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Foreword

Dear Reader,

In this document, you will find the policy plan of the Illrd board of the student party Verenigd Onder Studentenbelang (V.O.S.). This policy plan is submitted for approval at the General Members' Meeting of 27 November 2025. Following approval, it will be in force until the next board transition in November 2026.

We have reached a point at which student participation at Radboud University can no longer be imagined without V.O.S., which is admirable for a party that has participated in elections only twice so far. The Second Board has done outstanding work in further developing the association over the past year, resulting in the impressive achievement of eight seats. In addition, the umbrella boards and faction activities have received a great deal of dedication and effort, for which we are very grateful. As the Illrd board, we look forward to continuing the work of the founding board, the second board, as well as the previous umbrella associations and faction members.

The composition of the Third Board is as follows:

Chair:	<i>Stijn Andringa (he/him)</i>
Secretary:	<i>Anne van Schaik (she/her)</i>
Treasurer:	<i>Daan de Hoijer (he/him)</i>
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We aim to further develop the association by focusing on three pillars. These are (1) structure and professionalisation, (2) campaign and communication, and (3) connectedness. In formulating these plans, the recommendations of the second board were taken into account, as well as input from the faction and the umbrella organisations. The remainder of this document includes a restatement of the statutory objectives of V.O.S. (Chapter 1), our plans and vision for the period ahead (Chapter 2), an explanation of the budget (Chapter 3), and a description of general matters (Chapter 4).

Through the steps outlined in this document, we are working towards a strong, recognisable, and sustainable organisation. By strengthening the identity of V.O.S., streamlining its campaign efforts, and fostering connectedness within the organisation, we ensure that V.O.S. can continue to fulfil its role as a stable, responsible, and connecting student party, not only now but also in the years to come.

On behalf of the Illrd board of Verenigd Onder Studentenbelang (V.O.S.).

Stijn Andringa
Chairperson 2025-2026

1. Statutory objectives

Verenigd Onder Studentenbelang (V.O.S.) is an association that emerged from cooperation between the student umbrella organisations of Nijmegen. V.O.S. is a student party representing students in the university participation bodies of Radboud University. The umbrella organisations that have thus far united within V.O.S. are B.O.S. (social student associations), CODC (cultural associations), CSN (religious associations), NSSR (sports associations), and SOFv (study associations).

V.O.S. has had formal statutes in place since 17 May 2024. These statutes define the objective of the association as follows:

“To represent the interests of its members,- such as student associations in Nijmegen and other associations that (in part) pursue the objective of holding seats in the University Student Council (hereinafter: USC) of the Radboud University Foundation. In order to make a positive contribution to active student life at Radboud University and to ensure that the campus is a liveable environment for everyone.”

This statutory objective is pursued through:

“Enabling candidates nominated by the (member) associations to be elected and to take seats in the USR, including developing a campaign for the candidates prior to the USC elections and by providing support to elected candidates throughout their term of office.”

The Third Board has formulated its policy in accordance with this objective. Throughout the academic year, the statutory objective will serve as the basis for decision-making within the association. In the interest of transparency, the statutes will also be published on the website, so that anyone may familiarise themselves with our fundamental principles.

2. Plans & Vision

Three pillars have been established to serve as the foundation for the academic year 2025–2026:

- **Structure and Professionalisation:** Now that V.O.S. is becoming a recognised presence on the campus of Radboud University, it is important to further develop the association. We will once again focus on strengthening our organisational structure in order to make V.O.S. more sustainable and future-proof as an organisation.
- **Campaign and Communication:** Organising the campaign is a core task of our association, as it enables us to represent active students within the system of university participation. We will work towards an earlier start to the campaign and increased visibility.
- **Engagement:** In times of increasing individualism and polarisation, we, as the largest party within the USR, seek to take responsibility for strengthening our connection with the students who vote for us, the umbrella organisations, and the other parties within the University Student Council.

