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With the 2023 elections, La Terna Sinistrorsa rejoined into the bodies of the Athenaeum. We were thus able to start the path towards a fairer and more accessible Politecnico, but we were in a very narrow minority, so some of the fundamental issues were closed to us: canteens, the School of Architecture, the residences and other issues that we consider to be major and urgent. To really change things takes time and commitment, but above all we need a strong signal that insists on the room for improvement at the University. If you recognise yourself in the following proposals: on 14 and 15 May change music, vote La Terna Sinistrorsa!

ELECTORAL PROGRAM FOR THE CENTRAL BODIES

1. TEACHING AND REFORM OF THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR

New academic calendar

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To really change things, you have to start from the basics. What is university life based on? On the academic calendar. Today we are faced with a winter session too short, the absence of breaks between the end of exams and the start of lectures and a limited availability of appointments: in most courses there are only five, where as in other universities many more are offered. In recent months we have worked concretely on this issue. We have analysed the situation, collected critical issues and constructed a clear and feasible proposal. In short: -an additional week for the winter session that enable us to lengthen

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the time between the first and second appeal; -a week's break between the end of the session and the beginning of classes to allow recovery and reorganisation; September entirely dedicated to the exam session, with the possibility of adding an appeal for each start of classes postponed until October, to facilitate a more more balanced and inclusive return for all those enrolled.

An academic calendar reform is not just an organisational issue: it is a fundamental step to make the university journey more liveable, sustainable and accessible. How was it possible to make these changes? Get to the bottom of it!

Remodelling of classroom time

During the lecture and workshop period, there is insufficient time to study and take a break is insufficient. A full immersion in books that, instead of promoting effective learning, risks increasing stress, reduce concentration and negatively affect the well-being of the student. We therefore ask that 1 CFU to an hourly slot between 8 and 10; therefore not the mandatory 10 hours now.

Suspension of classes during the period partials

With the reform of the academic calendar this becomes a real possibility, so as a way to recharge the batteries or prepare some exams to speed up.

Revision of study manifestos

Having good courses is not enough to have a good semester, the key to solving the life of every student and student is the global vision. There needs to be exams with continuous testing throughout the semester, exams with partials, projects designed not to be all done en masse at the end of the semester; a capillary revision to be adapted differently to each individual course of study.

Extra cfu in the curriculum: no more unnecessary penalties!

How many of us have found ourselves paying more fees or postponing graduation for just one more exam? We need increase the limit of CFUs that can be included in the curriculum from 74 to 80 (and exceptions beyond 80 for exceptional cases),

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to give more flexibility and freedom in the management of course. Given the high percentage of off-course students, this change is necessary to offer real support to those who need it and to avoid unjustified penalisation.

Sixth chance to give an exam

With the reform of the academic calendar, it will be possible to lengthen the examination session, so as to make the scheduling of the conduct of the tests so as not to proceed by trial and error, but with no hurry.

Recordings and streaming

We have equipped all classrooms with the equipment suitable for recording and streaming each course, why not make it structural? The resistance that has been years on these modes is not functional to the students' problems, there is a need to accept change and accept the change and meet the needs that come along, between overlapping commuting and (just but) continuous strikes.

Teaching schedule

The tabulation of the hours of compulsory teaching for each course of study must be made with a criterion of utility that optimises the hours spent. Long breaks between classes and overlaps make this make this objective impossible, a revision system is necessary, especially to accommodate those who travelling to study. It is also necessary to minimise travel between buildings or between campuses.

Post-examination questionnaire

At the end of each semester we are called upon to evaluate the lectures, immediately afterwards we are assessed; but who grades the exams? Between Herculean feats, exams, tests with two papers, an oral and a project with a presentation, we also feel the need to assess how we are assessed and evaluated. Thanks to the work of our representatives in the ICAT School and Nucleo di valutazione, this is already a work in progress, but there is need a clear signal from the student community to make it clear how this need is felt.

University agreements

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The university is the place for critical and free thinking, which is why that is why we want research to be free from the logic of the market, from utilitarianism, from the race for wars that undermine our future. What is happening in Palestine by Israel is the end of any kind of democratic ideal, we are people of science and conscience, which is why we refuse to being a labour force paired and exploited by companies and governments who, in exchange for poorly paid contracts, ask us to become accomplices to violence and destruction.

We want to be Universities of the world and the University must not be a place of censorship and construction of war machines.

