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Project: This is 020

Foreword

“Amsterdam is running out of beer!” reads the profile picture of a fellow classmate during an online class. It is March 2021. The statement appears to be untrue, however the touchy slogan was targeted to grab your attention. As you read further, you are meant to realise that beer-less Amsterdam is not the actual issue, but that there are multiple alarming issues that do exist at the university. “You can have a say in how and whether those issues are getting resolved”, the poster argues. “Vote 020!”

In springtime, at the dawn of annual student elections, flyers like this make one flabbergasted by what is going on in the university’s student politics, a scene often overlooked by students not involved in it. 020 is a political party founded by two political science students in April of 2020 that aims at a transparent and inclusive student politics. Within three years of its establishment, our party has developed into an overarching organisation hosting insightful events, publishing educational materials, and advocating for social change.

020 is an organisation that builds on the values of pragmatism and transparency. This booklet is an open introduction on who we are, what we do, and how we do it. Thus, we warmly invite you to scroll through the pages of this booklet to learn more about our party, our vision, and our story.

Yours truly,
The 020 Team

Our Story

How it all began

The saga of 020 started from something simple, a dull moment filled by browsing on a phone. On a warm April's day in 2020 scrolling through Canvas, a first-year political science student Tommaso Catuzzato found out that the annual student elections were approaching. Students were encouraged to find a party and a candidate that aligned with their values, and vote.

The election announcement made him realise that for the entire year, the existence of student politics had been invisible in the university's scene. This seemed to indicate a fundamental issue in how student politics was organised at the university: parties would come to life only in April right before the elections. Alas, their grand promises would be proven hollow during the year—their absence merely echoed by the parties' deafening silence. Moreover, while party representatives on the Student Council were getting a lot of decision-making power, the parties themselves seemed to have little influence or say on what happened in that council.

As a political science student, he pictured the potential a proper organisation could have. It appeared as though there would be room for newcomers to enter UvA's political foreground. With the right resources in place, a political party could utilise a team of skilled and motivated people that would then help candidates conduct research and write policies throughout the academic year.

A bottom-up pragmatic approach would ensure efficiency and transparency in student politics, such that the student community could enjoy actual change and improvements throughout the year. This pragmatic approach towards change became the heart of 020, and the new political party on the block was founded after a single phone call to a good friend.

The creation of 020 was sealed after a swift phone call to Pablo Mustienes, also a student of political science. Together the young men gathered up a team of ambitious students, and the rest was history. In the student elections of 2020, a month after the party's establishment and with only two candidates that the new-born party represented, 020 was able to win three seats at the student council. In this sense it seemed that the month-old party had already beaten many more established organisations in the elections.




In his 2020 campaign poster, Pablo sits on a sunset-coloured scene with his shirt unbuttoned. The flyer is fit to describe the way 020 entered UvA's political scene; laid-back with a pinch of criticism on how the existing parties were operating.

The steady path to growth and success

After securing three council seats at its first-ever election, 020 sparked the attention and interest of students who were looking to better the lives of their fellows at the university. Accordingly, the party faced rapid growth in membership starting from the beginning of the next academic year.

The growing team allowed 020 to diversify its functions. A writing team was started to put out educational and informative booklets every month. A social media team was established to ensure the party's visibility online, and a finance team was created to manage monetary and budgetary matters. Later, a member's well-being and development team was founded to facilitate the smooth integration of our new members into the party. And the list goes on.

These changes gradually shifted 020 from a political party into an overarching organisation that would work on insightful events, educational booklets, as well as tackle social issues at the university. Yet, the party's bottom-up approach of doing student politics was preserved through all changes. Another aspect of 020, held dear by both of its founders, is how the party's operational culture mimics a professional work-life setting. 020 is an organisation that invites students to earn valuable skills for their future, be it in writing, presenting, hosting meetings, or leading a team.



