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# CAERUS NEWSLETTER

*9th Edition*



**NINTH  
EDITION**

Welcome back!



Our Treasurer, Eleni, is not back in  
Groningen yet



# WELCOME (BACK)!

A message from the new Caerus Board

Dearest Caerus members,

The 6th Caerus Board welcomes you back to a new year of UCG and with that a new year in our beloved Caerus community. We would like to specifically welcome all first year students. Starting your UCG career in these daring times does not seem quite as joyful as was originally planned. Nevertheless, we will ensure that this year will still be filled with a lot of fun experiences and, right now, all of Caerus is working hard to make that happen!

We as a Board are very much looking forward to this year and see it as a challenge to keep Caerus at the community forming core of UCG. We are working close together with the faculty, committees and external parties to make as much possible as we can within the boundaries of these challenging times. Therefore, bear with us and remember: 'To get there, together!'

To make sure you have a voice in the development of Caerus and to not miss any important announcements, join the General Assembly on the 12th of October 18:00-20:00! Check your emails for more information.

We wish you all a great start of this academic year and stay safe!

// The 6th Caerus Board





# BOARD UPDATES

Let's introduce ourselves

Hi everyone, I am Birgit and I will be the Chair of Caerus for 2020-2021! I am currently in my 2nd year at UCG enjoying myself very much with all the extra courses I am taking. During my first year, I was part of the Lustrum Team and the Intro Week Committee. This showed me all the ins and outs of the study association and just how appreciative I am of it, and all that it does :). My goal is to be approachable and open to everyone who has a question, concern or need to chat about Caerus (or anything else).

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Chair: Birgit



Secretary: Zoe

Hey hey, my name is Zoe and I am currently in my 3rd year at UCG. I am majoring in Social Sciences and usually take courses in Psychology, Sociology and Politics. If I am not doing yoga, travelling or doing some kind of DIY stuff, you will most likely find me at the market or at some kind of second-hand shop. Initially, I had planned to go on an exchange semester to Spain but instead applied for Caerus Board which turned out to be a great decision. I am enjoying my time as secretary very much and I am grateful to be managing such an amazing study association! If you have any (administrative) questions, I will be there to listen and answer. So, please always feel free to contact me. Stay safe!

Email: [secretary@caerus-ucg.com](mailto:secretary@caerus-ucg.com)



Hoi hoi! My name is Eleni and I am in my 2nd year at UCG. I am focusing my studies on business/entrepreneurship-related subjects. I decided to do a board year because the events that Caerus organises have helped me deal with/(kind of) overcome my social anxiety and I wanted to give back and grow even more. Although I am currently unable to travel back to the Netherlands I look forward to when I will be able to attend one of our physical events and see you all again. I will try my best to overcome the challenges that the pandemic has created. Feel free to reach out if you need anything or have any questions. Hope you are all healthy and stay safe so we can see each other again soon.



**Treasurer: Eleni**

Email: [treasurer@caerus-ucg.com](mailto:treasurer@caerus-ucg.com)



**CAO Academic: Julius**

Heya, my name is Julius and I am a 3rd year UCG student. My studies are interdisciplinary and range from psychology to philosophy and from economics to the arts. I decided to do a board year in order to interact with Caerus in a more meaningful way and to develop myself. While my interests are primarily academic, I will be active at all things Caerus related. If you have any questions regarding our committees or if you are in a committee and want to get things done, please approach me. I am looking forward to representing Caerus and will try my best this upcoming year!

Email: [cao@caerus-ucg.com](mailto:cao@caerus-ucg.com)



Hey! My name is Eva and I'm going to be your cao (social) this year! After the summer I'll be starting my 3rd year at UCG. I'm doing a major in social sciences with a specific focus on international relations and international law. During my second year I was part of the Lustrum Team, thanks to the amazing time I had there I chose to do a board year! I'm looking forward to seeing all of you again (hopefully in real life and otherwise online) and hearing all of your questions and concerns about the amazing committees we have at Caerus. Feel free to contact me, either by whatsapp or by sending a simple text! Stay healthy <3.



