The Student Union was given a grade 6.8 every week. 5000 students visit the Bastille, WSC or Pakkerij. 630 project places at the UT in the city centre of Enschede. 3058 association members in sport. 531 association members in culture. 16008 study hours available in Wallstreet. 162 international students guided by Buddies. 1380 participants of Create Tomorrow 2015. 4406 UnionCards sold. 81% activism of active students. UnionShop: 570 sold cinema tickets in 3 months.
Foreword Student Union

The university of the students, that is how I would like to describe the past academic year. The UT has been subject to many changes. It would be too easy to point at all the financial developments coming out of national politics or the demonstrations at the University of Amsterdam that influenced our beautiful University of Twente (UT). It would also be too easy to talk about the ever relevant discussion concerning TEM and activism or about the internationalization ambitions of the UT. It is even less relevant to state the impact of the Student Union (SU) on the student existence at the UT here.

No, it is mostly important to emphasize how proud we as the SU are of all students who have actively participated or are actively participating in the Twente student life, as part of boards, in committees, in companies or individually. Time and again it becomes apparent that students who come from the UT aren’t afraid to take initiative and show guts in order to encourage personal development and contribute to the UT. In the past year many new associations were established, new events organized, or individually. Time and again it becomes apparent that students who come from the UT aren’t afraid to take initiative and show guts in order to encourage personal development and contribute to the UT. In the past year many new associations were established, new events organized, or individually. Time and again it becomes apparent that students who come from the UT aren’t afraid to take initiative and show guts in order to encourage personal development and contribute to the UT. 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Awards

The following prizes were awarded in 2014 by the Student Union:

First-Year Activism Award 2014:
Dieuwert Blomjous (Civil Engineering)

The Student Union Activism Award is presented every year to a second-year student who has obtained all of their 60 ECTS during their first year of study in addition to being active in many extra-curricular activities.

Union Culture Award 2014:
IrNUT (Iranian Network at University of Twente)

In order to hold the spotlight on culture more every year the Student Union Culture Award is presented to a person or a group of people, (student) organization or cultural project that has positively contributed to the cultural climate at the University of Twente.

Henk Zijm International award 2014:
Ajay Kumar

Every year the Henk Zijm International Award is presented to the student, staff member or association who have laboured in the field of internationalization.
The SU Team

Jerom van Geffen:
The philosopher from Brabant in its entirety, that’s me. You see, I’m following the Philosophy of Science, Technology and Society master’s programme and will commence graduation in September. I am 24 years old now and during my time as a student I have mostly been active within committees and the board of T.C. Ludica and my then study association W.S.G. Isaac Newton. It is not insignificant to note that I am the reigning table football champion of the SU.

Sophie Ligtenstein:
Small? Check! Blond? Check! Stubborn? Check! That’s how you can recognize me, Sophie Ligtenstein. I study Technical Medicine and have completed my bachelor’s degree last year. In addition I thought it was time for an entire new challenge and as such I have started working at the SU in September 2014 with the Communication, Internationalization and Events portfolios. In my free time I play hockey at DHC Drienerlo and skate at DSV de Skeuvel. In addition, you can also find me in the kitchen where I love to bake cakes, or at the piano studio to play music!

Laura Koot:
In August 2010 the time had come. I was moving to Enschede! Even though most of my Rotterdam friends said I was crazy, since “what could there be between all those meadows in the far east?”, the opposite was true. In addition to my Technical Medicine studies I am certainly not standing around doing nothing. I am a member of a students association, a student society and I beat all of my fellow board members during track races. Last March it was time for me to take on a new challenge: the Student Union. I am responsible for the Academic Development and Education portfolios.