The second student elections that 020 would take part in were faced with more game spirit and ambition. The recruitment process for candidates was launched in February 2021, with the search bending across all of the university's seven faculties. Despite some bumps on the road, the team behind 020 successfully kept the newly-established party on its mission. Eventually, around 20 candidates represented the party in the June 2021 elections, 12 of whom were elected to the councils of the faculties of Social and Behavioural Sciences, Economics and Business, Humanities and Law (PPLE), as well as the Central Student Faculty council (CSR). During the 2022 elections, 12 candidates running alongside 020 presented themselves and 8 got elected to the councils of the faculties of Social and Behavioural Sciences, Economics and Business, Humanities, as well as the Central Student Faculty council (CSR).

As the founders of 020, Tommaso and Pablo give acknowledgement to the journey that has taken the party to where it stands today. This journey feeds from the tireless inputs of the party's members, from late-night Zoom calls to sacrificing one's course work to deliver a quality project. Moreover, the organisation paints a clear picture of the dazzling possibilities that gathering a group of dedicated students under one roof has. The beauty of 020, as recognised by Tommaso, is in bringing like-minded people together for the collective good.

Our Vision

As a political party, 020 aims to construct policies that offer feasible solutions for pressing issues at the university. Using a pragmatic approach to change, 020 aims to address seven key pillars in its policy-making. These pillars are seen to affect students at the university directly, and they include:

Internships and jobs.

As a student party, we understand that making decisions about one's future can feel stressful. Seeing the university sometimes overlook accommodating such important choices, 020 has taken the role to help students figure out what they want to do in the future. For instance by interviewing third-year specialised students or recent alumni, 020 provides guidance for those who are still searching for their path. With an ever-increasing alumni network, 020 is proud to showcase our members and their qualifications.



Diversity and inclusion.

0020 aims to be representative of the diversity amongst students attending the University of Amsterdam.

We strive to do so through creating policies which consider individuals of any social group, ranging from gender, race, ethnicity, religion, disability, sexuality and sexual orientation.

We want to cherish the diversity of different backgrounds and cultures that come together at the international rush of the city; so far, we can count at least 57 nationalities across all of our past and present members.

Not only does 020 promote diversity in the University, we also want to see diversity in the curriculum in advocating for the promotion of scholars from ranging social groups. The goal to foster and embrace diversity and inclusion is deeply important for 020 and the community we build.

Two examples of the work 020 has done articulating our values are the published projects on Pride Month and Black History month, shedding light on the importance of acknowledging and promoting under-represented groups. By doing so, we hope to make every student feel included and welcomed both in Amsterdam, and at the university.



Student housing.

We recognise that Amsterdam, being a bustling city with scarce housing, has limited ability to accommodate everyone.

For months on end, many students struggle to find housing. Unfortunately, the university offers limited support and solutions when it comes to student housing in Amsterdam. Thus, housing is one of the first pillars 020 took upon its agenda. After all, having a roof under one's head is a basic human right.

Thus far, 020 has provided students with resources on where to look for houses, when to start the search, what to keep in mind, as well as other important information necessary. It also makes it easier to connect with students who are in similar situations and who can help each other through their active network at 020.



Mental health.

We at 020 highlight academic achievement to be important, yet we recognise that it should not come at the cost of mental health.

This pillar strongly links to the poor availability of housing, and the uncertain reality of being a student. Indeed, not having a house to live in or experiencing volatile living conditions can bring pressure upon one's mental health.

Therefore, our policies offer solutions to how the university can support students' mental health during their studies, as well as an emphasis on the centralisation and availability of mental health information. Moreover, our booklets and posts about mental health aim to bring awareness about mental health issues. The mental wellbeing of the student body is also closely related to how safe students feel on campus and in events held by UvA bodies. Therefore, at 020 we seek to host more initiatives such as combating sexual misconduct at the university, that can set a healthier campus life that is non-threatening and safe for all students.



Democracy.

020 follows democratic standards when it comes to voting.

Firstly, we propose that UvA should promote each party by involving them on the university's social media page. Furthermore, we hope to protect the authenticity and transparency in student council elections. In its first election, 020 won three council seats but represented only two candidates. In the end, it was only able to secure two seats. Our goal is therefore to have a system in place that allows parties to put another candidate forward in case of extra votes.