Technology ethics courses

Engineering, architecture and design are an integral part of the world in which we live. For this reason it is necessary for us to become professionals aware of the social and ethical implications of our work: ethics of technology must be integrated into the manifesto. Only knowledge ensures freedom and independence. freedom and independence.

2. BUILDING AND SPACES

Patio 24/7

Recently, the opening hours of the patio, which is essential for all students who for various reasons finish studying, prepare exams and projects even at night.

The patio is a space for studying, sharing, where friendships and despairs are shared without time; we want to reiterate once again that as long as we have voice, this cannot change.

Necessity in classrooms

Article 34 of the Italian Constitution enshrines the right to study, but to make it real it is necessary to provide the universities with the right places and equipment for study. A plan is needed to overhaul all classrooms for tables, chairs, cabling as well as suitable heating/cooling systems.

Open spaces 24/7 in bovisa

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'Hei, shall we meet tonight to finish the project?' 'No but who's going to make us do it, B2 closes at 9pm anyway.' We want open study spaces 24/7 in Bovisa too!

Hammocks and benches in the open spaces

But how nice would it be to finish the lessons and relax a few metres from the classroom? We want the spaces of the Politecnico to be enhanced and made as welcoming as possible. The cost of this implementation is practically negligible for the Politecnico, too bad it has not yet listened to us. The Campus terraces Bonardi, the new spaces of Bovisa la Goccia, all the streets of La Masa would be fantastic places to have lunch outdoors, if only there were suitable spaces to lean and sit down!

Libraries and study spaces

The Politecnico is growing, and with it enrolments. But the spaces to study remain few, often insufficient to cover the real needs. Finding a place, especially a quiet and in session, is becoming increasingly difficult. Many spaces are poorly accessible, not wired, or simply not designed to accommodate the number of people who actually live on campus. That is why we want: more study rooms distributed across the campus, wired and accessible between classes; extend the closing times of the libraries the closing times of the libraries during the sessions as well as the opening of campuses at weekends.

Monitoring library seat occupancy

With Affluences it is possible to get an idea of the condition of library occupancy, but a system that counts and identifies available seats in real time is a useful method to avoid wasting time.

Toilets always accessible and clean

It is not acceptable to find dirty toilets, lacking toilette paper or soap. During weekends and periods of close, the facilities often remain in a critical despite the high influx. We demand an increased frequency of cleaning and a guaranteed a constant supply of essential materials.

3. RIGHT TO EDUCATION

Canteens

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We have been repeating for two years now that the canteen services at the Polytechnic do not have the quality and prices appropriate to a university, the assignment of this task to external and private companies makes the logic of profit the only one existing and to be pursued. The days spent in the University to study should not be an obstacle much less economically, to the life of the student community.

We call for the internalisation of these facilities, to guarantee an efficient, high-quality and low-cost service. This is not utopia, but today's reality for some universities, including Italian ones.

Dsu meal vouchers

To date on DSU scholarships there is a deduction on the meal vouchers that can be used daily by scholarship holders. The flaw in the system is that the meal vouchers do not cover a meal at the University! Revising the contracts with the operators is the first solution, covering the surpluses for the transitional (which will bring the canteens to a reasonable price) is a necessity. Added to this is the resolution of the problems with food vouchers over the last year and a capillary mapping with an expansion places where they can be spent.

Cash machines in the canteen areas

During peak hours cafeterias and canteens are overcrowded, the imposed class schedules provide simultaneous breaks for a large part of the student population; cash automatic checkouts on all campuses and better management of spaces and queues, would mean that lunch breaks would not be spent waiting to get a lunch or a coffee!

Transport passes

Getting around in a city like Milan is a necessity for many people: commuters, out-of-towners and locals. The Politecnico, together with other universities, should consider collaboration with public transport companies as an essential condition for improving the welfare of students. The collaboration between these entities is possible and is the reality of several universities.

More accessible sport

We want the Poli to ensure greater accessibility to sport at student-friendly prices! Currently the fit centre Giuriati is impracticable at

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some time slots and certain sports such as bouldering are still not present: while we are working on expanding the spaces, we want conventions to be activated with gyms and sports centres in the area in order to give as many people as possible the opportunity to train in an effective and inexpensive way!

Free sports

In addition to the Giuriati sports ground and now also the gasometers, it is necessary to provide the university with equipped areas outdoor areas that are accessible and free of charge, such as mobile such as mobile bouldering walls and calisthenics.

