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

UPDATE ON STUDENT VOTER CONDUCT AND PARTICIPATION DURING THE FIRST 24 HOURS OF VOTING

Dear students

On 25 August 2023, the University informed the student community of the control measures and verification systems put in place for the 2023/24 SCC and SRC: DSO Elections. Students were further reminded of the importance of ensuring that their conduct remains ethical, legal, and compliant with the Institutional Rules on Student Governance (2023).

As part of the continuous auditing conducted on the currently unfolding voting process, the University analysed the student voter participation data for the first 24-hours of voting (between the period 10h00 on 25 August 2023 and 10h00 on 26 August 2023).

The auditing process has revealed the following pertaining to the afore-mentioned voting period:

Campus/Environment	Spoilt Ballots	Successful Ballots
Mahikeng Campus	26	5 088
Potchefstroom Campus	30	2 731
Vanderbijlpark Campus	4	3 389
SRC: DSO	0	48

***Data for the period 25 August 2023 (10:00) – 26 August 2023 (10:00).*

It is regrettable that a total of 60 student voters have cast votes that are non-complaint with the Institutional Rules on Student Governance. From the above data, it is however clear that the voting attempts from students who are not on the relevant voters' roll, regarded as spoilt ballots, could not impact on the legal and successful votes cast by students who have voted on the relevant campus where they are eligible student voters.

The University wishes to inform the student voter community of the following:

- i. The internal auditing team will continue to audit the voter participation to isolate and eliminate spoilt ballots.
- ii. The data from the voting process will be verified by the independent external auditor, to ensure accuracy, transparency, and validity of the process.
- iii. Where necessary, the relevant disciplinary process will be initiated against relevant parties.

We will continue to update the student community and wish to remind students of their obligation to report any transgression of the Institutional Rules on Student Governance to the Independent Students' Electoral Commission, isec@nwu.ac.za.

Yours sincerely



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