Having fair elections also relates to having a revised Fair Play Agreement, which 020 has been working on. The Fair Play Agreement is a set of rules that all political parties are advised to sign prior to elections, however, some parties have in the past refrained from doing so as the agreement does limit campaign methods and election strategies quite a lot. 020 firmly believes for the student council elections to function properly and for all parties to be able to campaign properly, there should be a general set of guidelines to be followed – these guidelines however should not be restrictive to parties or favour certain party approaches.



Sustainability.

In light of the existing pressing issue of climate change, our aim is to convey the significance of a sustainable environment on campus to the students of our university through multiple policies and student initiatives and take the responsibility of setting the example for other institutions.

Apart from the institutional significance, we further aim that the sustainable mindset is to be adopted on an individual and communal level by students off campus, as it is essential to tackling the issue of climate change as well.

We at O2O hope that our policies on sustainability, like annual reports from the university and informational campaigns help raise awareness on sustainability issues among students, so that everyone with their individual actions can contribute to greener solutions. We have exemplified this initiative through the Green agreement signed in 2020 and our partnership with the sustainable and conscious marketplace, BlueHouse.


This, in return, will hopefully contribute to a more sustainable student life and set the base for future sustainable endeavours. It is also our aim to increase knowledge on sustainable practices through our booklets to ensure we provide students the tools to make the change we are promoting.

Quality of education.

The policy team all composed of students have – just like their constituents – experienced exams at the UvA.

Thereby, our policy writers can place themselves in the shoes of other students and recognise points of improvement when it comes to examination procedures and the overall quality of education. First of all, we believe in the power of blind grading, with the student number being the only information teachers have available to them, to avoid bias in course assessment. Moreover, we understand that improvements on the course evaluations should be made to ensure that the quality of education students signed up for is efficiently maintained. Finally, we root for increased opportunities and for flexibility that one can have in their studies. Flexibility can benefit students immensely with increasing pressures, with courses being online, and the pandemic we currently are in. This, too, links closely to the pillar on mental health and should be more widely acknowledged at the university.

The Quality of Education pillar ultimately revolves around the student acquisition of the necessary skills and tools to enter the workforce. 020 is determined in making this pillar a priority as it englobes other aforementioned pillars such as mental health, implementation of students in the labour market, whilst also covering and proposing new policies to aid student satisfaction with courses such as revising the current course evaluation methods and ensuring fair grading and exam conditions.



As a student party, 020 aims to resolve critical issues at the university, and to ensure an enjoyable study experience for all. The abovementioned key pillars of 020 indeed reflect on our willingness to better the lives of our fellows at the university. Finally, we hope to push for change in the status quo of student politics at the UvA, stepping into a reality where all student parties will operate more like 020.

Our Departments

020 is divided into five departments, with each one having its own teams that work in sync to achieve the previously mentioned key pillars and our vision. Specifically, these are, the **Politics, Internal, External, Social,** and **Financial** Department. Moreover, every department is divided into teams that master their specialised tasks, while harmoniously contributing to the bigger picture. A detailed presentation of the roles, achievements, and goals for the future of the teams can be found in following sections.

Politics Department: As a student political party in its own right, the political core of 020 lies where the teams involved work in constant collaboration with the aim of implementing policies for all students across the University.

Internal Department: It is in charge of maintaining the machinery that is 020 and ensuring cohesion between its various teams.

External Department: It ensures that the influence of 020 keeps growing, both within and outside the University.

Social Department: The social department used to be a subsection of the external department. As of last year, it has developed into its own department and focuses on projects to better ourselves, whether that be bringing about a loving team-spirit across departments, or working with other companies in line with the pillar of the year.

Financial Department: Guarantees the financial stability of the party through careful accounting and management of external partnerships, all kept within the legal terms as defined in the party statutes.

Our Departments:

POLITICS

Representatives team

The Representatives team is exactly what comes out from the name. The elected group within the council along with their team leader work together to triumphantly propose policies in the name of O20. They are working hard to come forward with ideas and issues that concern the students and prepare together with the Policy Team. Meaning the representatives are the ones that go from passing policies in particular faculties meetings to having them eventually in at the central student council meetings. Ideally, they are always looking forward to proposing, as a final step, the policy ideas to the Directors/Heads of Faculties.