2.1. Structure and Professionalisation

V.O.S. is a relatively young party that has built a strong position within the system of student participation at Radboud University in a short period of time. During the upcoming board term, we aim to further strengthen and consolidate this trajectory. This entails investing in the shared identity of V.O.S., further professionalising our internal structures, and safeguarding continuity in the party's knowledge and organisational culture.

V.O.S. originates from five different umbrella organisations, each with its own dynamics, constituency, and traditions. This diversity is precisely our strength, but it also requires a deliberate focus on what unites us.

2.1.1. Strengthening the shared V.O.S.-identity

To strengthen the shared identity, we will organise a joint session between the faction and the board during the first semester of this board year. We will ask the faction to gather input from their fellow board members within the umbrella organisations. During this meeting, we will jointly determine which values, objectives, and attitudes best encapsulate the "V.O.S. identity."

These insights will be incorporated into a concise vision document (no more than one A4 page), which will serve as a guiding framework for, among other things, the party manifesto. The board will submit this document to the General Members' Meeting for approval. The document will be finalised and shared within the association before 15 March 2026.

2.1.2. Developing policy positions

A shared identity also requires jointly developed substantive positions on key policy themes. V.O.S. seeks to provide direction in debates on topics such as education,

sustainability, inclusion, accessibility, the societal role of the university, and how to deal with polarisation.

These themes will be developed in an internal discussion document to which both the faction and the board will contribute input. Each theme will be given a concise yet clearly articulated position that goes beyond the scope of the party manifesto. Should issues arise in the future that relate to these policy themes, this document will enable us to respond to questions efficiently and consistently. The document will be finalised before 1 May 2026 and will serve as the basis for future party manifestos and policy decisions.

2.1.3. Improving cooperation between the board and the faction

A strong party depends on effective cooperation between the board and the faction. The board will therefore attend at least one faction meeting per cycle. The faction aims to meet twice per cycle. By attending (part of) these meetings, the board increases its visibility and strengthens the substantive alignment between the two bodies.

In addition, we encourage the faction to engage more frequently in discussions on substantive issues and party-wide themes. The board will share news items with the faction chair that it considers relevant for discussion. Conversely, the faction chair may also initiate such exchanges if input from, or the opinion of, the board is desired on specific topics. We remain open to further suggestions on how the board can better support the faction.

2.1.4. Developing a multi-year policy plan

Continuity is essential within student participation. As V.O.S. is now governed by its third board, we aim to better safeguard the accumulated knowledge and vision so that it is not lost over time. We will therefore work towards a multi-year policy plan that provides direction for the development and stability of V.O.S. over the next five years.

This document will outline our vision and ambitions for successive boards. Input will be collected from the faction, former boards, and members. A draft version will be ready no later than 1 April 2026 and will be submitted to the General Members' Meeting later that year.

2.1.5. Strengthening cohesion and knowledge retention

To promote mutual connectedness and knowledge exchange within the party, we will organise two accessible activities: an Oud-V.O.S. Day (Former V.O.S. Day) and a joint umbrella organisation activity for the active members.

The Oud-V.O.S. Day will bring together current and former board members and faction members, providing an opportunity to share knowledge and experiences. The joint umbrella activity will focus on informal interaction and strengthening the "V.O.S. family." Both activities will take place in 2026.

2.1.6. Strengthening cooperation between umbrella organisations

V.O.S. also seeks to play a connecting role in cooperation between the umbrella organisations. We encourage the umbrella organisations to support one another's promotion efforts by actively reposting social media content. While this is by no means obligatory, additional visibility can be created for events and activities where house styles and promotion schedules allow.

In addition, an umbrella organisation activity will be organised, and the feasibility of an end-of-year gathering will be explored. To facilitate coordination, the existing umbrella WhatsApp group will be used as a platform for mutual alignment.

