

Agreements and vision on constitution drinks

Organisation of Study associations



Introduction

At the start of the academic year of 2017 Organisation of Study associations received some concerns about the constitution drinks of the associations on this campus. These constitution drinks are a well-known tradition by the associations and at the same time they are events with a higher chance of riskful situations. That is why we as study associations have combined our current agreements and current vision in this document. We want to maintain this tradition while we simultaneously minimise the possible risks during these events.

What is a constitution drink?

When a new board of a study association has been charged the association organises a constitution drink to receive and meet the (new) boards of other associations. Additional invitees could be members of the associations, friends and staff members. Every board or group of invitees can visit the board to congratulate them.

During the constitution drink, the visiting boards can try to capture some of the belongings of the organising association. This causes situations with friendly, but physical, contact between the board members who are trying to capture and protect those belongings. The study associations acknowledge that this can lead to riskful situations.

Agreements

To minimise these risks during a constitution drink and maintain the safety of the guests, all the associations are following these agreements:

- Every study association receives this document with agreements every year before the constitution drinks together with the alcohol and activity policies of the University of Twente.

(If there will be an extra document with specific rules, this agreement will change to: "Every study association receives a document with all the detailed rules during a constitution drink. These rules describe which kind of behaviour, physical contact and actions are tolerated and which kind are not.")

- The boards are obligated to follow these rules and spread them among their members and their candidate boards.
- The organising association has to appoint a group of students (usually called *pedellen*) which are responsible for maintaining safety together with the bartenders and the 'BHV'-persons. These students all get a briefing with additional information like the program and how they should behave during a constitution drink, based on the agreements.
- The organising association has to make sure that the guests on the drink are informed of the agreements. If a guest fails to keep these agreements, appropriate steps may be taken by the organising association to minimise possible risks.
- Before the drink, the associations make an agreement on which of the objects are eligible to capture.

In every situation, the general rules and alcohol/activity policies of the University of Twente are leading.