Ultimately, through this team our party manages to see real achievement for what everyone works hard for: changes for the better interest of students through the O20 values. With the help of the representatives the party is able to be heard in the councils across the University of Amsterdam.

They have been continuously working hard and brainstorming in meetings from policies about Proctorio to sustainability which ultimately align with the key pillars as well as their own interests. The Representatives team is looking forward to making and seeing the change.

Policy Team

The Policy Team forms the other half of the Politics department as they work closely with the representatives at the council. One of their missions is to gather ideas firstly from said representatives, other students or within the party for further policy drafts that would be presented to the council. The essence of these policy proposals lies with the eight key pillars of 020, a great example being the Mental Health policy that the team is working on.

The Policy Team is, shortly put, an awareness-bringer to the council on topics and issues that concern the students in order to facilitate them for a favourable student life within the university and outside of it. There is a lot of research involved, such as looking into the policies that other universities have in place. To give an example, the Policy Team took inspiration and direct insight for a Menstrual Poverty awareness campaign from the Erasmus University in Rotterdam, and together with the External Department are working on developing a greater campaign with the goal of having a policy as such approved by the council. Other projects involve focus groups created for students, again along with the External department, helping with the organisation. Another group is in sight more focused on policies for the students, with the aim of hearing directly for them what problems they are facing in terms of programmes or issues University-wide. And maybe what they need from 020 as a party on how and what issues to bring up in the council when Executive Board meetings are happening together with the dean of the university.



On another note, the Policy Team gathers information on how and what things are done to be able to make a change from numerous stakeholders with insights and perspectives. All this to prepare rigorous policy drafts with the goal of implementation and in order to back-up the representatives elected for the council with helpful information.

This team is one of the various reasons why 020 stands for continuous growth as we are the only party that possesses such a team that works together with the now elected members that the party prepared. Instead of leaving the former candidates out on their own, the Policy Team was created as a link between the students along with the party and the representatives- that have their link at the council.

An ideal future for the Policy Team would be a closer relationship with the council. The need to be seen and heard more is what fuels into the motivation of doing better and better. Although it is a pride to have the only Policy Team in the student politics at the UvA, what is more important is that other parties try to follow along and see that what 020 does, respectively here, working together with the representatives even after elections, should be the norm. Keeping the party's values and the students' issues as close as possible to the council's sight is vital, and that is exactly what the Policy Team does.

Our Departments:

INTERNAL

Member Wellbeing and Development

The Member Wellbeing and Development Team ensures the satisfaction of each individual member of the party and evaluates the overall effectiveness of the party's teams through maintaining open communication throughout the year. The team welcomes new members to the party by giving them a small introduction and explaining the values and structure of 020, as well as checking back in one month later to facilitate smooth entry into the party.

Further, they conduct general member check-ins during the year to maintain this essential contact across teams. Lastly, the team is a point of contact for all problems, complaints or questions related to the organisation.

They wrap up each year with 020's internal evaluation to assess how the members experienced their projects, teams, and leadership throughout the year, with the purpose of gathering suggestions for further enrichment and efficiency of the party. Most importantly, the Member Wellbeing and Development Team aims to create a great working environment within the party where every member's voice is heard and valued. They stand with their goal of making each member feel welcome and happy in the party so that everyone is supported and thriving in their role in 020.

Internal Department Communicator

The Internal Department Communicator is in charge of taking care of all the administrative tasks that need to be done within the party. First and foremost, they are the first point of contact with all applicants to the party as they review all applications, schedule the following multi-person interviews, and complete the technical onboarding process in Outlook for new members. They are the go-to person for questions regarding party information, and they are in close contact with members across departments, effectively centering our value of transparency.

Adding to that, they are also constantly developing and editing the website of the party, which was started from scratch without any sort of experience involving web design and development. On our website (0-2-0.nl), you can find all of our 20+ booklets available to inform you on the many things concerning student life, as well as all of our current openings that we are recruiting for. Further, you can find our values, pillars, and descriptions of our departments along with our contact info and more. Having discussed the website, we are currently looking for someone with the right experience that would like to take up the website role in full. So, if you are interested or know someone that would fit the criteria, do not hesitate to contact us!

