

UNISA SRC ELECTIONS 2023

IEC SRC ELECTIONS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN & INFORMATION SESSION

Purpose:

- To introduce stakeholders (student organizations/structures) to the 2023 SRC Election project

Objectives:

- To familiarise the stakeholders about the formal requirements for registrations and application process in order to qualify to participate in the elections.
- To inform stakeholders about the relevant constitutional and policy matters to be taken into consideration for a successful registration/application.
- To enable stakeholders to ask relevant questions and get clarity from the IEC.

Background

Call for registration/application/nominations

- **Clause 2.7 of UNISA Electoral Policy for a Student Representative Council**

The IEC makes a call for registration/application/nomination to all student organisations/structures within UNISA in line with the provisions of clause 2.7 of the Electoral Policy (EP) for a Student Representative Council adopted by the SRC and approved by UNISA Council.

Eligibility of students appearing on the handwritten list in terms of clause 2.3 of the SRC Constitution and clause 2.7.3 of the EP

- Students who are eligible to vote are also eligible to nominate.
- Only students registered for a formal qualification can nominate/vote.

- Formal qualification refers to the following –
 - A Higher certificate
 - Diploma
 - Degree
 - Post-graduate studies e.g. – Advanced Diploma, Honours, Masters, Doctorate

- Students registered for informal qualifications are not eligible to nominate or vote

- Informal qualification refers to the following –
 - Short Learning Programmes

The Process and Requirements:

Student organisations and/or structures willing to participate in the election must register with the IEC and provide the following:

- the constitution of the student organisation/structure
- the list of its executive committee members with contact details
- a **handwritten list of 100 (minimum)** registered students with their student numbers and signatures appended supporting the student organisation.
- A signed declaration of good conduct [UNISA Electoral Code of Conduct]
- It is the responsibility of organizations to ensure that a student/supporter only support and sign for one organization. (where upon verification it is discovered that a student signed for more than one organization, that particular student's entry will be removed from those organizations nomination list and the organizations will have to find a replacement during the grace period).

Open date and Close date

Applications/registrations/nominations by organisations/structures willing to participate in the 2023 UNISA SRC Elections opens on the 1st May 2023 and closes on the 31st May 2023.

Submissions

The Registration Forms, signed Electoral Code of Conduct, Handwritten and signed list as well as Constitution and list of Executive Committee Members of organizations/structures should be emailed to both Chairperson of the IEC makamp@unisa.ac.za and the srcelections@unisa.ac.za email address by 16h00 on May 31st, 2023.

Only emailed submissions will be accepted.

Verification Process

Verification will be done by the IEC and Internal Audit with the assistance of the Election Management Company, which will be appointed to form the administrative arm of the IEC

Grace Period/Rectification

The IEC will grant a once-off grace period of five working days (12-19 June 2023) to the organizations/structures who failed to meet the requirements after verification to rectify any outstanding issue(s).

Qualification Criteria

- Regional Level
- National Level

Only student organizations which have successfully registered with the IEC to participate in the elections for the RSRCs in at least three of the eight UNISA regions will be eligible to contest the elections for NSRC.

Announcement of the Outcome of the registration Process

The IEC will notify and announce the organizations/structures who complied with the registration process by 23 June 2023.

IEC Voter Education Campaign

The IEC will conduct both physical and online voter education in all eight regions during the election period. The campaigns will commence on the 15th of May 2023 until the 20th August 2023.

Student Organizations/Structures Manifesto Presentations

The IEC will organize manifesto presentations for qualified student organizations across eight regions. Logistics regarding this will be communicated in due course.

For more info and update visit *myUnisa* or the SRC Elections website on MyUnisa.

Or contact (IEC Deputy Chairperson)/ IEC Project Coordinator: srcelections@unisa.ac.za