NOTICE OF ELECTION
for the elections for the Senate, the Faculty Councils, the School of Theology’s Appointments Council, the Student Council and the Student Committees of Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg from 15 until 22 June 2021

Please note that only the German version is legally binding

I. General provisions, legal basis, electronic election

In accordance with Section 38 of the Bavarian Higher Education Act (BayHSchG), the Regulations governing Elections at FAU (Electoral Regulations), the Regulations Deviating from the Bavarian Higher Education Act and the Bavarian Law on Academic Personnel of Higher Education Institutions at Bavarian Universities (HSchAbwV) and the Constitution of Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (GrO), the representatives in the Senate (Section 25 (1) BayHSchG), in the Faculty Councils (Section 31 (1) BayHSchG), the Student Committees (Section 52 (2) BayHSchG, Section 24 (5) GrO), the School of Theology’s Appointments Council (Section 3 (5) 3–7 HSchAbwV, Section 19 (2) GrO) and the Student Council (Section 52 (2) BayHSchG, Section 24 (3) GrO) shall be elected by the members of the group to which they belong (Section 17 BayHSchG).

The university election shall be conducted as an electronic election with the option of a postal vote.

All terms of office begin on 1 October 2021; the terms of office of student members shall end on 30 September 2022, the terms of office of the other members shall end on 30 September 2023 (Section 7(1) Electoral Regulations).

II. Committees for election

Representatives will be elected for the following committees:

1. to the Senate:
   a) six representatives of university lecturers; according to Section 3 (5) Electoral Regulations, five of these members will be elected in faculty-specific elections from the five faculties, while a sixth member will be elected by the University as a whole
   b) one representative of research staff
   c) one representative of other staff

2. to each of the Faculty Councils at the five faculties:
   a) twelve representatives of university lecturers
   b) four representatives of research staff
   c) two representatives of other staff
   d) four student representatives.

3. to the School of Theology’s Appointments Council:
   a) six representatives of university lecturers
   b) two representatives of research staff
   c) one representative of other staff
   d) two student representatives.

4. to the Student Committees:
The members of the Student Committees (Fachsvorsitzende) will be elected at the same time as the student representatives for the Faculty Councils. The number of members and how they are determined are regulated by Section 52 (2) BayHSchG and Section 24 (5) GrO. Currently each of the Student Committees have the following number of members:
   a) Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Theology 14 members
   b) Faculty of Business, Economics, and Law 14 members
   c) Faculty of Medicine 10 members
   d) Faculty of Sciences 10 members
   e) Faculty of Engineering 15 members

However, the final number of members in the Student Committees will be confirmed on the basis of the number of students at each faculty when the electoral register is closed (see Section 4).

5. in the Student Council:
Fifteen student representatives are elected directly by all students; a further fifteen members (three per faculty) are chosen by the Student Committees from their members.

III. Nominations

Nominations may be submitted from 22 April 2021 until 4pm on 5 May 2021. Nominations are to be submitted to the Elections Office or the Returning Officer using the nominations forms, which are separate according to committee and group. Any nominations submitted after the deadline will not be valid. Only candidates whose nominations have been accepted may be elected. Further information can be found on the information sheet about submitting nominations which is available on the Elections Office’s website (wahlen.fau.de) with the election nomination forms.

Nominations accepted for the election by the Elections Committee will be published on the Elections Office’s notice board (Halbmondstr. 6, 91054 Erlangen) and on the Elections Office’s website.

IV. Right to vote and electoral register

Individuals must be entered in the electoral register before it closes in order to exercise their right to vote and/or stand as a candidate. The electoral register shall be available for inspection from 12 to 17 May 2021, from 9am to 4pm in Erlangen at the University Administration’s Elections Office, Schlossplatz 4, 2nd floor, room 2.027/2.029.

The electoral register will be closed at 9am on 18 May 2021. Written notifications of missing or incorrect entries in the electoral register are permitted. However, these notifications may only be submitted by those who are eligible to vote and are entitled or should be entered in the electoral register. A notification such as this must be submitted to the Elections Office or the Returning Officer at the latest by the first working day after the electoral register has been closed, i.e. by 4pm on 19 May 2021.

Those who are eligible to vote and are included in the electoral register will receive a polling card from late April. Those who are eligible to vote and have an activated IdM account will receive their polling card as an electronic document via the internet portal online-wahlen.fau.de. Those who are eligible to vote but do not have an activated IdM account will receive their polling card in writing. The polling card informs individuals eligible to vote which group and Faculty they are registered to vote for in the electoral register and which electronic polling station (election portal) they must vote at. If corrections are made to the electoral register, those eligible to vote that are affected by the corrections will receive a corrected polling card.

V. Election deadlines and casting votes

The university election shall be held as an electronic election with the option of a postal vote from 15 June 2021, 12 noon, until 22 June 2021, 12 noon. You can find the access code required for the electronic polling station in your polling card.

Votes are cast on separate ballot papers for each committee and each group. The number of votes that each voter may cast is equal to the number of representatives in the corresponding committee that are to be elected for the group to which they belong.

Votes can have the following options:
- They may select one group of candidates as it stands.
- They may give multiple votes (a maximum of 3 votes per candidate until the total number of votes is reached) to candidates in one group of candidates.
- They may mark one group of candidates and give individual candidates within this group only a maximum of 3 votes until the total number of available votes is reached.

Selecting candidates from different groups of candidates (vote splitting) is permitted only in the election for student representatives.

Further details are stipulated in Sections 11, 13 and 14 Electoral Regulations.

VI. Postal vote

Votes may also be cast by postal vote. Those eligible to vote who intend to vote by postal vote must apply for the postal vote documents using the postal vote application form included on the polling card, which must bear their own signature. Postal vote documents may be sent by post or collected in person. Applications must be received by the Elections Office or the Returning Officer by 4 pm on 25 May 2021.

In order for postal votes to be counted, the Elections Office must receive the completed postal vote documents (voting letter with completed ballot papers) by 12 noon on the last day of the election period (22 June 2021).

VII. Election result

A copy of the announcement of the election result will be posted on the Elections Office notice board at Halbmondstr. 6 in Erlangen. The election result will also be published on the Elections Office’s web page.

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