In sum, while the Internal Department Communicator handles a large range of (for some people) tedious tasks, they are absolutely integral to the success and organization of our party.



Recruitment Team

The Recruitment Team is responsible for the process of actively seeking out, finding, and selecting the best candidates for a specific position in a team. This entails scheduling meetings in which to discuss how to get in contact with potential new members, reaching out to them, and lastly collaborating with other teams in order to execute those efforts. Furthermore, the Recruitment Team is the first step in the campaign for the student council election, attaining a pool of candidates that will represent the party in the council.

The team is essential for the party's constant expansion, as all the different teams are in need of more members to support that growth. Additionally, the team ensures the health of the party by establishing the correct amount of people for such teams. As of 2023, there are a total of 54 members in our team. This has increased our efficiency in the party and made 020 one of the biggest parties at the UvA in only three years of existence.

As always, feel free to reach out if any of our open positions are of interest to you, or if you would like to learn more about what it is like to work with 020.

Our Departments:


EXTERNAL

Writing team

In 2020, on the eve of the first elections that the party was going to take part in, the first booklet of 020 was written to showcase that the party saw what students were struggling with. Booklets were seen as a way to illustrate how 020 could offer direct ways to help them by providing transparent and sufficient information. Many students were struggling with housing, and it was chosen as one of the party's main pillars for the elections. The housing booklet was the end result of the efforts put in by all of the members at the time. It needed to be written fast and it did come out swiftly before the elections.

A proper writing team was required as a part of the party's External Department in the beginning of the next academic year. Its function was to deliver booklets that would educate and inform students on various topics relevant to their life at the university. Some of the earliest projects by the team included a booklet about exchanges, a guide to understanding the UvA student councils, as well as an introduction to curricular activities in Amsterdam. Later on, the purpose of the booklets was diversified towards students' overall wellbeing, by projects such as the mental health booklet or a booklet on recreational drug awareness.

The writing team works closely with other teams within the organisation to ensure the achievement of some of the main goals of the party. The party's values of sustainability, diversity and inclusion, and mental health are reflected in the booklets that are being published.



A great example of this is 020's "Project Major", in which the writing team was tightly involved. A project targeted to bridge information gaps at the university and inform students about their specialisation choices within their majors. Events and booklets were put out for the studies of Psychology, Political Science, Communication Science, PPLE, European Studies, Media Studies, and Economics and Business Economics. "Project Major" was majorly impactful in improving transparency about course specialisations at the university, and therefore, a showcase of how the writing team has contributed to 020's agenda of improving the student experience of our fellow students

The Writing Team has been piling up the line of booklets, beside Project Major, also with ones that focused on topics that were relevant for each specific period of time so that the information would be available accordingly for the students. And to name the booklets these would come together as COVID-19 in Amsterdam, Pride Month, Student life in Amsterdam or Black History Month. All of these while working closely with the Internal Department, which approves and uploads the booklets on the official site, and the Social Media Team with their vital role of actually digitally constructing and designing them and posting them on social media so that they are easily accessible.

There is a chance that for most students, the work of the Writing Team is the first contact that they have with 020. This enhances the huge responsibility of translating the party's pillars to them. Therefore, the current booklet 'This is 020' is of great importance as it is a complete manifestation of valuing transparency.

The Writing Team is holding pride for all the work and the type of content and awareness we have been able to bring and the team will continue to do so while continuously evolving and maybe gravitating towards new means of research such as investigative journalism. By discovering and reporting points of improvement at the university and acting as a driver of social change. Another goal is to uninterruptedly root for transparency and efficient flow of information at the university. This can be achieved by, for example, raising awareness on issues that need to be voiced out, or cherishing stories and communities that deserve to be celebrated.



