

**PRINCIPLES OF ELECTIONS TO THE
ACADEMIC SENATE**
Faculty of Forestry, Technical University in Zvolen

The Election Regulations for the elections of the AS LF were prepared in accordance with the Act on Higher Education No. 131/2002 Coll.

- (1) The election of members of the AS LF is direct and secret.
- (2) Every member of the academic community, as defined in Article 6 of the LF Statute, has the right to vote and to be elected.
- (3) The number of members of the Academic Senate is 27.
- (4) Elections shall be held in the relevant groups of the academic community. The staff part of the academic community elects a total of 18 members of the LF AS. Students enrolled in the study programmes of all three degrees at the faculty elect a total of 9 members of the LF AS.
- (5) The Electoral Commission is composed of five members. The chairman of the Election Commission is the chairman of the AS LF. Four members are elected by the LF AS in a secret ballot, two from the staff part of the LF AS and two from the student part of the LF AS. The Electoral Commission may carry out its activities with the participation of at least three of its members.
- (6) The Electoral Commission, in cooperation with the LF Secretary, will draw up the electoral rolls and ballot papers. The ballot papers shall list all members of the AO who are eligible for election to the LF AS, including academic officers. The lists of electors and the model ballot paper shall be published in the AS notice board at least 7 days before the elections are held. If a member of the AO does not wish to be elected to the AS, he/she shall notify the Election Committee in writing at least 2 days before the election.
- (7) Students elect their representatives to the AS in two rounds. In the first round, members of the AO in each year of all three levels of higher education propose a wider selection of candidates. In the second round, the nominated candidates will appear on the ballot paper, from which those with the highest number of positive votes are elected.
- (8) Elections of the LF AS are held on the date, time and place determined by the Election Commission and approved by the LF AS, no later than 30 days before the end of the term of the AS. The polling station shall allow each voter to modify the ballot paper in secret. The Dean of the Faculty of Forestry shall arrange the working duties of the members of the AO so that they can participate in the elections.
- (9) The voter shall vote by the affirmative vote system on the ballot paper containing the names of the candidates. A ballot paper on which more than the number of candidates is marked shall be invalid.
- (10) The candidates with the highest number of votes are elected in order of preference.
- (11) In the event that there are more candidates in last place who have the same number of votes, the runoff election shall be repeated from all of these candidates. In case of equality of votes of several candidates for membership in the LF AS from the student part of the LF AS, the LF AS member shall be decided by drawing lots.
- (12) The results of the elections will be published within 24 hours of the elections taking place. The Electoral Commission shall draw up a record of the elections to the AS, which shall be signed by all its members.
- (13) Comments and complaints about the elections may be submitted to the Electoral Commission in writing within 2 working days of the publication of the election results. Complaints shall be decided by the incumbent AS within 4 working days of the publication of the election results.

(14) The first meeting of the newly elected AS is chaired by the chairman of the Electoral Commission.

(15) If a member of the Academic Senate of the Faculty ceases to be a member of the Academic Senate before the end of the term of office pursuant to Article 3, paragraph 4, letters b) to f) of the Statute of the Academic Senate of the Faculty of Forestry of the Technical University in Zvolen, the relevant part of the academic community shall elect a member of the Academic Senate of the Faculty of Forestry of the Technical University in Zvolen to fill the vacancy.

a new member of the Academic Senate of the Faculty whose term of office lasts until the end of the term of office of the member whose membership has been terminated prematurely.

(16) A member of the LF AS is dismissed by the relevant part of the LF AO, which he/she represents. The proposal for dismissal of a member of the AS is submitted by the AS Bureau whenever he has been convicted of a deliberate crime or if he has been imposed an unconditional prison sentence.

(17) The LF AS Bureau shall propose the dismissal of a member of the AS for repeated unexcused absence from AS meetings or failure to fulfill the duties of a member of the AS.

(18) AO LF shall propose the removal of a member of the AS LF in the event that a member of the AS LF does not promote the interests of their constituents. The removal of a member of the LF AS requires a written request from at least 50% of the members of the relevant part of the AO.

(19) These election principles come into force on the date of approval in the AS LF.

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