David Koňařík – election program

What does SKAS do?

We've all asked this question, but nobody has been able to give a satisfying answer so far. I'll try to form one here and so give you a reason to take part in this election.

Our faculty has multiple bodies of self-governance, with the Academic Senate among them. Its members are split between the employee and student chamber (abbreviated SKAS), but they are equal in their powers.

The Senate's approval is required to change internal regulations and it also chooses the members of various committees*. Internal regulations, however, only comprise the most fundamental documents of the faculty; the Senate only works on everyday issues in an advisory role, if at all.

In that light it's no wonder that so few students vote in the elections. Who among them knows the details of internal faculty bureaucracy and has formed a strong enough opinion?

In my opinion, it's a mistake to ignore that advisory role. Even lacking any formal power, members of SKAS are the first to know about any planned changes. The ability to voice their concerns in time is a valuable power, if used well.

What should SKAS do?

SKAS should become a bridge between faculty leadership and students. Its members should present the information they've received to students and then bring their feedback to whoever should hear it. They should care about even those topics that don't concern them personally.

The current approach to communication is clearly insufficient. For an example just look at the forced Microsoft emails debacle, where members of SKAS knew about the planned change, but other students only found out when the regulation was published.

What will I do in SKAS?

- I'll publish notes right after every meeting on Matfyz Wiki.
- I'll present the concerns of students to faculty leadership.
- I'll respond to questions about the Senate's work, including on the unofficial faculty Discord.
- I'll try to keep Matfyz's computer systems as open as they are now, or even make them more open if possible.
- I'll offer my professional experience whenever it is needed.



Who am I?

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Where might you know me from?

- I'm one of the admins of Matfyz Wiki.
- I'm a co-author of the petition against forced use of Microsoft emails.
- · I run Menzostat.
- I wrote JrUtil, including RtView.
- I gave talks at Smršť and OpenAlt.
- I fight for the availability of open data of public transport timetables.
- From lectures, practicals, and the hallways of Malá strana.

Links

- https://dvdkon.ggu.cz/
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^{*} This isn't exhaustive, you may find the full list in the statute of CUNI MFF.