2.1.7. Visibility at GMM's and activities of umbrella organisations

To increase our visibility among students and associations, board members will actively attend General Members' Meetings and activities of the umbrella organisations. We aim to visit each umbrella organisation at least twice per year: once in the first half of the board year and once in the run-up to the elections.

During these visits, we will engage in dialogue with attendees, explain V.O.S.'s positions, and invite members to think along with us or become actively involved.

2.1.8. Drafting handbooks for faction chairs

To structurally retain knowledge and experience, we will draft a handbook for faction chairs. This digital document will provide practical guidance on onboarding, meeting structures, communication, and cooperation.

The handbook will be compiled based on input from the current and former faction chairs and is intended to give future faction chairs a strong starting position. A draft version will be completed before 1 March 2026 and discussed with the faction in April.

2.1.9. Handbooks and onboarding

During the 2024–2025 board year, the chair and treasurer drafted a handbook to preserve and carefully transfer the knowledge and experience of V.O.S. board members. The board will maintain and update this document in the coming year where necessary, ensuring that expectations regarding board members and their roles are clearly defined.

During onboarding moments with the Fourth Board of V.O.S., the handbook will be shared and reviewed jointly to ensure a smooth transition and onboarding period. Should it become apparent during the year that additional guidelines are required for other roles or tasks, supplementary handbooks will also be developed.

2.1.10. Visibility of V.O.S. at open days

V.O.S. will continue to actively present itself at open days, in cooperation with SLIM. During these events, we promote active student life and highlight the role of V.O.S. as a representative of both studying and board-active students.

We aim to deliver presentations at open days throughout the academic year to ensure continued visibility of V.O.S. These presentations contribute to our name recognition among prospective students and strengthen our reputation as a party that stands for engagement and responsibility.

2.1.11. Revision of the candidate list formation process

Transparency and broad support are important in the formation of the candidate list. We will evaluate the current list formation process and examine how it can be made fairer and better substantiated, without sharing privacy-sensitive information from application interviews.

In February 2026, a discussion will be organised with the faction, the board, and the advisory council. Subsequently, a revised proposal will be presented to the General Members' Meeting in April 2026.

2.2. Campaign and Communication

Organising and executing a strong and visible campaign is one of the most important tasks of V.O.S. Placing focus on expanding and improving the tools needed to achieve this is therefore one of the goals of the Third Board. This requires attention not only to elements such as communication and promotion on social media, but also to drafting a party programme and securing sponsorship. In this way, we all contribute to a successful campaign.

2.2.1. Partyprogramme committee

The party programme is an essential tool for communicating the shared positions of all members of V.O.S. during a campaign and in the eventual objectives of the University Student Council. In order to arrive at a broadly supported and representative programme, the Third Board will establish a party programme committee. This committee offers V.O.S. members, as well as non-members, the opportunity to provide input for the party programme.

In addition to the objective of developing a broadly supported and representative programme, as mentioned above, a committee with such a specific objective can also effectively elaborate the programme. To give this committee sufficient time for its tasks and to be able to deliver a solid party programme, the committee will be launched in December 2025. We aim for at least one representative per umbrella organisation, with a maximum of seven to eight members. The board will fulfil a coordinating role.

2.2.2. Campaign committee

To properly prepare the campaign, a campaign committee will be established in December 2025. This committee will consist of members of the board, the faction, and interested volunteers.

By starting early, sufficient room is created to carefully develop ideas and establish a clear division of tasks. The committee will develop multiple activating campaign initiatives, including ideas proposed last year, and will coordinate their implementation with the board. Tasks will be divided in January 2026, working towards a concrete campaign plan.

The aim is for the campaign not only to focus on visibility, but also on interaction with and involvement of students on campus: the campaign is something we do together.

2.2.3. Campaigning slogan

A clear identity requires a clear message. This year, we will formulate a catchy, positive slogan that reflects the values of V.O.S. and is recognisable across all our communications. This slogan will be included in our promotional and campaign materials and will be developed by the campaign committee.

