

The Overleg Studieverenigingen

Signatories: ...

Topic: Internationalization at the University of Twente

The study associations,

Reaffirming their intention to make study associations a place where all students can feel at home,

Observing that the UT shouldn't be a Dutch university with English taught programmes, but a truly international university,

Having considered that internationalisation does not stop at transitioning to English,

Noting the importance of learning intercultural competencies as integral part of all curricula,

1. Strongly encourage their members to use English as lingua franca in the association rooms and during association events once the corresponding bachelor is English-taught;
2. Decide that all public written communication should be in English including but not limited to:
 - a. Policy plans,
 - b. Advertising materials,
 - c. Summaries of minutes;
3. Pledge to make current events more accessible to non-Dutch speaking members and to organise more events in collaboration with international student associations;
3. Call upon the University of Twente to communicate using the "Dutch below" principle;
4. Ask the University of Twente to further support students, associations and staff by ensuring and promoting:
 - a. The funding of any and all translation services such as:
 - i. Document translation,
 - ii. Interpreting services,
 - b. Cheap and accessible English and Dutch language courses,
 - c. Cheap and accessible cultural interchange, awareness and sensitivity training events;
5. Request that all educational programmes make an effort to further improve the level of English as written in the materials and as spoken by staff.