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Notice to all students of the North-West University (NWU)

NOMINATION OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE CONTACT MODE TO BE ELECTED AS MEMBERS OF THE STUDENTS' CAMPUS COUNCILS (SCCs), AND NOMINATION OF A STUDENT ENROLLED IN THE DISTANCE MODE TO BE ELECTED AS THE SRC: DISTANCE STUDENTS' OFFICER

In accordance with paragraph 26(3) of the NWU Statute and paragraph 9 of the Institutional Rules on Student Governance (2021)¹ the process for the nomination and election of the 2021/2022 SCCs on all three campuses of the NWU, and the nomination and election of one student enrolled in the distance mode to be elected as the SRC: Distance Students' Officer will **commence at 10:00 on 16 September 2021** and will **close at 15:00 on 23 September 2020**.

Only enrolled students of the NWU may nominate suitably qualified students to serve on the respective SCCs and in the portfolio of SRC: Distance Students' Officer.

Please take note of the following conditions as stipulated in the <u>NWU Statute</u>, as well as the <u>Institutional</u> Rules regarding the eligibility of candidates for nomination:

In accordance with **paragraph 7 of the Institutional Rules**, an individual may be nominated and elected to an SCC, or as the SRC: Distance Students' Officer, as follow:

7.1 General eligibility criteria for election as a member of an SCC

A student may be nominated and elected to an SCC of the campus at which such student is registered for a programme leading to a qualification, if the candidate –

- 7.1.1 qualifies to vote in the election;
- 7.1.2 is a registered student of the NWU enrolled for a programme leading to a qualification;
- 7.1.3 complies with the academic conditions set out in paragraph 7.5;
- 7.1.4 has not been registered, or will require to be registered in the subsequent year for a period beyond the maximum duration of the study concerned as provided for in the academic rules of the university; and
- 7.1.5 has served for a full term, or is serving in the current term, in a leadership position of the SRC, an SCC or a subordinate student leadership structure of the SCC concerned.

7.2 Specific eligibility criteria for election to the position of chairperson of an SCC

To qualify for nomination and election to the position of chairperson of an SCC, the candidate must have served for a full term or be currently serving a term as a member of the SCC concerned.

7.3 Specific eligibility criteria for election to the position of the SRC: Distance Students' Officer

In addition to the eligibility criteria provided for in paragraphs 7.1.1 to 7.1.4 and disqualification criteria provided for in paragraphs 7.4.1, 7.4.2, 7.4.4 to 7.4.6, a student may be nominated for the position of SRC Distance Students' Officer if the candidate —

- 7.3.1 is registered as a student of the NWU enrolled for a programme through the distance learning mode of the university; and
- 7.3.2 is available to fulfil all responsibilities associated with the position and participate in all the meetings and activities of the SRC.

¹ Hereafter referred to as: the Institutional Rules.

7.4 Disqualification of candidates

A student is disqualified from being nominated as a candidate for election to an SCC or Distance Students' Officer if –

- 7.4.1 such person is a first-time entrant to the university;
- 7.4.2 such person has already served three terms as a member of an SCC, or as the SRC Distance Students' Officer, regardless of the duration or sequential order of such terms:
- 7.4.3 such a person is not a registered student at the campus where the SCC is elected;
- 7.4.4 a conflict of interest may arise if elected;
- 7.4.5 the NWU Disciplinary Hearing Committee as established in terms of paragraph 3.1 of the NWU Manual for Student Discipline has imposed a disciplinary sanction on such person, or
- 7.4.6 such person has a criminal record.

In accordance with **paragraph 9 of the Institutional Rules**, electronic nominations must be made using the prescribed form that will be made available on **16 September 2021 at 10:00** and must be submitted electronically by no later than **15:00 on 23 September 2021** to the following relevant email addresses:

	Nominations for	Email Address
1.	Mahikeng Students' Campus Council	MC-CECT@nwu.ac.za
2.	Potchefstroom Students' Campus Council	PC-CECT@nwu.ac.za
3.	Vanderbijlpark Students' Campus Council	VPC-CECT@nwu.ac.za
4.	SRC: Distance Students' Officer	SRC-ODL-elections@nwu.ac.za

The following schedule is provided for the election of the SCCs and the SRC: Distance Students' Officer:

STUDENTS' CAMPUS COUNCILS AND SRC DISTANCE STUDENTS' OFFICER ELECTION SCHEDULE FOR THE TERM 2021			
PROCESS	DATE		
Opening of Nominations	16 September 2021		
Closing of Nominations	23 September 2021		
Publication of nominated candidates list	04 October 2021		
Objection Period on nominated candidates	04-06 October 2021		
Publication of final candidates list	08 October 2021		
Campaigning Period	11-15 October 2021		
Voting Period	18-20 October 2021		
Publication of PRELIMINARY ELECTED SCC members and SRC Distance Students' Officer	21 October 2021		
Period of objections: preliminary elected members	21-25 October 2021		
Publication of ELECTED SCC and SRC Distance Students' Officer	28 October 2021		

Note that all inquiries should be directed to the Office of the Executive Director: Student Life, (e-mail: leroux.malan@nwu.ac.za).

Yours sincerely

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