Jasper Driessens:
After almost five years the time had come: an 18-year old young man, looking for a room, walked from Drienerlo station heading north and knew that he had reached the campus when he saw a squirrel cross the road. That was me, August 2010, when I started my Computer Science bachelor’s programme. Ever since I have been living at Probitas, drink beer with student society Koh-I-Noor, was active at Audentis, Inter-Actief and the Kick-In, have worked at the Student Information Office and right now I am concluding my time in Enschede as board member of the Student Union.

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Lisette Groeneveld:
Mentally and physically able to take on the challenge and, where necessary, be on the defensive. The martial arts I have practised at V.A.S. Arashi in the past years have made me a worthy opponent, despite the fact that I am the youngest of the SU team. Useful skills, of course, if you have to keep the rest of the board on budget. In addition to the Student Union’s finances I also keep myself busy with the Union buildings, the Atrium and the Union Shop. Before my year on the board I was very active at the UniPartners and my study association S.V.A.T. Astatine. After my year on the board I plan to first complete my Advanced Technology bachelor’s programme.

Pim Jager:
It has been about six years since I started my Computer Science studies at our beautiful University. A new life, new friends and new hobbies. In the past six years I have been a very active part of the Enschede student life. For instance a lot of committees and a board at my study association Inter-Actief, a year on the board of the umbrella organization for all study associations, the Study Association Union and now, as the crowning glory of my activism, a year as the Sports & Culture portfolio holder.
The Student Union consists of much more than six board members. Behind the scenes we are working with a much larger team:

- Sandra Nienhuis – office manager
- Jocintha Saimima – secretary
- Nathalie van Ek – academic development
- Pim Willems – academic development
- Tim Boers – accommodation
- Wahbé Rezek – communication UnionCard
- Anique Scheerder – general communication
- Myrthe Lamme – graphic designer
- Jelle Pingen – graphic designer
- Thijs Veldhuizen – translator
- Frank Eyhuisen – volunteer
- Pieter Smits – ICT
- Marijn Ambrosius – ICT
- Robert Maaskant – ICT
- Giel de Visser – entrepreneurship + Buddy project

As a result of the occupation of the “Bungehuis” and the “Maagdenhuis” in Amsterdam, participation (in Dutch: medezeggenschap) returns as a hot topic. This participation is well organized in Twente. Next to participation, our students have end responsibility in the fields of sports and culture. Maybe that is one of the reasons that, despite the protests occurring at other universities, it remained relatively quiet in Twente.

We are proud of “our Student Union”, which acts as an important guard for sports and culture facilities on campus. The “sintelbaan’s” renovation and the open air theatre are the latest examples of this.

Also last academic year the Student Union showed the competence of being an important and constructive discussion partner of the Executive Board (in Dutch: College van Bestuur). By cooperating we make sure that students experience the optimal student time, and that they can develop themselves towards global citizens. And we understand that this does not only happen “inside the lecture halls”. The activities that you participate in or organize – at the UT better known as student activism – are a key part of this transformation. Therefore, maintaining this student activism is an important topic during our meetings with the Student Union.

Another good example of the connecting power of the Student Union, which also takes care of the optimal student time for every UT student, is the Buddy programme. A programme that has been further developed last year. Within this programme the Student Union couples new international students to a buddy, who takes care of the new students, making sure they feel welcome on campus and in the Netherlands. The buddy on the other hand widens his/her horizon by meeting new people and cultures.
The SU is an organisation for and by students and it is the president's task to manage this as best as possible. Through facilitating participation moments as much as possible in the past year, the SU has actually discussed various themes together with all associations. Themes such as internationalization, co-option and student participation have been important and are still a concern to all students today.

One of the results is that in the coming year the participation of students in curricular and organisational themes at the UT will be strengthened. Partly because the SU has been closely involved with the (reorganization of) units of the UT, student input is guaranteed. Think of, for example, internationalization, the reorganization of the Campus Service Department or the education innovations. Because of this guarantee the UT is also shaped for and by students, one of the most important preconditions of a university as far as the SU is concerned.

