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Dear residents, business owners and other stakeholders,

We are sending you this letter to inform you of the developments regarding the City Centre Campus.

Occupation of UvA buildings UvA in the media

Over the past weeks, there has been a lot of attention in the media on the occupation of the Bungehuis and, later, the Maagdenhuis. The reason for the occupation of these buildings is dissatisfaction among some students and employees regarding the university's financial policy and management structure. In response, the Executive Board has conducted intensive talks with the students and employees and has drawn up a plan. This plan contains ten points which are designed to strengthen internal democracy, increase the quality of research and education, provide full financial transparency and intensify the relationship between education and research. While implementing this plan, the university will continue the talks with the students and employees.

University Library (City Centre)

One of the points on this ten-point plan pertains to the construction of a new university library on the Binnengasthuis premises. In connection with the many questions regarding the new university library, the Executive Board has proposed suspending its decision-making process regarding the new university library and handing the decision on its construction to the academic community. An independent research committee is being established to look at the university's finances as they relate to the accommodations policy. The committees are currently being formed. A timetable for the process has not yet been announced.

For more information, please see the Maagdenhuis Update link on www.uva.nl.

Work completed on Turfdragsterpad building

In the spring of 2014, work began on the renovation of the building at Turfdragsterpad 15-17. This work has now been completed, with the building having been restored to its original style as much as possible. The handing over will be in mid-May. Work on the interior is underway. At the beginning of the coming academic year, the entire building will be available for use by employees and students of Art History and Cultural Studies.

Vox-Pop exhibition on Binnengasthuis premises

The first Vox-Pop exhibition recently opened, featuring the theme 'Amsterdammers! How did we live five centuries ago?'. Visitors experience what it was like to be a resident of Amsterdam in the 16th century. Vox-Pop is a temporary initiative located on the Binnengasthuis premises. Buildings with empty rooms have been made available for projects related to the humanities. These projects range from expositions to plays and can be initiated by students, local residents and employees.

Everyone's pop-up ideas are welcome

The theme changes every two months. Starting 1 May, the pop-up theme will be 'Fashion in the City'. If you would like to find out more about Vox-Pop or if you would like to propose an idea, please go to www.voxpop-bg.humanities.uva.nl or send an email to Marte Rijdsdijk: m.k.rijdsdijk@uva.nl.

Practical information

The exhibition 'Amsterdammers! How did we live five centuries ago?' runs until 24 April and is open Mondays through Friday from 9.00 to 17.00. Location: BG5, Room 1.12, Oudezijds Achterburgwal 233-237 in Amsterdam. The exhibition is open to the public.

Any questions?

If you have any questions about the developments surrounding the City Centre Campus, please contact Cherie van der Meer, City Centre Campus area manager, on 020 – 525 77 04 or via email: omgevingsmanager-binnenstad@uva.nl. You can also go to www.campus.uva.nl.

Kind regards,



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