



Housing Affairs Council *Because Life's Complicated Enough*

Dear Fresh(wo)men,

By coming to Roosevelt Academy (RA), you have chosen for a unique and challenging program. However, what will make your time at RA the best of your life is the fact that you will be living on a campus. Not only is this a great academic stimulus, but you are able to have your fellow students around at all times for support, fun and motivation. All students at RA live within walking distance from the university, and you will also be close to shops, supermarkets and the bars. Since the university you have chosen is an international university there are over forty different nationalities around campus, and we strongly encourage talking English as much as possible to maintain the great atmosphere for such a diverse student population.

Unfortunately, with more than 500 students living together it is inevitable that problems occur from time to time. This is where the Housing Affairs Council, or HAC, comes in. We were founded in RA's first year to "represent students' housing interests and thereby working to ensure the best living conditions on campus for a reasonable price". In plain English this means that we help students with problems that might occur. So, if you have any problems while moving in, or any time after that, we're there for you.

In order to help students, the HAC consists of a board in which all the major campus locations are represented. We employ Floor and House Elders on all locations. Also, we have frequent meetings with the population of Middelburg, as well as with Woongoed, the company that owns the rooms, to make sure that students get the best deal possible when it comes to housing.

Over the years the HAC has set up a large number of projects to make life on campus easier. One of these projects is the Furniture Fund: during the IntRAweek there will be a chance to buy furniture alumni have donated. Also, since some rooms are more expensive than others, and international students are not entitled to rental support in The Netherlands, we have set up the International Student Housing Fund (ISHF), to maintain the diversity of the campus. All international students living in Koestraat and Roggeveen Hof are eligible to apply to receive this fund.

If you are interested to find more about us, you can take a look at our website (<http://hac.roac.nl>). Also, if you have any questions about housing at RA, or encounter any problems while moving to Middelburg, please do not hesitate to send an e-mail to hac@roac.nl. During the IntRAweek, we will present ourselves better and have regular office hours so you can visit us.

We are looking forward to seeing you around campus soon,

Andrea Fritsvold
Chair of the Housing Affairs Council