The above all sounds very abstract now, as president I am mostly busying myself with the supervision of staff members and serve as a sounding board for my fellow board members on a daily basis. That's something of a challenge as well!

- New agreement between the UT and the SU concluded
- Professional support of the SU expanded with 0.9 FTE
- The long-term strategy 2016 - 2019 discussed and designed
- Acquired international connections in Finland
Do you want more than a degree? This is possible at the University of Twente! There’s a wide variety of student organizations at which you can participate in or organize activities yourself. The Academic Development and Education portfolio holder is responsible for everything students learn outside of regular education. It starts with making students familiar with the phenomenon and possibilities of activism, but especially what learning experiences there are.

The Activism Market was organized again this year, this is where students can familiarize themselves with everything the UT has to offer. In addition, the Student Union offers several training courses. These training course are available to both individual students, the Skills Certificate programme, as well as the boards of the university, the Board Improvement Programme. This activism is rewarded of course, in the shape of activism recognition as well as the first-year activism award.

In short, learn and earn More than a Degree!

- Skills Certificate
- Board Improvement Program
- Activism recognition
- First-year activism award
- Activism market

This year we have dedicated ourselves especially to involving (individual) students at the SU and have attempted to boost the SU’s name recognition and reputation.

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Internationalization is booming business at the UT

Dat is ook te merken bij de Student Union. Wij zetten ons in voor de integratie tussen Nederlandse en internationale studenten, maar ook voor het activeren van internationale studenten om actief te worden in commissies en besturen.

Global Lounge

All kinds of things are happening at the university in terms of internationalization. Sadly it’s not always very visible. We’d like to change this by means of a Global Lounge! In the past year we’ve worked very hard to create this international living room. In the summer of 2015 its doors will be opened to all students, both Dutch and international, at the Bastille. Be sure to drop by!

Training Intercultural Communication

There are more and more international students attending the university. Due to cultural differences, a change in behaviour and way of working arises as well. In order to help association board members deal with these differences we have twice offered them a training course that focused on intercultural communication.

Sports & Culture

Sports

Almost half of the students at the university participates in a sport: at an association, fitness, or in a different manner. This year a new athletics track was constructed on campus. By switching from slag to tartan and by installing a sprint area, uphill/downhill and a long jump platform the athletics course is once again completely up-to-date. New floats were placed at the Water sports complex to ensure that the rowers and the canoers have a safe place to get into the water in the years to come.

Culture

About 600 students are an active part of culture by standing on a stage, making music, taking pictures, dancing, or participating in one of the many other cultural activities. In addition to that, even more students are a part of culture by attending the many performances, from cabaret to exposition, in the Vrijhof.

UnionCard

A UnionCard was introduced in September 2014, a discount card for all students. This makes it easier to participate in sports and culture and use student benefit. At this time about 45% of the students have a UnionCard.
The Union buildings each have their own function. You'll find them at the heart of Enschede, on the water of the Twente canal and of course on campus.

**Accommodation**

- **Bastille**
  The Bastille is the building at the middle of the campus where, together with the Student Union, a large amount of other student organizations is housed. In the past year we have welcomed a large group of new organizations at the Bastille, namely: Event Support Drienerlo, African Energy & Consulting, de Enschedeploeg, UniTe, FACT and Green Team Twente!

- **Pakkerij**
  For a beer in the centre of the city you'll of course go to the Pakkerij. This is the building in Enschede where AEGEE, Taste, Alpha and Audentis are housed, each with their own pub. In the past year we've worked on the safety in this stately old building.

- **University Water Sports Complex**
  If you like water sports such as rowing, canoeing or sailing you can have lots of fun at the University Water Sports Complex at the Twente canal. In the past year we've invested heavily in this accommodation. For example, the floats, to get in and out of the water easily, have been renewed.

- **Wallstreet**
  And last, but especially not least, the study areas in the heart of Enschede. If you're looking for a place to study quietly, but the library on campus is a bit too far away, you'll of course head over to Wallstreet to study for your exam.

