

At UGent too there is an urgent need for staff and students to go into action!

Enough is enough with all the absurd and antisocial decisions by university management

On Friday 28/10/2022 the Management Board has decided to increase the price of the meals in the resto's and cafeteria's by half for UGent staff, starting January 1st 2023

Because of this a warm meal for UGent staff will cost at least 5,60 euro, sandwiches at least 3,70 euro. But usually it will be a lot more. Just a few examples what staff member will have to pay after the start of the new year:

spaghetti bolognese => at least € 7,28	shrimp croquettes => at least € 8,78
vol-au-vent => at least € 7,43	Sandwich with cheese => at least € 4,17
beef stew => at least € 8,18	sandwich "maison" => at least € 4,62

That UGent staff can get a meal at the same prices as UGent students in the UGent resto's and cafeteria's is part of the labor conditions agreed upon in the past. University management is changing these conditions unilaterally without even negotiating with the trade unions on this specific linear increase in prices. There is no reference anymore to social price corrections, even if these were also mentioned in the "core task document".

ACOD resists this antisocial, and budgetary useless measure!

At UGent to the strongest shoulders should carry the heaviest burdens. These are not the individual staff members and students, nor the many small budgets of budget holders who barely have enough means to conduct their research activities, but these are the limited number of very large "kassen" where millions are amassing year after year!

And this is not the only attack by the Board and by the rectoral team on the staff and students of our university

Doubling the registration fees for PhD-researchers, sale out of UGent student housing, the participation model of UGent being hollowed out, misuse of privacy legislation to try to silence critical voices, ...

You can read more about all this on our website <https://acodugent.be/node/1160>

Only if we raise our voice together with all staff and students, repeatedly and ever louder, we can put a stop to this antisocial policy and make our UGent back into a social and participative university we can be proud of. **Therefor we call for everyone to join ACOD and go into action!**

Do not forget to register for our newsletter through <https://acodugent.be> so you stay informed of future actions!

