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General and Appointments (written by Ece Tasci and Natalie Wei Ying Chong)

19.01.2026 Networking and Exchange with the International Office

On the 19th of January, the AV met with staff from the International Support Services, also known as Division 2.2. Among them included the department head, representative from the International Student Center, Welcome Week coordinator, BeBuddy coordinator, and the Humboldt-Haus coordinator. We were honoured to have the heads of various programs together in one meeting. Among the topics discussed were various consultations cases, collaboration, Welcome Week topics and discussing plans for How to RWTH and other plans.

26.01.2026 Meeting with AOK

On the 26th of January, the AV met with the Campus Service Advisor of the AOK. This was a introductory meeting between both parties and took place in the AOK-Haus at the Karlshof am Markt. We got to know about AOK services and had the chance to clarify some of our questions with various experts at the AOK.

18.02.2026 Meeting with Technische Krankenkasse

On the 18th of February, the AV had a regular meeting with the Campus Advisor of the TK. A meeting with the TK takes place once every two months and is an opportunity to clarify questions that come up in our consultation services regarding insurance.

23.02.2026 “First Semester Recap: What’s Next?”

The AV were guests at this event organised by the Peer Success Coaches of the International Office. We found it to be a valuable event for new international students, alongside the full program. We spoke to the Peer Success Coaches and discussed the possibility of collaborating on similar events in the next semester.

12.03.2026 Info-Event at the Humboldt-Haus

The Info-Event at the Humboldt-Haus is mandatory for every student organisation wanting to use the space for their respective events. As usual, representatives from the AV participated in the session to receive updated instructions and information about using the Humboldt-Haus. It is, after all, where we hold our weekly consultations, events, and team meetings.

Events (written by Valeria Flores)

15.01.2026 Karaoke Night

On January 15th, the AV organized the last Karaoke Night of the winter semester 2025/2026. The event began at 18:00 and ended around 22:30. As usual, participants were able to request songs and sing their favorite tunes throughout the evening. The event was attended by 60 guests throughout the evening. The AV plans to repeat this event in the summer semester 2026.

22.01.2026 Pub Quiz

The last event of the winter semester for the AV was Pub Quiz on January 22nd, beginning at 18:00 and finishing around 21:00. Approximately 45 students took part, competing in teams of six across four categories with ten questions each: "Space/Astronomy", "True Crime", "World Records" and "Culinary". Participants enjoyed the quiz, and the winning team received six winter-themed mugs. As one of AV's most lively events, AV plans to hold another Pub Quiz in the summer semester 2026.

07.04.2026 -10.04.2026 Welcome Week

As usual, the AV had an active role in the Welcome Week for the SS2026 which lasted 4 days in which new students flooded the university grounds excited to begin their studies.

08.04.2026 Freshers' Fair

On the 08th of April the AV had a booth at the Freshers's fair beginning at 13:00, finishing at 16:00. Here the AV presented itself to the new students, giving an overview to the services provided to the students, consultations and events, as well as participating on the International Office activity, where students had to go to booths and get a stamp from them.

09.04.2026 Meet Your Student Representatives

On the 09th of April, the AV with two representatives were at the event "Meet Your Student Representatives". There, the AV introduced ourselves and our services to the incoming batch of new students, including our consultations and events. There was also a small ice breaking session with a quick round of "The Price Is Right", which is taken from one of our Game Night events. The session also introduced basic facilities of the RWTH, such as the Mensa, the Hochschulsportzentrum and the Gym, for example. We hope it was useful for all.

09.04.2026 Speed Friends

Later during the day, the AV has once again started the new semester with the beloved Speed Friends event. The event took place on the 6th Floor of Super C from 18:30 to 21:00, which drew an impressive turnout of approximately 110 participants, making it one of AV's largest social gatherings of the new semester. Rows of chairs were arranged in two facing lines, allowing participants to engage in quick, five-minute conversations with the person seated across from them. After each round, attendees shifted seats to meet new people. The format consisted of twelve rounds in total, split across two sessions of roughly sixty minutes each.

10.04.2026 Humboldt-Haus Café

On Friday the 10th of April was the last day of the Welcome Week, and the AV participated in the Humboldt-Haus Café. Humboldt-Haus Café was the starting point of various tours and allowed the new students time, to connect with the people in their respective tour groups over coffee, snacks and the making of bracelts which materials were provided by AV.

