

## REGISTRAR

25 August 2023

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

## STUDENT VOTER CONDUCT AND PARTICIPATION

Dear students

As you are aware, voting for the 2023/24 SCCs and SRC: Distance Students' Officer commenced today, Friday 25 August 2023.

As part of educating our student voters, ensuring the successful completion of the online voting process, and protecting the legitimacy of the 2023/24 elections, the University hereby reminds the students of the following:

- i. The online voting platform, hosted on the Question Pro platform, has in accordance with paragraph 11.1.5 of the Institutional Rules on Student Governance (2023), been setup in such a manner to identify every interaction between an eligible student voter and the voting platform;
- ii. This is further strengthened by the student voters' roll, that was drawn from the student database maintained by the University;
- iii. Controls have been designed to immediately pick up discrepancies to identify attempts to vote more than once or submit a vote otherwise than where and how is permitted; and
- iv. The legality of the election process is strengthened by subjecting it to continuous live auditing during and after the election.

Students are therefore requested to ensure that their voter conduct remains compliant with the Institutional Rules on Student Governance, and reminded to refrain from:

- i. Any conduct that would be in contravention of the Institutional Rules;
- ii. The sharing or distribution of voting links;
- iii. The sharing of your student number and unique password; and / or
- iv. Attempting to cast your vote in respect of an election which you are not eligible for.

Please ensure that you are not tempted to have your vote spoiled by conduct that is not in line with the Institutional Rules. Not only will non-compliant conduct lead to your vote being spoiled but more importantly, you will be charged in terms of the University's disciplinary rules.

Although the electronic voting system automatically picks up non-compliant attempts to, for instance vote on an outside link on another campus than where you are eligible, you are in any case reminded of the obligation to report any transgression of the Institutional Rules on Student Governance to the Independent Students' Electoral Commission, [isec@nwu.ac.za](mailto:isec@nwu.ac.za).

Yours sincerely



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