2.2.4. Social media

This year, strong emphasis will again be placed on promotion through the social media channels on which V.O.S. is active: Instagram and LinkedIn. At the same time, the vitality of using TikTok will also be examined. This will create room to emphasise what V.O.S. stands for, who represents the party, and to explicitly highlight results achieved by the faction, as other parties also do. Formats such as testimonials from active students and highlights of the umbrella organisations will be continued. The guiding principle is: better to replicate something well than to invent something poorly.

As a fixed part of the collaboration, the umbrella organisations will be asked on occasion throughout the year to repost important V.O.S. posts (in the umbrella organisations' stories). This will increase the reach and recognisability of V.O.S. This will, of course, only take place at appropriate and previously agreed moments.

During the campaign, the use of sharing several reels will again be pursued. These were well viewed in the past year and ensured strong communication with potential voters.

Information will also be shared regularly outside the campaign period. This primarily aims to ensure that followers are better informed about student participation, the party, and to demonstrate that a vote for V.O.S. leads to tangible results.

In contrast to the conditions applied by Google, it appears that V.O.S. cannot make use of the non-profit option at Canva. The Second Board was able to use this via a personal premium account of one of the board members. The Third Board has a

similar arrangement until the end of March. After that, we will explore other options, such as making use of the accounts of our umbrella organisations by mutual agreement. Another option is to work with the free version. Should (financial) opportunities arise to obtain the premium version, this will be considered. The options within Canva are significantly expanded with this version, but we are bound by limited financial means.

2.2.5. Sponsoring

Sponsorship is an essential tool for V.O.S. to ensure both its continued existence and the realisation of an effective campaign. These collaborations have included components of both financial sponsorship and material donations. The Third Board of V.O.S. therefore intends to continue its partnerships with K.O. Company, Fuik Bascafé, and Red Bull.

We will also explore opportunities for sponsorship related to the food actions organised during the campaign period, for example through supermarkets. When entering into new partnerships, advantages and disadvantages will be weighed carefully. We strive for sustainable collaborations.

V.O.S. itself organises relatively few activities and has a relatively small membership, which means opportunities for (structural) sponsorship are limited. Therefore, the objective is to continue existing cooperation agreements, such as those with the organisations mentioned above, in a similar form and scope. Nevertheless, an election campaign offers multiple opportunities to expand sponsorship. During this period, V.O.S. is highly visible, creating ample opportunities to promote products or services. There remain significant opportunities for growth in this aspect of sponsorship.

2.2.6. Expanding the promotion strategy

In addition to the current methods of promotion, efforts will also be made to further expand the promotion strategy. This will result in at least two initiatives: interactive promotion and physical promotion outside the campaign period.

Interactive promotion is primarily based on the idea that when people can actively participate in something (for example at a stand), they are more inclined to approach on their own initiative. This allows interaction to originate from the target group itself, leading to genuine interest and a more positive experience. Examples include initiatives used at events such as the introduction market, such as prize wheels or can-throwing games. This aims to increase the visibility and originality of the campaign.

In addition, it will be explored whether it is feasible to physically promote V.O.S. on campus outside the campaign period. This could include distributing surveys among students. This will also provide useful information about which topics and concerns are relevant to students whom V.O.S. likely does not know well or does not easily reach; often non-board members.

2.2.7. Expectations and communication towards externals

Over the past year, it has become apparent that the campaign and communication of V.O.S. can be further strengthened through timely and clear coordination with all involved parties. It is important that expectations regarding the campaign are communicated at an early stage to all umbrella organisations, the individuals on the list, and the list pushers. This enables everyone to better prepare and contribute to an effective and consistent campaign. Each umbrella organisation has been assigned a contact person from the V.O.S. board, making it clear who their first point of contact is. This ensures unambiguous communication before, during, and after the campaign.