4. OUT-OF-TOWNERS AND COMMUTERS

Student residences

We remember the day we pitched Ilaria's tent for the first time as if it were yesterday. Then the tents became 50, then we were in front of Palazzo Marino, calling for a national assembly, seeing the reopening of the Student House. Over these months, we continued to work on agreed rental contracts and public housing, leading to the complete reopening of the Student House by the end of this year: we want economic and university life sustainability to become part of our university's mission, with student housing managed to be truly accessible and not a barrier to the right to education.

CAF at the Politecnico

We want the opening of a CAF (Tax Assistance Center) directly inside the Politecnico, to assist students in filling out their ISEE forms and managing all bureaucratic procedures, often complex, especially for out-of-town students (like address or residency changes). A real support hub to face university bureaucracy without stress.

5. STUDENT SERVICES AND WELLBEING

Politamtam

The newsletter that shared news from student representatives and university associations was a direct channel with students.

Dismantling it was a mistake, and we had raised concerns from the beginning. A newsletter has been made for everything except this; it urgently needs to be restored.

A (real) association space

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Can over 30 associations be crammed into less than 10 square meters? Ideas need space, time, and recognition for their value. Read the next point: we have a solution!

Student building

What if a self-managed space existed? A quiet study room, a break area, a bulletin board for ideas and announcements, a board games and relaxation zone, a room for organizing events and discussions, an exhibition area for and by university students, and a whole floor dedicated to associations. This is standard in every European university – let's not resign ourselves to thinking it's impossible here. We already have a building in mind; we just need to be in the University Bodies (and for that, we need your vote)!

Cultural activities and sports events grant

Every year the Politecnico allocates funds for the creativity and initiatives of associations, lists, and student groups. Organizing and managing the allocated funds is an enormous task. The University recognizes this as valuable, but we need more agile, flexible, and user-friendly tools.

We propose a dedicated app, developed together with students, and a revision of the grant call to make project evaluation objective, along with guidelines (especially to restore events with companies) and best practices to facilitate the use of grants and the involvement of new leaderships.

Visibility for lists and associations

We request the installation of a permanent board next to the association spaces to display logos and contacts, along with a bulletin board for advertising activities and trips.

Support for students facing difficulties

Entering the Politecnico can be challenging: study load, learning new methods, tough basic subjects. We want to strengthen early-year support to prevent initial struggles from leading to dropouts.

We propose continuing and enhancing basic subject reinforcement courses (Analysis, Physics, Chemistry), already active and well-received in some schools, making courses on study methods more visible (such as those organized by Reference and some Engineering

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councils), expanding the Peer-to-Peer tutoring program, which offers effective peer support.

Peer-to-peer tutoring

We want to remove the 25-grade average requirement to become a Peer-to-Peer tutor. It's unfair that someone who excelled in a specific subject but has a lower overall average cannot contribute.

If you scored 30 in Analysis II, you can certainly help someone taking that course now! We believe in a Politecnico where those who struggle find support, and those who succeeded can give back without obstacles.

Studying and working?

Currently, the Politecnico does not formally recognize the status of working students. Yet many combine university with part-time or full-time jobs, facing greater difficulties and longer times to graduate. We demand the official recognition of the working student status, with real rights: reduced graduation fees, flexible deadlines and teaching schedules, guaranteed access to materials and recordings, and recognition of work experience as part of the academic path.

The Politecnico has many strengths, but attention to psychological wellbeing isn't always among them. The PoliPsi service, already active, has clear capacity and accessibility limits. We call for a real investment to strengthen it, so it becomes truly effective and open to everyone. Psychological wellbeing should not be seen merely as a means to improve academic performance, but as a goal in itself, promoting balance and happiness.

200 hours program

This opportunity is essential for those who need extra income while studying.

However, improvements are needed. We propose creating a notice board where students can choose tasks based on the commitment required, and ensuring that for longer tasks, payment is split into multiple installments, avoiding months-long waits for remuneration.

Prayer and meditation spaces: toward a truly inclusive Politecnico

We believe the right to spirituality and religious freedom must be respected within the university spaces.

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We request the establishment of proper, accessible spaces for prayer and meditation, open to anyone who needs them, regardless of faith. An inclusive university is one that acknowledges and values the diverse identities of its community.

