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CAO
UCSA '09-'10

I am Harmke Kruithof and I would hereby like to announce my candidacy for Committee Affairs Officer (CAO) for the UCSA board of 2009-2010. I am a second semester Social Science major, focusing on Political Science and Anthropology, with a minor in History.

During my high school years I was a member of the Student Council and the overseeing board of the student, teacher and faculty councils (medezeggenschapsraad). Last year, when I studied at the University of Oregon, I was the Vice President of the European Student Association. The association was still in its developing stage; thus, I learned a lot about organizing events, keeping in contact with the university administration and attracting new members to participate in the activities the association organized.

Since coming to campus, I have been amazed at the organization and the self-sufficiency of the UCSA and its committees and have enjoyed many of the activities organized on campus. I am a hard working, dedicated and very social person. Currently I am the Vice Treasurer of PartyCo, Logistics Officer for Unisun, a newbie bartender and an active member of the Anglia Community Project. Being an active member of such diverse committees has given me first hand experience with the different interests of you as members of the UCSA. As CAO I intend to keep these interests at heart, assisting in the organization of events, getting more people involved in campus life and possibly setting up new committees, for example a Ski trip committee. Moreover, I think good communication between the different committees is essential and as a CAO I would like to strengthen the ties between them.

Something that I frequently hear from UC students is that they would like to go off campus more and experience what Utrecht and the Netherlands have to offer. Therefore, one my goals is to set up a social calendar, which would provide the UCU community with information

on upcoming cultural and social events such as concerts, festivals, museum exhibits, plays, art openings and much more. Moreover, I am aiming at setting up a forum, a Facebook group or a mailing list which can bring the people interested in these events together. Eventually I hope this social calendar will contain information, tips and links on cultural events in all the major cities in the Netherlands, and maybe even abroad, from UCU students who have experienced these events first hand. I would also strive for stronger relations between the UCSA and the other student boards in town, such as Alcmaeon, and the boards from Roosevelt Academy and UCMaastricht. More cooperation with these associations on the organization of academic and non-academic events would in my point of view benefit the UCU community.

Finally, I am very motivated to organize and assist others in organizing the very events that made me feel so at home on the UC campus. In my opinion that is what distinguishes UC from other universities in the Netherlands, a real sense of community, which makes this a unique and amazing place to be. I want to help foster our community and make it even more enjoyable for you and the future members of the UCSA.

Vote Harmke, because if I was on a boat, I would pick YOU over T-Pain!

If you have *any* questions, feel free to contact me!