile, 30 couples have been matched so far and the kick-off activity will take place on the 25th of March. Do you want to participate? Keep a close look to the **ISAD facebook** whether the enrolment will be open again.

## COSTS OUTSIDE YOUR TUITION FEE

Mandatory laptops, penalties for not attending practicals and high costs for books needed for a software license. **Education at the TU Delft should not be dependent of costs other than the tuition fee.** Teachers can strongly recommend to study certain literature, but students decide for themselves whether they want to buy the book or for example borrow it. In our view, this principle also holds for buying an expensive laptop. The Student Council discussed this issue with Anka Mulder (VPEO of the executive board) on Monday the 9th of March, but she did not notice this problem yet. Anka Mulder wants to see how big the problem is before she creates a policy on these costs.



## DEMOCRACY AND STUDENT EFFICIENCY

On Wednesday the 4th of March, the Central Student Council and the Executive Board of the TU Delft organised a discussion. Students were invited to speak openly about the themes that have caused the occupation of the 'Maagdenhuis' in Amsterdam. A lot of students in Amsterdam don't feel like they are heard by the board of their university and think that there is **too much focus on profitability**. ORAS thinks that on the subject of efficiency there are also troubles at the TU Delft: there is too much focus on completing your study as soon as possible. This causes that there's **less flexibility** to learn on your own way and there's less space to take on new challenges outside your curriculum. The students that attended the discussion of Wednesday agreed with us!

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## What is ORAS?

ORAS is short for Organization RAtional Students and is the largest party in the Central Student Council with seven seats out of the total ten. This council is the highest representation of all DUT students by law and talks to the executive board of the university about general policies on our university.

ORAS is the **Student Council party** that supports active and motivated students: students that want to get the most out of their study and their time in Delft. Education and facilities form the base of the university, but a student should also be able to participate in extra curriculums for personal development during his study time. You can think of organizing committees, internships, minors in a different field, entrepreneurship, student projects, going on exchange or professional sports.

With outstanding education, good supporting facilities and extensive possibilities for personal development, you will become the best engineer!

## What do you think?

Apart from all the things we already described, we want to do something else for you: we want to listen to you! Do you have ideas, questions or comments, e-mail us or call Suzanne. You can do that via [suzanne@oras.nl](mailto:suzanne@oras.nl) or [015-27 81768](tel:015-2781768). Also, you can come visit us on the 20th floor of EWI in room 20.110 (right across the elevators).

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