**Entrepreneurship**

The goal Get as many students as possible to become entrepreneurs! How? By supporting prospective entrepreneurs, for example, with cheap office space and other facilities. The UT is the most enterprising university. Ever since its founding many companies were established. Currently about 800 still exist, such as Thuisbezorgd.nl or Booking.com. Starting a company as a student, small of big, is one of the best experiences you can have. The Entrepreneurship portfolio holder spots trends and serves as the contact person between various parties.

- Launch of new financing programmes:
  - Dutch Student Investment Fund
  - Proof of Concept
  - TOP Light
- Financing of student enterprises, including:
  - Athom (from Kickstarter)
  - Clear Flight Solutions (from Cottonwood)
  - Structweb (from Proof of Concept)
  - LipoCoat (from Dutch Student Investment Fund)
- 73 participants in the Innovation & Entrepreneurship minor
- New association: Hardstart Student Entrepreneurs
- 12 inspiring events, including:
  - Route Suc6
  - Best Enterprising Student House
  - Startup Experience workshops
External Relations

Make and maintain contact with companies and organizations that can add something to the student life: this is the central theme for the External Relations portfolio holder.

For example, we have master contracts with Grolsch an Vrumona (of Pepsi), which means that every association automatically gets a discount on all beverages as well as making it easier to get sponsors for events through the SU. Saves you precious negotiating time! The Municipality of Enschede is also one of the parties we're in business with. For example, every month we meet with the alderman of Student Affairs to discuss how Enschede can become an even better student city.

Committees

- €1,481.90 Vrumona-hectolitre discount granted
- 28 events sponsored from the Grolsch subsidy fund, including the yearly CatchUp juggling weekend
- 40 events sponsored from the Vrumona subsidy fund, including the University of Twente Skating Championships by D.S.V. de Skeuvel
- Partnership with the Municipality of Enschede extended until 2018
Almost every student of the University of Twente starts his or her time as a student with nine fantastic days: the Kick-In! In order to have these nine days go perfectly, a year is spent working very hard to organize it all. To achieve this the Student Union puts together a group of students every year: the Kick-In Committee (KIC).

The year of the current committee started during the Kick-In 2014. They were working as crew to see what was going on behind the scenes. In November 2014 the real work began: from a playful theme presentation to programming, from arranging locations to meetings with bigwigs, from sponsoring to arranging do-group parents. Of course in consultation with all parties who participate in the Kick-In. All aspects of organizing an event have been addressed.

All efforts of the Kick-In Committee have lead to the coming nine days, and it won’t be just the new students who will enjoy it. Everyone at the UT immensely enjoys this kick-off of the new academic year!

Unlock the future!

De Kick-In Committee 2015
Annemiek, Nesha, David, Marijke, Mathijs and Pascale

TEDx is known throughout the world and a popular concept. In a short time, inspiring speakers deliver their pitch that match the theme. Of course, such a concept can’t be lacking at an entrepreneurial university like Twente! For that reason the second TEDxTwenteU was organized on 10 October 2014. The theme was Find your creative spark!

The day was filled with inspiring speakers who each conveyed their message to the public in a unique way. The list of speakers included, for instance, Angelique Schmeinck, one of the Netherlands’ master cooks, and Robin Koops, of Inreda Diabetic.

It was a very successful event, which is why we’ll have another in the spring of 2016! Will you be there?!
Once every two years the world’s largest student think tank is being organized for more than 1000 students. The last edition with day chair Art Rooijakkers was once again a resounding success. Businesses supply the University with challenging cases and students will together with their year club, society, sports teams, housemates or friends will subsequently think of innovative solutions for an entire day. This way they’ll have a chance of winning the main prize of 4000 euros!

In every edition the evening programme consists of various performances and acts and is concluded with a smashing party. By now CreaTe Tomorrow is a phenomenon at the university and your time as a student won’t be complete without having experienced it at least once!