In addition, more attention will be given to involving the Friends of V.O.S. (VVs) in campaign activities. We will begin assigning VV status to individuals and create an overview of who they are, so they can be included in communication and invitations. They may unsubscribe themselves should they wish to do so. By actively involving and jointly mobilising them, the board aims to foster a stronger and more recognisable V.O.S. feeling. This shared sense of connectedness and enthusiasm forms the core of a successful campaign in which cooperation, transparency, and the true V.O.S. identity are central.

2.2.8. Campaign training sessions

In addition to the existing information session for those who will assist during the campaign, a campaign training session will be provided for this group (and specifically also for the candidates on the list) by the Third Board. Board members with experience in this area will teach how to best approach and persuade people. This will lead to more effective campaigning and greater confidence among those assisting when approaching unfamiliar individuals.

Prior to the search for new political commissioners, we will map moments when the umbrella organisations are available and will schedule the information session and campaign training accordingly. This can then be directly included by the current umbrella boards in their communication towards prospective boards.

2.2.9. Learning from sisterparties and sharing best practices

Apart from V.O.S., several student parties in other cities are committed to active student life. To strengthen our own approach, we will actively engage in discussions with these sister parties about their campaign experiences.

We will discuss what works well for them in reaching students, how they create interaction, and which resources are most effective. In this way, we not only gather inspiration but also strengthen the mutual ties between parties that share the same mission. We aim to engage in discussions with at least two sister parties, and we will pass on the outcomes to the campaign committee.

2.3. Connectedness

Various obstacles have presented themselves to V.O.S. in recent years. One important example is the low level of student involvement in elections. Furthermore, it often proves easy to highlight contrasts between parties within the council, while finding connection and common ground is more challenging. We aim to facilitate this better. These are issues faced by the Third Board, but at the same time matters to which it seeks to contribute solutions.

2.3.1. Turnout-rates

In recent years, turnout for the elections of the University Student Council has been very low. It is important that students become more involved in the elections. As the largest party in the student council, V.O.S. also has a responsibility to seek ways to encourage more students to vote.

Through dialogue with Radboud University, the Third Board hopes to identify opportunities to make the voting process more accessible and visible to students. One possibility is placing more general, neutral posts about the elections on the channels of Radboud University and student associations. Additionally, it may be explored whether the University can be encouraged to establish, for example, a campaign budget. Such forms of institutional support are necessary so that student parties can pursue these objectives more effectively and independently.

2.3.2. Popularity of participational bodies

In addition to increasing involvement through a higher percentage of students exercising their voting rights, involvement can also be defined and strengthened in other ways. The Third Board wishes to work together with other parties to examine which infrastructure is needed to attract student attention beyond periodic moments. For example, by giving more attention to student participation in newsletters, students can gain more insight into campus politics beyond election periods alone.

2.3.3. Depolarisation

It has become clear to everyone that polarisation in society has increased in recent years. There is no single organisation, whether national or local, that can reverse this development. Nevertheless, the Third Board of V.O.S. intends to explore whether polarisation within the boundaries of the campus can at least be reduced to some extent. In doing so, it hopes to depolarise debates and act in a connecting manner, resulting in a stronger societal impact.

In practice, this connection can be sought through discussions about issues that are commonly experienced, including the low turnout in student council elections. In addition, parties may organise joint activities, for example in the form of lectures on topics that transcend debates about campus politics, thereby simultaneously generating interest in (university) politics.

2.3.4. Activating our constituency

During and after the previous elections, many associations indicated that they struggled with the fact that V.O.S. is a semi-political organisation. This resulted in restrictions on hanging campaign materials and some associations choosing not to post content on social media. Many wished to remain 'politically neutral.'

We will conduct research into how we can reconnect with study, sports, cultural, social, and religious associations. The objective is to gain more support from them during the campaign. In addition, we will communicate the importance of V.O.S. more clearly.

