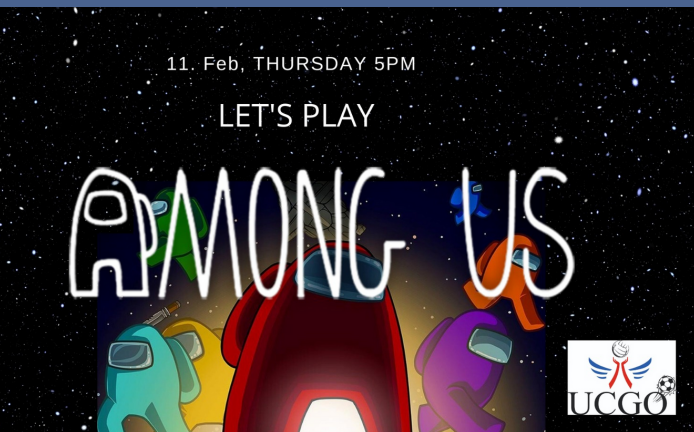


CAERUS NEWSLETTER

13th Edition



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EDITION NO. 13

**Find out what Caerus has been up to
and what you can look forward to!**

The Caerus Newsletter is a monthly newsletter intended to give you all the ins and outs of our Study Association. Informing you on all the Board has done in the past month to better the community and show that we are not just sitting around during these times. In addition, you can read about other awesome stuff such as committee updates, announcements and upcoming events you can participate in. Sometimes you can also find some external opportunities to make use of!

Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or like to add something. Email us at info@caerus-ucg.com




WELCOME TO BLOCK 3

We are halfway through the year

Dear Caerus members,

Welcome to the third block of this academic year. We wish you all the best for you academics and everything else that is going on this semester! Starting this new block does not only mean that we are halfway through the academic year but also halfway through another year of Caerus. We hope you have enjoyed your time in Caerus so far. By now, we have all become more used to online events and many committees have been highly motivated in organising more events. Thank you for all your hard work. You have definitely made quarantine a bit more bearable to our members! Furthermore, despite the difficult circumstances, the Caerus Board has been enjoying its time very much and is excited for the second half of the board year.

We are grateful to be part of this lovely community and hope to see many of you at our upcoming events!

Sending you love and stay safe, 

The Caerus Board



BOARD UPDATES

What have we been up to?

Reminder: Caerus WhatsApp Group



There have been many discussions and comments over the years about the event 'spam' in group chats. This is why we have decided to set up a chat to centralise all that one has to know about Caerus. It is called the 'Caerus Events and Updates' chat. We hope of course that you're already in there. If you are not, don't miss out and join the chat via this link <https://chat.whatsapp.com/E0FEmA92HrpGxUnjeaRZXX>

Here some reasons why this chat is an improvement:

Only the Caerus Board and Committee Chairs are admins, meaning that they are the only ones who can send messages. Therefore, there will be no spam and in case you have any more questions you can also find contact information in the chat description.

Make sure to add yourself to the chat to receive all Caerus updates and event information!

Second GA: SAVE THE DATE



Our **second General Assembly (GA)** will take place on Blackboard Collaborate on the 25th of February 18:00 - 20:00. This Thursday we will provide you with all the necessary documents. So stay tuned!

There will be several important announcements, updates and policy changes to vote on. We strongly urge every Caerus member to attend the GA so that you can contribute with your vote. There is also the opportunity for you to bring up additional points or ask questions. If you cannot be there, you can ask a fellow Caerus member to attend and vote for you. If you wish to have such a proxy-voter, please send an email to secretary@caerus-ucg.com before the 25.02 at 14:00!

We are looking forward to seeing you on the 25th of February at 18:00.



Study Groups



Later this week, Caerus will start its study group initiative: sign up [here](#) once the initiative has launched to join a study group and make studying a little bit easier during this disconnected time.

CUOS Corona Subsidy

Due to the Corona crisis, CUOS offered a new grant, the Corona Subsidy, to help student associations recoup funds that were lost due to the cancellation of events. We submitted an application to try and receive some money for events that we had prepaid but ended up being cancelled, such as the Batavierenrace. We recently have heard back from CUOS and unfortunately they have decided that they will not be giving us any funding. But don't worry, our finances are looking good and we are able to cover the costs without the subsidy! It was worth a try, though!

Community Building Project

In name of the Community Building Project, UCG, the first-years and Caerus have banded their efforts to bring you the best community in these difficult times. By meeting every month we talk through the new committees Caerus has set up with very enthusiastic first-years, the events that have taken place and will take place in the future and any other requests we have gotten from UCG students.

In the near future we are setting up an event for prospective students and working on making a podcast about both UCG and Caerus.

If there is anything you would like us to talk about, do not hesitate to shoot a message to +31638716533 or email chair@caerus-ucg.com

Caerus List

Our new initiative "[Caerus list](#)" provides a platform for people that are currently overwhelmed with tasks due to the lockdown. On Caerus list they can post job offers for students that can then help out with babysitting, doing chores, do groceries and so on.