CAO Social: Eva

Email: [ucsrnsocial@caerus-ucg.com](mailto:ucsrnsocial@caerus-ucg.com)



External: Geanne

Hi! My name is Geanne and I am currently a 2nd year at UCG. Right now, I am focusing on psychology, sociology and law in order to be able to do a masters in Criminology. I am a proud Groninger and hope to give Caerus the chance to get the credit it deserves within the student community. I will focus on expanding Caerus' network so members can grow their own social circle as well. I am open to all kinds of collaborations and hope to hear input and ideas from all over the Caerus community. Hope to meet all of you soon!

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# BOARD UPDATES

What have we been up to?

## Online Pub Quiz

As a first event, the 6th Board organized an online pub quiz which drew the attention of all years at UCG, especially of many new first years. The event was hosted by our CAOs and featured questions ranging from general knowledge to Caerus history. After the pub quiz, some people stuck around to talk a bit. Through this, we also got our first Caerus member of the class of 2023, Hedzer!

## Open Hours Block 1a

We currently have online as well as physical open Hours in the SA room.

Book an appointment for the online open hours [here](#).

If you prefer to talk to us in person, you can come to the SA room every Thursday between 12:00 and 14:00.

## Opening of the Academic Year

Just like any other year, Caerus was once again present at the opening of the UCG Academic year on the 3rd of September. The opening was hosted by our very own Chair, Birgit, and featured wonderful performances by MuCG. During this event we got to talk to quite some first years, which was a lot of fun! As a special guest, our very own Bart Swinkels gave an inspiring speech about Caerus. Thank you, Bart!

## Meetings with Committees

Over the past months our CAOs, Eva and Julius, have been meeting up with the committees. They have made sure that, despite the difficult times, all our committees have successfully transitioned from their 2019-2020 boards to their 2020-2021 boards. With all committees ready to go, expect some events coming up soon!





## Caerus Face Masks

As some of you might have already seen during the Committee Fair or on our instagram page, Caerus is selling its own custom masks!

The masks are high quality, washable masks in our own Caerus colors plus Caerus logo. For only €5 per mask, you have a nice mask that reduces the risk of spreading Corona and at the same time you are supporting Caerus. The revenue of the sale will be invested in facilitating Caerus events during the Corona Crisis. The committees and the Board are currently thinking of tents/gazeboes that would allow for the possibility to host events in outside areas which are easier to adhere to the new corona regulations.

You have the opportunity to either buy a mask during our open hours or send an email to [external@ucg-caerus.com](mailto:external@ucg-caerus.com)

In short: buy mask = more events + look good while at it!

## Committee Fair

It has been almost two weeks since the Committee Fair and we have already received many committee applications. During the committee fair all of the first years (and second and third) were able to walk through the committee fair and talk to our wonderful committees. We are also happy to say that this event has been very Corona proof. This was mainly because it was outside and everyone kept their distance and wore masks. We would like to thank you all for making sure that this was such an enjoyable and safe event.

The committees who were not able to join the physical committee fair did join online which made it possible for everyone to meet all of our committees.

For those of you who would still like to know more feel free to contact our cao's! And keep tabs on our website and Instagram because there might be an extra event coming up to give you another chance to meet our committees!

Our committees are still looking for new members! Feel free to sign up on our website if you are interested.



**UCSRN****University College Student Representatives  
of the Netherlands**

The 'University College Student Representatives of the Netherlands' (UCSRN) is the umbrella organization of all the University College studies (UC's) in the Netherlands. The UCSRN strives to integrate all the University Colleges and promote them to the general public and companies. We make sure to attend every General Assembly (GA). During the last UCSRN GA we discussed many important topics such as how to improve integration, usage of the budget, how to improve UCSRN and many more topics. We were also able to make sure that more money was put towards the social event fund and the self-initiative fund. If you're interested in organising a UCSRN it would be possible to apply for this money by sending in a proposal.

Throughout the year, multiple events at which all UC students come together are organised. Two of those annually organised events are the UCSRN Spotlight and the UCSRN Tournament. This year the legendary UCSRN Tournament will be hosted at University College Twente! The UCSRN tournament is a yearly event for all UCs of the Netherlands. In the tournament, we come together to compete for the bragging rights who is 'the best University College of the Netherlands' in both sports and culture! All UC's participate in activities ranging from tennis, soccer, Mario Kart, debating, improv, dancing and 20+ other activities.

Currently, we are also working on organising sports competitions (and perhaps even leagues) between the sports teams of the UC's. We hope to start up at least our very own football team this year to join of all these amazing competitions. If you are interested in organising or being part of a sports team make sure to contact UCGO, our sports committee, or one of our CAO's!