3. Finances

3.1. Budget

Income post	Amount in €	Expenses post	Amount in €
CSN	€ 75,00	Campaign	€ 500,00
B.O.S.	€ 150,00	Promotionmaterial	€ 250,00
SOFv	€ 150,00	Website	€ 25,00
NSSR	€ 150,00	Banking traffic	€ 150,00
CODC	€ 150,00	Repaying debts	€ 150,00
Sponsoring	€ 300,00		
Voluntary income	€ 150,00		
Total income	€ 1.125,00	Total expenditure	€ 1.075,00
Result	+ € 50,00		

3.2. Explanation of income

In the past year, the treasurer of the Second Board reviewed the contributions of the umbrella organisations. The umbrella organisations indicated that the distribution was unfair. The current contribution has been aligned with the umbrella organisations and determined based on factors such as membership size and spending capacity. It remains important that umbrella organisations continue discussions internally and with the V.O.S. board regarding these contributions and their level. As a result, the membership fees have been slightly adjusted as of 2025–2026.

This means that the contribution of CSN is €75.00. The umbrella organisations B.O.S., CODC, NSSR, and SOFv are each asked to contribute €150.00.

In addition to income from the umbrella organisations, sponsorship income of €300.00 is again expected this year. Experience from last year has shown this to be a realistic and achievable amount. At the time of writing, a renewed comparable contract with Molenstraat is being considered. Additionally, a voluntary contribution of €150.00 is expected to further finance the campaign. Total income will therefore amount to €1,125.00.

3.3. Explanation of expenditure

The largest expenditure will be campaign-related costs for 2026, budgeted at €500.00. This includes expenses such as purchases for food actions, prize giveaways, and other campaign activities. An additional €250.00 is budgeted for posters and stickers to promote V.O.S. A budget of €25.00 is allocated to maintain the V.O.S. website, and €150.00 is expected to be spent on banking fees for use of the ING account.

The balance sheet below shows that two creditors from the 2024 campaign have not yet been settled, amounting to €306.39 in total. It has been agreed with the creditors to repay these debts over two years, as V.O.S. currently lacks sufficient liquidity to repay them in full at once. Therefore, €150.00 has been budgeted for debt repayment. Total expenditure will amount to €1,075.00.

Balance Activa (Debet)		Status	Balance Passiva (Credit)		Status
Debiteur Sponsoring Molenstraat 2025	€ 366,87	In afwachting	Declaratie campagne posters 2025	€ 212,96	In afwachting
Betaalrekening	- € 20,22		Declaratie campagne 2024.2	€ 213,11	In afwachting
Kas	€ 0,00		Declaratie campagne 2024.3	€ 93,28	In afwachting
Spaarrekening	€ 0,00				
Eigen vermogen			- € 172,70		

3.4. Result

A positive result of €50.00 has been budgeted this year, as the current equity position is negative. Budgeting a positive result is necessary to restore the association's financial position and build a minimal reserve.

4. General points & best practices

Below we document information on matters within the party that will remain unchanged compared to last year. In doing so, the board distinguishes previously approved practices that it wishes to continue from emerging changes and plans within the party.

4.1. Structure

V.O.S. is a party that unites former political commissioners. The umbrella organisations from which these political commissioners originate are therefore the members of V.O.S. In addition to members, there are also Friends of V.O.S. (VVs). VVs are individuals who support V.O.S. where necessary.

V.O.S. is governed by a board, which fulfils a facilitating role in the existence of the party and bears final responsibility for the structure and atmosphere within the organisation. The board maintains regular contact with the faction and its members to effectively assess where support is needed.

A faction chair is appointed to organise and structure contact between the faction and the board. In this way, the board gains substantive information without assuming a supervisory role. As mentioned in section 2.8 'Drafting a handbook for faction chairs,' a faction chair handbook will be available as of the 2026–2027 board year.

In addition to faction meetings, the board will join faction meetings when necessary, either on its own initiative or at the invitation of the faction. Faction meetings will be minuted so that the board can remain involved.