If you know anyone who is in need for some help, feel free to make them aware of our initiative. They can contact us by emailing info@caerus-ucg.com!

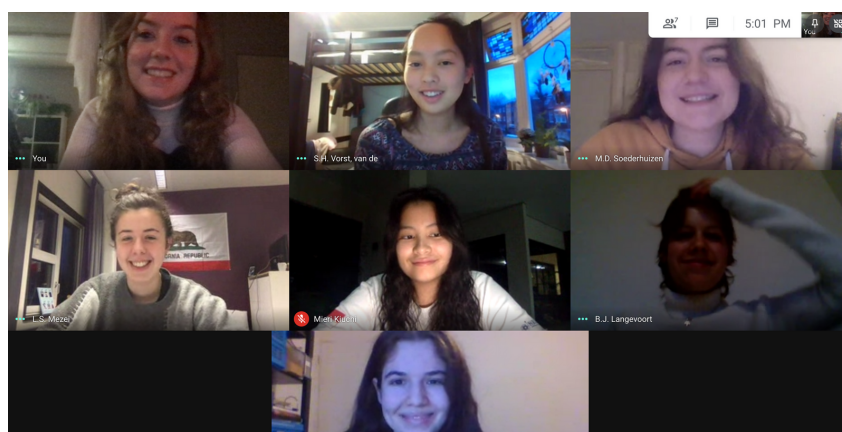
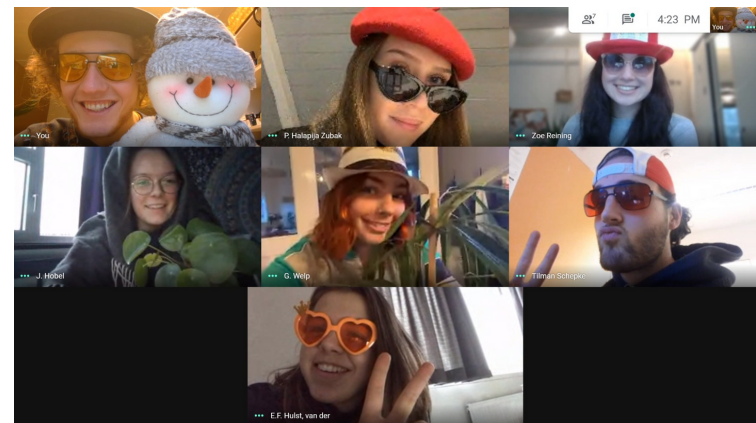
FAA meetings

The 'Centraal Facultair Overleg' where all faculty associations of the University of Groningen come together has a new name: the 'Faculty Association Assembly' (FAA). At the FAA associations come together and discuss what we have been up to and how they are dealing with the corona situation. Therefore, if you have any great idea for an event with other study associations, contact Birgit by messaging +31638716533 or emailing chair@caerus-ucg.com



Updated committee pages and photos

Some of our active committees have had their pages on the website fully updated to reflect their new member. Be sure to [check it out](#). In addition to the committees already updated, keep an eye out for the other committees who *will soon also have updated info* and, more excitingly, some pages for new committees. Stay tuned!



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

As you probably all know by now, UCSRN is the national student representative body for University College students. We just had our second UCSRN GA and are happy to announce that the UCSRN Executive Board has made quite some progress. They are currently looking into internships and interesting job opportunities for all UC students and are representing our UC community at Coalition Y. Furthermore they have successfully introduced a new travel reimbursement policy that is fairer to the UC's that are situated further away from the Randstad such as UCG and our buddy UCT. Check out the UCSRN website [here](#)!

The UCSRN Social Committee is also happy to announce that several inter-UC events are being set up. We have already been able to successfully organise the UCSRN Pen-Pals (if you have signed up you can find the info in your mailbox!). Some pen pals have even been able to physically meet! (corona proof of course). Make sure to keep an eye out for all of the other planned events if you are interested in connecting with other UC students.

Besides all this, we also have the UCSRN Tournament (hosted by University College Twente) and Spotlight (an online festival hosted by Erasmus University College) coming up. We will share more info on this soon!

Lastly, we are of course still working together with UCT. Our previous cocktail night was considered to be very successful and we have therefore decided to have another one in April and a cooking event the month after that. The first event coming up with UCT however will be an **online escape room**!

As always it has been a pleasure to update you on everything we have going on with other UC's. If you are interested in organising an inter-UC event please feel free to contact me by sending an email to ucsrnsocial@caerus-ucg.com! There is enough budget available so nothing is too crazy :)

COMMITTEE UPDATES

What your favorite committees have been up to!