Anti-violence support center

Daily events remind us that the university spaces aren't always completely safe. We need alternative safe spaces within the Politecnico. This fight must be the fight of all, but especially for our sisters who have felt violated by a system that denies our freedom. We want to create a university anti-violence support center, modeled on existing ones at other universities, optimized to provide effective and accessible first support for everyone.

Alias careers

We want an inclusive university where activating an alias career doesn't require a medical certificate and recognizes a broader identity spectrum beyond the binary. All references to dead names must be removed, and faculty must be properly trained. Alias careers help create a safer, more welcoming environment where everyone can express themselves freely – it's an act of respect and a concrete step toward equality.

Free menstrual products

Thanks to our work in the Committee for Equal Opportunities, a pilot program has started to provide free menstrual products across the campus.

We want this to become a guaranteed, widespread, free, and unrestricted measure.

Poliprint

We work every day to reduce the expenses students at the Politecnico must bear.

Renewing Poliprint is essential: we demand lower prices than market rates and an expanded range of services and technical materials to meet the needs of all courses.

We will work to increase the number of printing stations and improve their quality, making the service more efficient and accessible.

Bug fixing

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It was too long to write why coffee stirrers, water in dispensers, and sanitary products in distributors are missing! We want a quick and efficient system for fixing these basic issues – it's not a whim to expect things to work properly!

6. ICT SERVICES

Polimi App

The Polimi app must be functional and meet users' needs: it should allow for customizable notifications for exam enrollments, scholarship deadlines, and personal interests. It also needs a map showing study rooms, refreshment areas, bike stations, and student services, along with a calendar featuring events organized by student lists, associations, and the university; plus, it should offer the possibility to use it as a personal planner.

Tutoring page on the university website

Grouping tutoring sessions by subject and course, and publishing a bulletin board on the university website, would encourage greater participation and allow better adaptation to individual schedules. This would help optimize and combine needs, while also offering the opportunity to revisit useful concepts for multiple exams.

7. TUITION FEES

Reforming the university fee system takes time, but we are not stopping and we are not giving up. We continue to work steadily toward achieving a concrete, fair reform that is mindful of students' real economic conditions. Our ultimate goal remains free education, but in the meantime, we are working to improve the current system. Our student contribution reform proposal in brief:

- Three installments instead of two, to allow a more manageable expense distribution throughout the year;
- ATM (public transport) pass included in university fees, a concrete way to support those who must live far from the Politecnico due to housing costs;
- NO TAX AREA up to €30,000 of ISEE, to ensure that social mobility can function, at least in places of knowledge;
- More income brackets, more fairness: from 9 to 61 brackets for precise and progressive differentiation without sudden fee jumps;

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- Full exemption for political refugees, because education must be a tool for emancipation, not a privilege.

8. INTERNSHIPS AND THE WORLD OF WORK

Internships

Internships should not just be a box to tick but a meaningful and respectful learning experience. We want Politecnico to actively monitor internship quality, to prevent them from becoming wasted time or disguised free labor. Work is work, even when it's called an internship, and it should always be paid.

We demand: the progressive elimination of unpaid internships, a constant monitoring of the educational quality of internships, greater attention to real needs, avoiding repetitive or irrelevant tasks.

Career service also for the public and social sectors

The Career Service should also look beyond the private sector. We want more internships and job opportunities in the public and social sectors, because our knowledge can – and must – make an impact beyond the market. The Politecnico should help us build the future we want, not just the one offered to us. We also want a dedicated section for part-time job opportunities during university studies, to help reduce exploitation of working students.

9. SUSTAINABILITY

Green office

Environmental sustainability is serious business, and it requires a dedicated office to handle university actions regarding energy use, energy efficiency, mobility and transport, waste management, and resource use!

Green village

The model is inspired by TU Delft in the Netherlands: a space for green engineering where the most promising sustainability projects and theses are prototyped — a place of inspiration and action for all engineering students.

Waste sorting

Have you ever seen an organic waste bin at the Politecnico? No? Exactly, they don't exist! We need constant monitoring of waste sorting

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and new bins for organic waste. Sustainability starts with correct waste disposal, and it must always be made possible.

Reusable dishware rental

In several European universities, students can borrow lunch boxes (full or empty) and return them by an agreed deadline at designated desks. We believe this could also be extended to coffee cups at vending machines, so we can finally say goodbye to disposable plastic.

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