Social Media and Design

The Social Media and Design team, also known as the Marketing team, is responsible for the outreach and promotion of the party and its content. They work alongside all of the departments in order to get information quickly to create social media posts on time to promote events and content heavily. These events include and are not limited to: focus groups, talks with guest speakers, collaboration events with other parties, writing blog content, and booklet updates or releases. They also ensure a regular presence on the platforms with liking, posting, reposting, and responding quite quickly to private messages. They allow for a better and more transparent flow between the general public and the party itself – so that people around are aware of the achievements and news either related to 020 or to the councils.

The marketing tries to incorporate as many different formats in their posts in order to diversify the way followers view content. Not only do they create posts, they also use pictures from events that were posted and even video formats to help with the interaction with members and UvA students from different campuses. The goal of the team is to promote, (re)address, update, and enrich its followers with new or updated content that may be relevant to them or to their surroundings. It also aims to reach out to as many individuals outside of their follower realm to make people aware of not only 020 but of pillars 020 funds for. This helps build a community externally and link 020 with the public we are trying to help and elevate.

Our social media networks include:

- Instagram: 020.nl
- Website: <https://www.0-2-0.nl/>
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/020together/>
- LinkTree: <https://linktr.ee/020amsterdam>

Campaign Fundamentals

The Campaign Fundamentals team plays a massive role during election time – they are the ones to take the lead and orient the departments as to where to focus in terms of recruitment, promotion, and structure of the elections and candidates. Members of this team are entrusted to research, plan and execute O2O's election campaign to further O2O's goals.

With the use of previous year statistics and results, the team is able to give the party a clear estimate of what can be expected for the upcoming elections in terms of number of seats in the different faculties and which new faculty can be explored. They have for task each year to provide an updated version of the Voter Turnout Analysis and the Electoral goals and Scenario planning which are essential documents to have each year and for which the team works diligently to provide accurate estimates and predictions to help organise and structure a plan for the whole party to work around during the hectic times which are elections. Elections happen in May, however, the Campaign team already comes prepared around December with both documents in order for the board members to have a well founded idea as to the possible scenarios for the upcoming months. Additionally, in the start of the second semester (around February), a task force is put in place with the Campaign Fundamentals team taking the lead. This task force is composed of multiple members across the departments but is primarily led and overviewed by the Campaign team who directs, structures, and accompanies future representatives throughout the difficult and frantic election months.

Our Departments:

SOCIAL

Social Events and Trips

The Social Department's main function lies in the organisation of events. The main team in events is Social Events, where monthly borrels are organised for 020 members. Our aim is to enhance cohesion cross-departmentally, whether that be at bars or during 020 game nights. This team focuses mostly on adjusting the themes surrounding the events, for example: a best costume contest for halloween or best group dance routine for christmas. The trips team's main goal is organising a yearly trip for 020 members in line with the chosen pillar of the year. This year, the pillar is "Sustainability" - our trip this year will be a tour of a lovely sustainable coffee roastery for our members and guests to learn more about ethically sourced products.

Social Works

This team within the Social Department is the most flexible in its goals, which depend strongly on the chosen pillar. This year, the social works team has focused on building a relationship with one of our partners: Bluehouse, a sustainable marketplace based in Amsterdam. They are also our main point of contact for the production of our 020 merch. As of this year, the social works team has focused on the production of 020 stickers, hoodies and tote bags with Bluehouse. The work done in this team needs to consistently reflect the values of an 020 pillar throughout the year; the specific activities are flexible based on the party's needs or goals of the year - this year being: sustainable and offering affordable merchandise for members and promotion.

Academic and Career Events

Due to O20's focus on students and their life at UvA, there is a second events team. This branch of events specialises in bringing more information to students under the form of talks with partners or professionals. The Academic and Career Events team organises professional talks, panel discussion and other academic-related events for students. The talks are usually in line with one of our pillars, such as a mental health talk or a panel discussion about education. Our aim is to bring up important topics and talk about them freely, use our resources to offer a platform for those willing to discuss such topics and be a bridge between professionals and students that share interests.

