



ELECTION REGULATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN DECISION-MAKING

As referred to in the AHK Regulations for Participation in Decision-making

Article 1. General

1. These regulations set further rules with regard to the elections and the organisation thereof for the benefit of the participation councils established at the University: the University Council, the Academy Councils, the Employee Consultative Body and the Programme Committees.
2. The election regulations make provisions for the establishment of committees that are charged with the monitoring of the proper course of the elections.
3. The procedure of the elections is laid down in the *Werkproces Medezeggenschapsverkiezingen* (Work Process for Participation Elections). This describes and lays down the performance and the duties of all parties involved in the elections.
4. The execution of the organisation of the elections lies with the Participation Bureau (*Bureau Medezeggenschap*) in accordance with the above-mentioned *Werkproces Medezeggenschapsverkiezingen* (Work Process for Participation Elections).

Article 2. Organisation

1. The University Council shall choose an electoral committee from their number, consisting of at least two members.
2. The University Council shall determine the dates on which the elections will be held after consultation with the Executive Board.
3. The University Council shall announce the election dates as soon as possible after determination thereof.
4. Elections shall take place no more than twice a year and for all councils simultaneously.
5. Elections shall take place when a seat becomes vacant or is going to become vacant within the foreseeable future. If a council member stands for elections for a second term, they will put themselves forward as a candidate again. (*Article 2.3.2 AHK Regulations for participation in decision-making: A member can serve in a council for a maximum of six consecutive years. After an interval of three years, the right to stand for election is restored.*)
6. A vacant seat, which arises due to a newly elected member standing down before the start of the next elections, will be filled by the next candidate of the list of candidates, which the departing member was on. If the list of candidates does not provide several candidates, the seat will remain vacant until the next elections.
7. Nomination of candidates shall take place over two working weeks. The election campaign of the candidates shall take place over two working weeks before the start of the elections. The elections will be held over one working week.
8. On the instructions of the electoral committee, the Participation Bureau shall examine whether the candidates meet the requirements of the right to stand for election, determine the list of candidates and announce this.
9. If only one candidate has put themselves forward for a vacant seat, no elections shall take place and the candidate shall be directly elected for this seat.



Article 3. Rights and obligations

Candidates who stand for election for a seat in the participation council have inquired about the rights and obligations that membership of a participation council entails. This entails that candidates:

- have taken note of the rights and duties of the participation councils, as formulated in the AHK Regulations for Participation in Decision-making.
- have taken note of the responsibilities and the duties that they shall assume, as formulated in the Standing Regulations of the participation councils.
- are aware of the meeting times of the council for which they are putting themselves forward as a candidate.
- are aware of the AHK Facilities Regulations, of which the *Tijdsfaciliteit Medezeggenschap* (Time Facility for Participation in Decision-making) is an annex.

Article 4. Voting procedure

1. The casting of votes shall take place anonymously via a digital form based on established and published election lists.
2. Within their constituency, students can each cast one vote for a candidate from the student delegation and staff members can each cast one vote for a candidate from the staff delegation. Voters may not abstain from voting.
3. The candidate with the most votes shall be elected.
4. If the votes are tied, i.e. the same number of votes have been cast for a number of candidates for the same seat, the drawing of lots will decide the issue, unless one of the candidates concerned prefers a new ballot. In that case, a new vote will be held as soon as possible and Articles 4.1 to 4.3 shall apply again. If the votes are tied again, the drawing of lots will decide the issue.
5. The electoral committee shall determine the number of valid votes as soon as possible after the end of the vote.
6. The result of the vote shall be announced immediately after the counting of the votes.

Article 5. Monitoring

If the electoral committee discovers irregularities with the voting, it will immediately notify the University Council and the Executive Board of that and before it determines the result, which will take measures aimed at rectifying the irregularities.

Article 6. Short title

These regulations may be cited as the 'Election Regulations for Participation in Decision-making'.

These regulations will be adopted by the University Council following consent from the Executive Board. The regulations shall enter into force as from **27 February 2024**.

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