New Committees

Despite Corona, our members have been able to set up three different committees! Two of them, Amicaerus (connection committee) and fUtura (career committee) will hopefully become official committees during our next GA so make sure to be there! The Podcast Committee is still working on some events before they can become an official committee but we expect to have them join our community during the third GA. If you think Caerus might be missing another important committee then feel free to contact one of our Cao's to see if we can introduce a fourth committee this year!

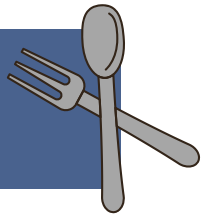
Reminder: We need you!

Do you have a cool side hustle or are doing interesting extracurricular activities? We need heroes like you!

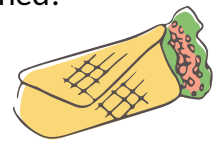
The Career Team (soon to be fUtura) is looking for students to set up an event with! Examples could be: having an succesfull blog, being part of a faculty, setting up your own company, volunteering somewhere in Groningen & more!!

Send us an email to career@caerus-ucg.com or text +49 151 22823821

Civitas: Fresh Meal boxes



On the 13th of January, Civitas and Sleeping Lasagnas had a collaboration wherein they sent out Fajita kits to Caerus members all around Groningen. The participants cooked at their homes while being connected via a video call. It was a lot of fun cooking together and the food was delicious. There will be another Meal Box event in March, so stay tuned!



AmiCaerus: Speedating

On the 4th of February, AmiCaerus had its first event, "Speeddating" which took place on Discord. This event aimed to bring together Caerus members from all different years to increase the connectedness of our community during the Corona crisis.

The event broke records and had the most sign ups for a new committee this year! The event was also tremendously enjoyed by all participants and hopefully new friendships will blossom!

AmiCaerus has another event coming up for Valetine's day together with Civitas. More about this later this week!!

Physical event, stay tuned!

We are very excited to announce that we are setting up a *physical* event together with several committees! For now, all we can spill is that it will be a corona-proof event throughout Groningen city as soon as the measures allow such an event!

More info coming soon... !



CURRENT EVENTS & INITIATIVES

Make sure to check these out and sign up!

Become a Caerus Buddy!



Buddy system!

To kick off the second semester, the Caerus Buddy System has been launched! It is here to help out any first-year who would like to get to know a second or third-year+ UCG student. The initiative is meant to help guide the first years through their UCG career or just to have a nice chat from time to time. Since you will no longer have a student mentor this will be the more relaxed and personal alternative, as this project will be fully functioning from the motivated heart of the Caerus community.

Sign up [here](#) if you are a first-year who would like a new UCG contact or if you are a motivated second or third year+ who would like to help out.

UCGO: Among us

Join UCGO this Thursday in some rounds of Among us! Be sure to sign up [here](#)!



Want something added to the monthly newsletter? Email secretary@caerus-ucg.com before the last Friday of the month.

fUTURE Visions with Michael

You wanna hear about the experience from someone who studied not only at Princeton but also at New Hampshire and even Harvard ?! Combining bachelors/masters in International Affairs, Physics and Law to end up on the holy grail of banking; **Wallstreet?!?**

Then, you can't miss out on the event! Futura is back with another round of Future Visions in which we will have a live (online) interview with Michael Glaser who will tell you all about his life!

More soon but for now save the date: 24th of February!

Beer cap competition

Do you want to earn prizes while drinking your favourite beverages? Form your team, save your beer caps and take part in the beer cap competition [here](#)! You have till June to save up as many beer caps as possible, but don't forget: **'Drink responsibly!'**

PIXEL Photo Contest: Who won?



Stay tuned! Later this week the winner of Pixel's photo contest will be announced in our Caerus Event Announcement chat!



External opportunity: digital career event

This digital event will offer the same opportunities as a physical event: workshops, a job market, networking; chances to distribute CV's, and one-on-one appointments.

Sign-ups for business and talent can be done for via www.meetyourfuture.online.

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18 February



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Free, digital career event
with companies,
masterclasses and jobs
related to **digital**
in the Northern Netherlands



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ECOSIA Campaign

The Ecosia campaign aims to implement the green search engine 'Ecosia' on all university computers.

Thus far, we have collected nearly 1.200 signatures from students and organisations alike, which makes this one of the biggest sustainability projects that the GO ambassadors of our university have ever worked on. If you haven't already signed the petition already, you can **sign it [here](#)!**

As a reminder: What is "Ecosia"? Ecosia is an alternative search engine that uses 80% of its profits to plant trees around the world. This is how it works: funds are being raised through small advertisements during the online search process ► these funds are then being used to plant trees in areas, where they are needed the most. Recently, Ecosia has reached a milestone of planting 100 million trees!

Would you also like to contribute to tree planting projects around the globe? **Download Ecosia [here](#)** and follow us on our Instagram account, if you haven't already (@Groningenonecosia)?

From the entire Green Office Ambassador team: Thank you for your support this far! You are fantastic ♥.