In the coming year, V.O.S. will oversee three committees: the AllesCommissie for organising activities, the campaign committee, and—since this year—the party programme committee. For more information, see section 3.1 'Party Programme Committee.'

4.2 Professionality

In the context of professionalism, statutes and internal regulations (HR) have been established in recent years, which the board and its members must adhere to. In addition, the board uses LinkedIn and Instagram for party promotion, applying the V.O.S. house style, including its colours and logo.

V.O.S. is also recognised as a Google Non-Profit organisation, granting access to Google Workspace, including professional email addresses and storage via Google Drive.

As part of professionalisation, SLIM has allocated board months to the V.O.S. board. Contact with SLIM has been difficult in the past year. As in the previous year, the board will work on its own storage space, but since V.O.S. can in principle rely on the umbrella organisations, communication regarding a physical address will not be continued.

4.3. Diversity

V.O.S. is aware of its large and diverse constituency within the student community. V.O.S. consists of individuals with different fields of study, religious beliefs, and interests. To represent this diverse student body, it is important to consistently show consideration for one another and strive for an open and safe atmosphere in which everyone feels heard and seen.

In forming a new electoral list and party programme, attention will be paid to diversity within the faction, aiming to present a list that reflects this. Furthermore, the faction is encouraged to place accessibility on the agenda, as well as inclusion within education

4.4. Campaign and Planning

Responsibility for organising the campaign will lie with the board. To support the board and promote co-creation and support among members and constituents, a campaign committee will be formed in December, consisting of the full board. A separate committee will be established for the party programme; see section 3.2 'Campaign Committee.' Extensive feedback will of course be requested on the party programme.

When compiling the list, a lead candidate will be appointed. The lead candidate will again be assigned two buddies, allowing for frequent and trusted consultation.

4.4.1. Planning prior to the campaign

Month	Goal
December	Formation of the party programme committee, AllesCommissie, and campaign committee. Start collecting input.
Late February, early March	Drafting the party programme
April	List formation
April & May	Development of photos and posters for the elections
Early May	Presentation of the list on social media. Onboarding of the lead candidate for debates and interviews

4.4.2. Planning during elections

The campaign week lasts five working days and will be divided into different time slots. During the campaign week, possibly in May, the aim is to campaign actively on

campus with many committed volunteers. The Third Board encourages members and potential candidate boards to keep the campaign week free and contribute actively.

This group will form the basis of the volunteer team. In addition, candidates on the list, VVVs, and other interested individuals will serve as campaign volunteers. During the elections, active campaigning will take place on lecture days through food and drink actions, sponsorship deals, and activities. The goal is to project togetherness and a friendly atmosphere. We aim to make it easy for students to strike up conversations and engage substantively about V.O.S.

A campaign party will also be organised during the campaign week.

Afterword

Dear Reader,

The Third Board hopes to have sufficiently informed you of its vision and plans for the coming year. We are confident that the plans outlined in this document will contribute to a stronger and more visible Verenigd Onder Studentenbelang (V.O.S.). Active student life is indispensable in Nijmegen, yet it is simultaneously under pressure. For this reason, we would like to express our gratitude to everyone committed to preserving and improving student life.

Our plans can be summarised under three pillars: structure and professionalisation, campaign and communication, and connectedness. Implementing these plans will lead to a situation in which the term Verenigd Onder Studentenbelang becomes synonymous with stability, responsibility, and connection. We rely on your trust in carrying out our plans. In return, we will continue to involve and inform you.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who has contributed to our student party in recent years. First and foremost, the Second Board, which successfully navigated turbulent times and delivered an outstanding campaign. Thanks also go to the faction members of the past academic year, who continuously committed themselves to active students. Furthermore, thanks to the many volunteers and Friends of V.O.S. (VVs), we were once again able to run a highly successful campaign. These experiences enable the Third Board to face the future together and with great energy.

On behalf of the Third Board of Verenigd Onder Studentenbelang,

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Chairperson 2025–2026