

Statute on

Election Procedure for the UAS Council / Rector

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§ 1. Scope

- (1) These election regulations are part of the Statutes of the UAS Technikum Wien and are valid for election to the UAS Council of the UAS Technikum Wien in accordance with § 10 FHStG as amended.

§ 2. Definitions

In these election regulations the following definitions shall apply:

- (1) Chairperson of UAS Council: The chairperson of the UAS Council holds the title of UAS Rector in accordance with § 10 para. 8 FHStG as amended.
- (2) Deputy chairperson of UAS Council: The deputy chairperson of the UAS Council holds the title of UAS Vice Rector in accordance with § 10 para. 8 FHStG as amended.

§ 3. Electoral Principles

- (1) The period of office for the UAS Council is two years. The period of office for the chairperson of the UAS Council and deputy chairperson of the UAS Council is four years.
- (2) The UAS Council consists of:
 1. Chairperson of UAS Council (UAS Rector)
 2. Deputy chairperson of the UAS Council (Vice Rector)
 3. Six of the degree program directors
 4. Six representatives of the teaching and research staff
 5. Four student representatives of the UAS degree programs
- (3) The chairperson of the UAS Council shall announce the Council elections in sufficient time before expiry of the period of office, stipulating the day, place and time of the election. The elections to the UAS Council must take place early enough that the formation of the newly elected UAS Council is possible before the period of office of the existing UAS Council expires.
- (4) The day of the announcement of the election shall be fixed as the effective date for the active and passive voting rights.
- (5) The re-election of Council members is possible.
- (6) All elections shall be held by secret ballot.
- (7) Those with passive voting rights can only be elected to the UAS Council as long as they have an official function.

§ 4. Six Program Directors

- (1) Each Study Center of the UAS Technikum Wien elects a representative and a substitute member respectively.
- (2) An electoral commission specified by the UAS Council conducts the election of the two remaining representatives. This is done via
 1. Active Voting Rights: All degree program directors have active voting rights.
 2. Passive Voting Rights: All degree program directors have passive voting rights if they have not already been elected under § 3 paragraph 3.
 3. Candidacy is made by mail to the Electoral Commission.
 4. From the candidates, the two degree program directors with the most valid votes will be determined and published. Those ranked next represent substitute members, elected in the order of votes received.
 5. In a tie, a runoff election is held. If this again results in a tie, a decision is made by drawing lots.

§ 5. Six Representatives of the Teaching and Research Staff

- (1) Everyone who has received a teaching contract in the current or previous semester or has a valid research contract and is neither head of a degree program nor a student of the UAS Technikum Wien has active and passive voting rights.
- (2) The list of persons entitled to vote shall be published.
- (3) Candidacy is made by mail to the Electoral Commission.
- (4) The Electoral Commission conducts the election by ballot and determines the six elected representatives on the basis of the number of valid votes each candidate receives.
- (5) In a tie, the winner will be decided by drawing lots.
- (6) The ranking of all candidates shall be published.

§ 6. Four Student Representatives

- (1) The student representatives are delegated. The authorized representative organ of the Austrian National Union of Students at the UAS Technikum Wien notifies the chairperson of the UAS Council of the names of delegated members and reserve members. Membership continues until a new delegation is announced.

§ 7. Election of the UAS Rector

- (1) The UAS Rector is elected for a period of four years by the Council members from the shortlist of three candidates submitted by the operator of the UAS Technikum Wien .
- (2) The UAS Vice Rector is elected for a period of four years by the Council members from the shortlist of three candidates submitted by the operator of the UAS Technikum Wien. The election is to be held no later than three months after the election of the UAS Rector by the Council members.
- (3) In the event of a joint candidacy for reelection of the UAS Rector and UAS Vice Rector this shortlist may, when approved by 2/3 of the votes of the UAS Council, be reduced to two people, one person to be UAS Rector and one for the position of Vice Rector.
- (4) The elections are to be conducted only if at least two thirds of the members of the UAS Council are present at the session specified for this purpose. If this quorum is not met, the electoral chairperson shall immediately schedule a new session for the purpose of conducting the elections.
- (5) Whoever receives 2/3 of the votes cast in the first round is elected. Abstentions and invalid votes are not considered. Should no candidate achieve the 2/3 majority, a runoff between the two candidates with the most votes in the first round shall immediately be conducted. If no candidate achieves a 2/3-majority in this ballot a new runoff election with 2/3 majority shall be conducted.
- (6) If this election also ends in a stalemate, a new election shall be conducted one month later with a new shortlist of three candidates, drawn up by the operator.

§ 8. Electoral Commission

- (1) To conduct the elections, an electoral commission consisting of members of the UAS Council with active voting rights shall be established for both the curia of degree program directors and for the curia of representatives of the teaching and research staff.
- (2) For the election of the UAS Rector and Vice Rector, the UAS Council establishes an electoral commission from among the members of the Council, which must include representatives from each curia. Candidates may not be members of the electoral commission.
- (3) The duties of the electoral commission are:
 1. to announce, prepare and conduct the elections in accordance with these election regulations,
 2. to deal with objections to the inclusion or non-inclusion of those with active or passive voting rights on the electoral roll or challenges to the election,
 3. to prepare the voting tool,

4. to organize any presentations by candidates,
5. to conduct the election and keep minutes of the election,
6. to determine the valid votes,
7. to count the votes,
8. to determine the results,
9. to ascertain acceptance of the election by those elected,
10. to forward the election results for their release and the records,
11. to adopt its resolution at the earliest one month after the election has taken place.

§ 9. Entry into Force

- (1) The election procedure version 03 of 27.02.2013 was passed by the UAS Council on 05.03.2013 and entered into force on 05.03.2013 .
- (2) The election procedure version 02 of 13.12.2012 therefore ceases to be in force.