16.04.2026 Paint the Night Away

On April 16th, AV hosted its first Paint the Night Away of the semester at Humboldt Haus from 18:00 to 21:00. The event quickly reached full capacity, with all 70 participant spots filled just 15 minutes before the start. Following a spring theme, participants painted along with a live demonstration, with an example image projected on the screen. The featured artwork was selected through an Instagram poll conducted prior to the event. The guided format created a relaxed and creative environment where attendees could follow the steps while adding their personal touches. As one of the most popular events, AV plans to organize another Paint the Night Away later this semester.

Further events planned in SS2026

- 23.04.2026 Game Night
- 30.04.2026 Karaoke Night
- 07.05.2026 Pub Quiz
- 21.05.2026 Game Night
- 11.06.2026 Craft the Night Away
- 18.06.2026 Escape Room
- 02.07.2026 Craft the Night Away
- 06.07.2026 Pub Quiz
- 16.07.2026 Paint the Night Away

Consultations (written by Zakaria Jafar)

The consultations-team helps international students with their immigration law problems by e-mail on a daily basis. The in-person consultation sessions are offered twice a week: Wednesdays in Humboldt Haus and Thursdays until the end of March and after that Wednesdays morning at AStA office. In the following are the in-person consultation sessions From January 13th 2026 till April 17th 2026:

- 14.01.26, 21.01.26, 28.01.26, 04.02.26, 11.02.26, 18.02.26, 25.02.26, 04.03.26, 11.03.26, 18.03.26, 25.03.26, 01.04.26, 15.04.26 in Humboldt Haus and
- 08.01.26, 15.01.26, 22.01.26, 29.01.26, 05.02.26, 19.02.26, 26.02.26, 05.03.26, 12.03.26, 19.03.26, 26.03.26, 01.04.26, 08.04.26, 15.04.26 at AStA office

The team, in cooperation with the Student Counseling and Advising Center, hosted a seminar on 10.02. on the topic of study-related stress and psychological support for students at the university. The seminar is intended to become a regular event held before each exam phase. In addition, the cooperation with the Student Counseling and Advising Center is planned to continue. The next collaboration will take place with the PSC of the International Office, where support will be provided for the event “RWTH Explained Simply” on 20 April. A longer-term cooperation with the PSC is also being planned, including joint events in June and October. For May, further seminars are planned in cooperation with the Career Center and the BSHK.

The consultations Team has been continuing the lawyer appointments on Zoom. Since the last report there were 2 lawyer-appointments-session: 21.01.26, 04.02.26, 18.02.26, 04.03.26, 18.03.26, 01.04.26, 15.04.26.

The consultations team is as always accepting applications and will invite interested students for an interview. If anyone is interested in applying for the consultations team, here is the link to applications av.rwth-aachen.de/join-us/.

Social Media (written by Maria Kayra Saskia)

The AV continues to use its social media channels to promote its events, inform students, and provide useful tips for international students through posts. In addition to posts, the AV

also makes reposts whenever relevant information is posted on official accounts such as the RWTH, International Office, and Stadt Aachen.

In the last months, the AV informed students on its social platforms about the different events organized and gave general information. The AV published a post about its events 'Pub Quiz' (17.01), 'Speed Friends' (27.03), Paint the Night Away (10.04) and Game Night (17.01). To motivate students during Klausurphase, the AV also posted a reel following the trend 'Stereotypes of Majors' (07.02), and a post to celebrate Valentine's Day (14.02).

To continue the Youtube video series 'I Am Okay' in collaboration with the psychologische Beratung, the AV has published the newest video of the series with the theme 'Anxiety' (20.01). A short to promote the video and the video series was also posted ().

The AV also informed students about the continuation of the in-person consultations for February (02.02) , March (27.02) and April (31.03). The AV also posted a cancellation for the in-person consultations (03.02), a post in collaboration with psychologische Beratung to help promote the informational event 'It's Klausurphase, but don't panic!' (05.02) as well as a corresponding reel following the Pedro Pascal meme (05.02). For the Welcome Week, the AV collaborated with the International Office to post 'First Steps in Aachen' (24.03), in collaboration with the International Office and AStA a post of the Welcome Week schedule for International Students (31.03), and the AV Events Calendar (12.04). The AV also agreed to be a collaborator to a post with AStA regarding the 'AStA Luna' festival (08.04).

The social media platforms the AV uses to inform the students are Instagram, Facebook, Telegram and Discord.

Website

The website has been updated to reflect the latest information about events. Additionally, the consultation times have been revised. The layout of the website has been optimised and improved for a better user experience.