

The students elections of this year can represent the occasion to understand what the "university structure" means, in addition to the fact that they are a fundamental occasion of confront between students and active participation to the academic life. They can make us understand what is asked to us as students, researchers and professors. Participating to the elections with our list means to contribute to build a place for the human, cultural and professional growth of everyone.

Our representative list, *Lavori in Corso*, is born from the desire of being free to follow our passions and ambitions, to get involved constantly with professors and classmates. In fact, the university has its origin in the free association of students and professors, that contribute to answer to the question "how to be useful to the world?" with their competences and their experience.

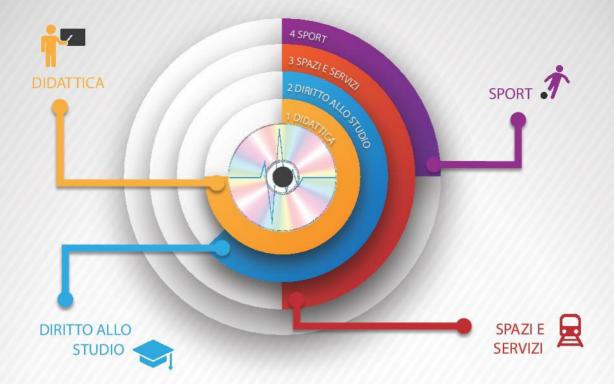
Nevertheless, in the last years we remarked a lack of this type of relationship between students and professors and, more generally, between student and university. Very often the preoccupation of "how to pass the exam?" or "I absolutely must graduate early" prevails in us, the students, rather than the will of learning and growing. Therefore there is a loss of a 360° view on the university, which on one side supposes the achievement of professional aims, but on the other side it can't be reduced "only" to that.

In this years of student representation we worked in the councils with this attentive eye. Here some of our battles:

- **Study help groups**: since several years, we are available for every students, and especially for the first year students, offering a service of theoretical review, exercises (Calculus 1, Geometry and Physics 1), giving the possibility of a confront with students of the last years, keen on the subject.
- New modalities for the insertion of Calculus 2 and Physics 2 in the study plan: since this year it is possible for the students reaching 28 credits to insert Calculus 2 and Physics 2 in the study plan, in order to follow the lectures on-line and sustain the examination.
- **Study room service:** taking in account the lack of internal spaces for studying, during the exam session we book everyday a room in the Politecnico to allow everyone to have a silent and suitable place to study. For the everyday study, our constant dialogue with the central administration produced the possibility to access the time schedule of every room physically (outside of every room) and on-line, in order to allow everyone to utilise the free places. Furthermore we have granted the possibility to access a room per area until 7.30 pm.
- **E-learning**: we engaged to increase the ministerial funds for the production of more video lectures on-line, adding in the "three-years planning" a new evaluation criteria based on the number of registered hours of lecture.
- **Erasmus project:** we sustained the insertion of a new criteria in the "three-years planning", based on the number of students in foreign countries for a master thesis, in order to increase the number of available funds for the Erasmus project and the thesis in a foreign country.
- **Common spaces**: we have obtained the intensification of the cleaning work in the main hours, arriving to double the number of passages in the toilets.

In the end we can't neglect the important and continuous work carried out in the university councils and in the commissions, which allowed to give our precious contribution to the important themes treated during the last years.





In occasion of the future students elections, as Lavori in Corso, we have again questioned ourselves about how to improve our Politecnico, from the point of view of the didactics, the structures, the right to education and the services offered by the Politecnico. Our electoral program would be the prosecution of the work performed during the last years, with the base of the exigences of the students. Therefore we propose the following points, conceived by our candidates in order to ameliorate the life of every student in university. With this program we engage ourselves to build a Politecnico able to answer to the needs of everyone, and especially to the exigence of cultural and human growth, through the experience of professors and students.



RIGHT TO EDUCATION

Criteria for the scholarship: the current EDISU student representative (affiliated to another list) has eliminated the ECTS criteria, which granted a uniform distribution of the scholarships among the different universities. We consider it a nonsense choice and we will act in order to restore them, allowing a higher number of students of the Politecnico to access the scholarship and avoiding the discrimination produced by the higher complexity of our courses.

Scholarships funded by Politecnico: as in other Italian universities, we want to create a system of integration of the regional scholarships funded directly by our university, in order to compensate the scarcity of available funds of the EDISU.



DIDACTICS

"Fifth exam session" restoring: we remarked that a huge number of students asks for the restoring of the infamous "fifth exam session". We consider it a reasonable request, taking in account that nowadays is very difficult to sustain an exam of the previous semester, even more that lots of exams of the previous year have the same hour and date of exams of the current year. It might be a strong help for several students to graduate in a reasonable time, considering that the average graduation age for the bachelor degree is 24 years. The Politecnico needs to "get younger".

Supplementary exam session for graduating students: in order to foster the graduating students which can't immediately end their study path because of one or two delayed exams, we thought to two supplementary and extraordinary sessions in April and November, to allow the graduating students to pass their last exams.

Off-site students: we will try to modify the calendar of lessons near the festivities, in order to facilitate the off-site students to participate to the classes until the end of the course. Furthermore we are trying to create agreements with the most important travel companies in order to help the homecoming.



SPACES

Study rooms and overcrowding: it is evident the lack of study rooms in our Politecnico. We have demanded and obtained the construction of a new study room in Corso Duca degli Abruzzi. Moreover we will engage in a space management policy which takes in account our huge number and the available structures, in order to face the overcrowding and to allow a more human cohabitation. As a first step we have requested the installation of new microwaves to heat up the lunch.

Mirafiori site: extension of the available spaces, in particular for what concerns the restoration, opening new bars.

Libraries opening: we want to open all the libraries for the students, no matter the department of affiliation, in order to increment the number of places to study.

SERVICES

Room logistics, Wi-Fi and related projects: the electrical outlets, where present, are often low-usable, due to their disposition. Moreover there are several problems related to the air conditioning, to the Wi-Fi signal or to the interfering of the projector light with the blackboard. These problems must be resolved, and to contribute we want to create student projects in which future engineers and architects will help to ameliorate the university.

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SPORT

Conventions for the students: the CUS inscription costs (comprehensive of the compulsory medical examination) have increased. We will try to introduce new conventions for the students, in order to reduce them.

Sport facilities: in order to improve the cooperation between university and sport, we will sustain a policy foreseeing the creation of integrated sport facilities and fields in the available spaces inside the Politecnico.