A&C events had an interview with Ron Keller, the Dutch ex-ambassador to China and Russia. We also had a myriad of 1 on 1 interviews and focus groups to gauge what students wanted to hear, leading to a Project Major for economics and business economics and business analytics. After that, we hosted a Women in Power, a recurring event theme, about finance and consulting, having two very capable and inspiring women from BCG and Deloitte explain their life, and what it is like to work in the field. Lastly, the mental health event from this year, in which two speakers talked about not only the professional field, but also the science behind mental health, concluding on some tips and tricks to have a stronger mental health as a student, but also as a person in general.

Our Departments:

FINANCIAL

Sponsorships/ Partnerships

The Finance department is responsible for contacting and acquiring sponsors and partners that could support the future of the organisation. As 020 is a non-profit organisation, sponsors and partners represent the bedrock of 020's innovation and the two entities ensure the continuity of the party. The party leverages the financial support, exposure, networking opportunities and access to resources provided by collaborators to attract new members and improve welfare of young adults that are experiencing difficulties within their student life. Upon the department's efforts to engage in collaborations, 020 partnered up with Knaek which will further provide discounts to existing and new members for services and products such as gym memberships, coffee and food. For the future, the department has a well-organised plan to contact companies from a variety of industries such as consulting, finance, politics and legal that would further improve student life.



Accounting

The Accounting team within the Finance department at 020 is primarily responsible for maintaining accurate and up-to-date financial records. This involves tracking membership fees, representative contributions, donations, grants, and other forms of funding, as well as recording all expenses and financial transactions. Additionally, the Accounting team provides financial analysis and advice to fellow party directors to help them make informed decisions about fundraising, expenditures, and budgeting. A good example of this is the collaboration with the Social Department on the merchandise project. By ensuring accurate up-to-date records and a structured budget plan approved at the general assembly, the team helps the party achieve its goals and fulfil its mission.

Legal

The Legal team is in charge of all legal matters within the Party. These include taking minutes in every General Assembly to provide an overall summary of things discussed and decisions made during the meeting. This provides us a useful tool to trace back events in case of a need for legal issues that might arise in the future. We are also responsible for drafting legal documents, namely Representative and Membership contracts, and ensuring that they comply with latest regulatory requirements. Moreover, we also give advice on legislative regulations of the projects that allow the Party to function compliantly. In 2021, Partij 020 was officially registered at the Netherlands Chamber of Commerce (KVK), and is now recognized by the University of Amsterdam as a non-profit association with full rights. With said KVK registration and official recognition by the UvA, the Party is now able to access a permanent office space at CREA.

Looking into the Future

Since the beginning, the goal of 020 has been to give stability and support to candidates before, during, and most importantly after the election period. With over eighty people behind the project, 020 wants to set a new standard for student political parties.

The core and most important mission for us at 020 is keeping a pragmatic approach to change, and everyone in the party works daily to maintain this promise. In the immediate future, our concern is to reinforce the party's roots and original values so that in the future, we'll expand 020's pragmatic approach to other student political parties as well.

Furthermore, our hope for the near future is to have another successful election period. We also wish that, through our social media and marketing team, we'll market the party in a way that will make every student see how our way of operating should be the norm rather than the exception.

Even though 020 is very rooted in its original values and the whole team is always working to keep them alive, we consider the party to be constantly growing and always being redefined by new and creative ideas.

Concluding remarks

Three years ago, 020 entered student politics at the UvA as a disruptor in the scene. A lot has happened since, from starting up meaningful initiatives, to achieving actual change at the university through policies like blind grading. Today, our party continues to act as a driver of transparency and pragmatic change through the hands of ambitious and dedicated students.

We hope that this booklet has provided a sufficient overview of who we are and what we do at 020. Our ultimate goal is not to stand out in the way we operate as a party, but rather to make it a norm at the university. Moreover, as a diversified organisation, 020 aims to take on more social initiatives by providing consultancy, resources, and motivated students to better the life of our fellow students.

020 is always scouting for new members to join our troops on our mission to improve student life at the university. Thus, do not hesitate to contact us regarding your willingness to join the lines. Your potential questions, concerns, or feedback will also reach us through our Instagram (@020.nl) or our website www.0-2-0.nl.

All the best,
The 020 Team