- 6 committee members
- full-time
- 10 business supply 10 cases
- 4000 euros prize money
- 1250 participants
- 20 activists
- www.createtomorrow.nl

Enschede - a small city somewhere in the middle of nowhere in the Netherlands with a great appeal to students from all over the world, why?

Enschede is a great student city for Dutch students, and a lot of international students also come here to study! Thanks to Buddy, Dutch students and new international students are coming together. During three months the Buddy committee organizes all kinds of cool activities, such as pub quizzes and skating, to ensure that the participants, both Dutch and international, get to know each other and each other’s cultures. Buddy lets the students profit from the cultural diversity on campus but also causes an international atmosphere to be created somewhere in the middle of nowhere!

- 100 Dutch participants guide 150 international students
- Total 12 committee members (2x 6)
- Parttime
- Photo competition
- http://buddy.utwente.nl

September ‘14 + February ‘15

- 150 international and 100 Dutch participants
- 5 activities:
  - Dinner/Speed dating/Playing pool
  - Pub quiz in the Sports centre
  - Final Diner
  - High Tea
  - Open Air Museum Arnhem
Skills Certificate

Which competences do you have and which would you like to develop?

From public speaking, leadership to time management or conflict management. With the Skills Certificate programme all competences are addressed.

Appealing training bureaus will ensure that you or your entire board will be able to work on the competences that you want to develop during an exciting day. A training on a day or in the weekend, during the entire year you can choose a suitable subject.

- Training days
- Training weekends
- 4 committee members
- part-time
- A year
- www.skillscertificate.nl
Cultural umbrella organization Apollo is the representative of all culture associations of the university. They devote themselves to the visibility of culture on and around the campus. During the past year a brainstorm with culture board members has taken place to create fun events. In addition, there has been a very successful open gala and a spring fair was organized in which culture has dedicated itself for a good cause: the Landelijk Intrumentendepot Leerorkest. The culture associations have created some cool performances through collaboration, such as Shall we Dance and the Battle of the Cultures. In addition, several fifth-anniversary performances were put on this year.

The FACT devote themselves to the Pakkerij associations AEGEE, Alpha, Audentis and Taste, both inside and outside the UT. We maintain good contact with, for instance, the SU, the Kick-In Committee and the Municipality of Enschede. We also organize a Room-search day every year, during which upcoming students get to know the Pakkerij associations and possibly find their future room in Enschede. In addition, we are part of a national organization, the National Chamber of Associations, that devotes themselves to protect the interests of the active student. Through them we are closely involved in the latest political developments and we meet with the umbrella organizations from 12 other student cities to discuss how activism under students can be encouraged.

- 6 events
- 4 board members
- Full-time
- 18 culture associations

- 800 hectolitre beer
- 2 emergency exits
- 4 board members from the Pakkerij associations
- 4 independent board members
- Part-time
The Student Association Union (OS) looks after the interests of all study associations at the University of Twente. Through collaboration between all study associations through the OS, we’re able to organize more events for the students. The OS has multiple committees, for example, a committee (ICOS) that thinks about how international students can become more involved in study associations. In addition, all study associations have a joint books contract. That way you’ll get high discounts as a student. The OS also actively participates in thinking about improving the education.

- 7 board members, all former study association
- 5 faculty representatives
- 2 independent board members
- 5 committees
- 25 activities
- Part-time

In the past year a lot has happened at the Sports umbrella organization and sports associations. Many tournaments, activities and games were organized. There were some great performances, but the fun was the most important part!

For example, 10 associations celebrated their fiftieth anniversaries. To celebrate this, everyone joined forces and a large sports tournament was organized, which was concluded with a great party in the Sports Centre. Games, such as NSKs, were also organized, to ensure that all students from all over the Netherlands could compete for the prizes in beautiful Enschede. In addition, the subsidy for all sports associations were approved again. That way, all sportsmen and women can participate again without a care in the coming academic year.

