

# Memo Opening hours Restaurant building



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FOR THE ACTIVE STUDENT

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## Introduction

Tilburg University has included as ambition within their Strategic Plan 'Controllable growth'. This means that the growth of the university is subject to consistent evaluation and the growth should not lead to undesirable situations on campus. The university did also include this ambition in their Real Estate Vision. In the Real Estate Vision is decided that the actual growth in student numbers is considered the most important decision element in which expansion of facilities should be weighted. Faster growth should result in infrastructural changes on campus to accommodate students.

The compact campus of Tilburg University is unique in the Netherlands. Front sees our campus as a zone of high importance, as students do spend a big share of their student life on campus. Front therefore argues that the campus should be arranged in a most desirable outcome to provide an optimal study climate. The student population at Tilburg University is growing exponentially, and although the university has taken measures to accommodate more study spots such as opening the Montesquieu building in the weekend and the opening of Cube in weekends around exam periods, the facilities on campus are under pressure.



Front strives to give students the possibility to make use of the campus for what she is meant for: studying. After Front has done research to find solutions, we have come to the following solution:

On weekends, the Restaurant building is closed. Only in peak periods, the Restaurant opens from 16:00 until 20:00, to facilitate dinner possibilities. Front argues that the seating areas in the Restaurant Building can also be used as study and lunch spots. Hence, Front asks the Board for opening the seating area of the Restaurant Building on weekends from 10:00-22:00<sup>1</sup>. Front sees this as a positive development because:

- The seating area does already exist. The university does not have to make extra costs for facilitating new study spots. Despite the planning of a new education building on campus, and the waiting period for possible new self study spots in open corridors, according to Position and programme Nieuwbouw 2, Front sees it as a necessity to utilize the extra spots the university is able to offer.
- The Restaurant Building has a geographical central position on campus, which has advantages for students who are for instance working on group projects, and this does also contribute to the study climate on campus.
- Opening the self study places in the Restaurant building releases pressure of the CoffeeCorner in the university library: students use the CoffeeCorner as lunch spot, especially on weekends, which results in an overcrowded CoffeeCorner. It is simply too small for all students, especially during peak hours. Students chose to have their meals outside, which is not an option during winters. This could be solved by opening the Restaurant Building, without additional opening hours of the corresponding catering services needed. This does not only release pressure from the CoffeeCorner, but also from the other crowded facilities on weekends.

As stated in the Headlines 2020 budget, the university has reserved a share of remaining budget of k€346 for further development of the investment plans regarding the facilities to accommodate the growth of student and employee numbers with alluring study- and work spots. Front sees this as an option to finance the corresponding costs that come along with opening the Restaurant Building for additional hours.

Studentparty Front hereby asks the executive board to take this memo into consideration.

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.tilburguniversity.edu/contact/openinghours/restaurant>

