



## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2022 ELECTION SEASON FOR THE 2023 SRC**

Date: 25 July 2022

### **Dear Student**

The time has come for the 2022 SRC elections season to commence.

The 2022 SRC Elections will be conducted in a hybrid manner. Building on the e-voting success that has occurred over the past few years.

### **Election Dates**

In accordance with Annexure A 2(4) of the Constitution for Student Governance (CSG), the purpose of this letter is to serve as an official announcement, and to declare the 2022 Student Representative Council (SRC) election season open. The 2022 election season starts today, on **25 July 2022**, and will run for six-weeks, culminating into the three days of e-voting from **5-7 September 2022**.

### **Election Structures**

The 2022 SRC elections will be administered in terms of the Constitution for Student Governance (CSG) as approved by the University Council on 23 June 2022. The Independent Electoral Committee (IEC) in accordance with the constitution for Student Governance (CSG) will manage the elections. Mr Michael Makobe has been appointed as the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of the Independent Electoral Committee (IEC) and he can be reached using the following contact details: Mobile: +27 (0) 71 200 2381, Email: [makobe.michael@gmail.com](mailto:makobe.michael@gmail.com). A dedicated email address is also created to allow students to send all queries related to this season of elections: [electionssrc@gmail.com](mailto:electionssrc@gmail.com). All election-related structures have been established accordingly, including the IMB and the student IEC. An external auditing firm has been appointed to monitor the electoral procedures and processes.

### **Nominations for Students to participate in the 2022 SRC Election**

Nominations open on **25 July 2022** and close on **5 August 2022 at 16h00**. Prospective candidates should make sure that relevant nomination forms are duly completed and

submitted to the Independent Electoral Committee (IEC) electronically by **5 August 2022**, to be considered as a candidate in this election season. In line with the rules in the CSG, no late submissions will be accepted.

### **Nomination Forms**

- The nomination process will be digitized and conducted through ClickUP.
- Nomination forms will be available on ClickUP.
- Aspects of the nomination process such as the collection of support signatures will be done online via ClickUP. All guidelines will be provided in this regard on ClickUP.
- Digitizing the process ensures that timestamps, signature authentication and other vital information is verified, creating a process that has stronger integrity.
- Students will apply to run as candidates and will be vetted based on CSG requirements and will be announced as candidates on various digital platforms, including ClickUP.

### **Elective Portfolios**

Nominations are open for the following elective portfolios:

- President
- SRC Secretary
- SRC Treasurer
- Facilities, Safety & Security
- Marketing, Media & Communications
- Study Finance
- Postgraduate & International Student Affairs
- Day Student & External Campus Affairs
- Societies
- Transformation and Student Success

### **Campaigning**

- A hybrid campaigning process will occur that combines traditional contact campaigning with digital campaigning elements. This will ensure that all candidates and their information are accessible to the entire UP student body based on all campuses.
- Campaigning guidelines will be communicated to candidates to ensure that their in-person and virtual campaigning efforts are aligned to election rules and requirements.
- Candidates will be given the opportunity to present their manifestos which will be recorded and presented on ClickUP and relevant communication platforms.

- Manifesto presentations and debates will be conducted on virtual conferencing platforms and be executed as hybrid events. Live streaming will occur on Facebook to ensure that there is a wide reach to the entire UP student body. Through these virtual conference platforms, students will be able to interact with candidates, ask them questions, and receive their responses. Additionally, call-in interviews on TuksFM will provide another level of interaction.
- Candidates will be given guidelines to take photos that will be used to create posters. The same photos will be used for the **PDBY** special edition. Candidates will also be given guidelines to shoot videos that they will use to advance their campaigns and to make their manifestos known to their peers.

### **Voting Process**

Voter education will be provided using available communication platforms to ensure that voters are informed, and are well-equipped to cast their votes during the voting period.

Here is a snapshot of the actual voting process:

- At the start of the voting period, you will receive login details through your **@tuks.co.za** Gmail account
- To begin voting, you will need to log into the SRC elections voter portal using the login details provided.
- Once you are logged onto the SRC elections voter portal, you will have access to ten ballots.
- On each ballot, cast your vote for your preferred candidate, and click submit after you have reviewed your selections.
- After submitting your votes, you can download a paper copy of your receipt.

We encourage you to participate and there are **at least four critical ways** in which you should make your mark in this election season:

1. You can avail yourself as a candidate to stand for the elections by completing the nomination form, submitting it on time, and running for one or two of the elective portfolios in the SRC.
2. You can support those who want to run by seconding their nomination on time during the nomination period through the secondment process executed via ClickUP.

3. You can engage with candidates during the campaigning period, either by approaching them directly and by attending manifesto presentation and debate sessions. You have the right to engage with candidates, ask them critical questions and discuss their manifestos with them prior to the voting period.
4. You should make sure that you cast your vote between the **5<sup>th</sup> of September from 07h00 to the 7<sup>th</sup> of September at 19h00**. Remember that your vote is cast via an e-ballot, and you can vote from any place, at any time and at your own convenience during the voting period.

We call on each of you to participate and vote in 2022 SRC Elections to enhance democracy and good governance on UP campuses, and to make sure that we have strong and capable student leaders representing the voice of the UP student body.

Be on the lookout for further information in this regard. There will be announcements in PDBY, TuksFM, the UP website and UP's official social media platforms, on the student portal and intranet, on the UP mobile APP and on SRC and sub-structures social media accounts. **PDBY** will produce a special edition of the 2022 Elections, both online and in print, with details of all the qualified candidates and their manifestos. We implore all of you to pay attention and participate in every step of the process.

We look forward to your full commitment and participation to ensure that these processes enjoy the highest level of integrity.

The Constitution for Student Governance has opened channels for broad participation in the SRC from all spheres of student life; this is now the time to make your vote count. The DSA, supported by all Departments in the University, is committed to making sure that all election processes enjoy the highest level of integrity, and that we end up with election results that are free and fair.

For all enquiries regarding any of the processes, send an email to the CEO of the 2022 IEC:

Email: [electionssrc@gmail.com](mailto:electionssrc@gmail.com)

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