- 37 associations
- 60 sports
- 6 board members
- Part-time
UniTe is the umbrella organization that forms a platform for internationalization and integration. Within this platform subjects are discussed that matter to both national and international students. While UniTe has organized multiple events to promote internationalization, this year the focus lay on collaboration with the Student Union to make the Global Lounge happen. In addition we worked on the houses, and it was very important to involve the international students in the active student life.

By actively participating in Student Union discussions and by consulting with other organizations, UniTe has contributed to the focus of the university on internationalization.

In addition to the four known sectors, culture, sociability, international, sports and study the UT has even more associations and foundations that give colour to the Twente student life. From an academic consulting agency to an investment club and from internship mediation to Green Team Twente. Even though the goals and interests of these associations and foundations vary greatly, they are all connected to the SU under the sector other. In this sector the SU serves as umbrella organization.
This is a brief summary of what happened at the Student Union financially last year. A more detailed description of the realization and the budget is available online.

The Student Union has a number of major sources of income. One is the central support the Student Union annually receives from the university. This is used for events, strategic budgets for special projects and a number of internal UT subsidies. The Committees income includes income from registration fees of events. All other income are shown in the figure.

The expenses Enterprises consists of the atrium and UnionShop. The UnionShop sells all sorts of products that are necessary for students. Under the post committees are the Kick-In committee, Lustrum committee, Skills Certificate committee, TEDxTwenteU and the association weekend. All other major expenses are shown in the figure.

### Income 2014

- **Central support**: €1,400,000
- **Unioncards**: €315,000
- **Equity capital**: €160,000
- **Committees**: €160,000
- **Rental fund UT**: €110,000
- **Partners (committees)**: €70,000
- **Partners**: €60,000
- **Atrium**: €50,000
- **Unionshop**: €45,000
- **Other**: €20,000

**Total**: €2,390,000

### Expenses 2014

- **Housing & accommodation**: €750,000
- **Sports and culture**: €345,000
- **Internal organization**: €305,000
- **Committees**: €335,000
- **Enterprises**: €200,000
- **Portfolio-specific**: €75,000
- **Open-air theatre**: €70,000
- **Trainings and courses**: €55,000
- **Subsidy funds**: €55,000
- **Study tours contribution**: €35,000
- **Equity capital SU**: €140,000
- **Equity capital UT**: €25,000

**Total**: €2,390,000
Many developments are scheduled in the next academic year. First, a new class of TEM students will become active in student life, and they will bring new insights with them. There are several reorganizations planned as well; we will find out how the new Campus service department is running and whether it can truly realize more initiatives on campus. Finally, the debate on student participation at the UT will get its sequel, resulting in the university being more and more in the hands of the students. All exciting subjects! The Student Union will, in accordance with her mission, meet these developments and adjust them where necessary. It has been explained earlier in this Impact Report that the Student Union has a new Strategic Plan for the years 2016 - 2019. This plan states the ambitions that give direction to the mission. SU’s active policy will be within those ambitions.

The four large ambitions are:

1. Sense of community
   In order to achieve a great sense of community all students organizations are of essential importance. Students integrate in the context of associations and come closer together that way, which results in (international) integration.

2. Room for academic development
   Students have to develop into a socially involved professional. This goes farther than just obtaining knowledge within their studies. There has to be room for students to take on the responsibility of their own choices and to show personal initiative.

3. A great time as a student
   Students of the UT are proud of their time as a student. This period is characterized by a safe atmosphere, a lot of room for relaxation and sports and a lot of fun. Alumni of the UT will become ambassadors for the Twente student life.

4. Student participation
   Students have to become involved in the policies of the national politics and the UT as well as the SU’s policy. This way the students will know where they can go to ensure objectives can be achieved quickly.
We challenge you!

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