# COMMITTEE UPDATES

What your favorite committees have been up to!

## Career Team

Even before the start of the first block, the Career Team hosted this year's first event in collaboration with Elizabeth Mix. Elizabeth gave an intriguing talk and workshop about the value of the Liberal Arts and Science education. This combination was aimed at helping UCG students to describe the skills that you have or will acquire at UCG and used those in effective ways in motivation letters and on your resume. You can check out the slides here: <https://www.caerus-ucg.com/career/career-team>

This event took place twice due to the enormous amount of sign-ups. We were thrilled to see the big interest in such events and we're really excited about the big turn-out. Over a hundred people joined in!



Upcoming Career events are to be announced soon, so stay tuned!

## Intro Week

It has been a month since the Caerus Introduction Week ended. We hope that it was an enjoyable experience where making friends, getting to know Groningen and learning about UCG manifested itself. Even though Corona measures and a case of bad weather ruined the initial planning of the week, we still hope you had a good time!

The application for new Intro Week Committee members is now open! So, do you see yourself as the perfect fit to organise next year's introduction week, don't hesitate and sign up on the Caerus website!

## Civitas

The Civitas Committee is continuing with its Language Buddy System. Sign up on the Caerus website to become a Language Buddy and teach or learn a language of your interest. Besides that, we are happy to announce that the committee has successfully applied for the Ecolas fund. The fund will be used to make improvements to their Language Café. Congratulations to you, Civitas!



## PARTNER UPDATES

What have our friends and partners been up to?

### UCG Green Office & reUCG

This year we are excited to work together with the UCG Green Office. The UCG Green Office is taking a fresh start this year with more motivation and ideas than ever before.

Caerus will increase cooperation and collaborations with the Green Office for a more sustainable Study Association. We have created a new tab "Sustainability" on the Caerus Website. There you can find information about the Green Office and its projects as well as other initiatives. For example, the Facebook Group "reUCG", established by a few UCG students last year.

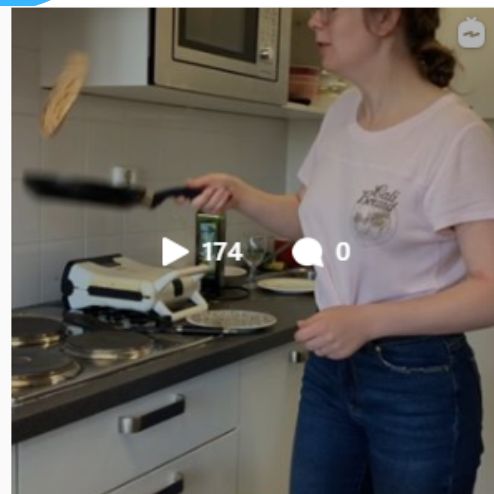
If you know of other sustainability projects that we should add to the website, send an email to [secretary@caerus-ucg.com](mailto:secretary@caerus-ucg.com)!



# RECAP FOR THE LAST BLOCK

Quarantine events & Thank you to the 5th Board

## Falling Walls - Quarantine Stories



**A big Thank You to the 5th Board for all  
Your hard work!**





## LOOKING FORWARD

What to keep an eye out for!



Want something added to the monthly newsletter? Email [secretary@caerus-ucg.com](mailto:secretary@caerus-ucg.com) before the last friday of the month.

## First General Assembly

We just received the disappointing news: Our first General Assembly will have to take place fully online on Blackboard Collaborate. This is mostly to comply with the new Corona regulations and keep everyone as safe as possible. The GA will take place on Monday, the 12th of October 18:00 - 20:00. Please make sure to attend the GA, whether you are part of a committee or not as some important announcements and decision will be made!

## Deep Talk: Climate Change // SOC Social Networking

Our committees SOC and Orbis have events planned in the near future! Orbis is working with the UCG Green Office to bring you a climate change themed deep talk in the next couple of weeks, while SOC is developing a way for Caerus members to stay connected and meet up in a corona-proof way.

Stay tuned!

(Event dates are to be announced and may be delayed due to Corona regulations)

**We hope to  
see you there!**

**Lots of love and stay safe,**

**THE 6TH CAERUS BOARD**

