Rules for Holding the LLC European University's Student Self-Government Elections in Electronic Form

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Article 1. General Provisions

1. The present rule defines the rules and procedures to be implemented for holding the LLC European University's student self-government elections in electronic form.

2. The aim of the present rule is to facilitate the election of student self-government by electronic means, secret ballot, universality, equality and direct elections.

Article 2. Principles for Formation of the Student Self-Government

1. The formation of the student self-government is carried out by students from each faculty of the university.

2. The number of members in the student self-government is determined as follows:

For every 500 (five hundred) students in each faculty, one representative shall be elected.

3. For the purposes of self-government elections, the number of students—and accordingly, the number of representatives per faculty—shall be determined based on the number of students enrolled as of the date the self-government elections are officially announced.

4. If the number of students in any faculty is less than 500, one representative shall still be elected.

5. If it is not possible to elect the full number of representatives (i.e., one representative per 500 students) in a faculty, the number of candidates actually elected shall be approved as members of the student self-government, provided that there is at least one representative from that faculty.

6. The student self-government is formed through elections organized by students with the support of the university.

7. In the process of the student self-government elections, all parties participating in the elections act in accordance with the following principles:

a) The principle of transparency - all participants of the student self-government elections, from the side of students and university administration, have the right to observe, directly or through their representative, the process of counting the votes. Also, all rules and procedures for the student self-government elections are publicly available for reviewing by all interested parties;

b) The principle of universality - every student of the university enjoys active (to elect a member of the student self-government) and passive (to be elected as a member of the student self-government) electoral right, the realization of which depends only on his initiative;

c) The principle of equality - all participants in the student self-government elections enjoy an equal number of votes;

d) The principle of fairness - the results of the student self-government elections depend on

the vision of the development of student life, presented by the candidates and on the sharing of this vision by the participants of the elections;

e) The principle of secrecy - which means conducting the election process in a secret manner and operating an effective vote counting system.

Article 3. Stages of Conducting Student Self-Government Elections in Electronic Form

The stages of conducting the student self-government elections in electronic form are:

a) Informing students about the terms and procedure of the first stage of the student self-government elections with the support of the university administration;

b) A student wishing to be a member of the student self-government submits an application for participation in the elections to elections@eu.edu.ge In the same email, along with the application he/she is also obliged to submit his/her election program and a representative who is authorized to participate in the process of publication of election results organized by the support group of the electronic election platform. Information about representatives includes the person's name, surname and personal number. In case of non-fulfilment of the mentioned procedure, the person will not be considered as a candidate.

c) Voting by election participants;

d) Counting of votes and publication of results;

e) Appeal;

f) Publication of the final results of the student self-government elections (post-appeal results);

g) Election of the president of the student self-government.

Article 4. Presentation of the Election Program

1. All eligible candidates registered with the election initiative are obliged to present to the voting students the vision offered by him/her about the development of student life, the organization of the student self-government activities, student advocacy and the implementation of common activities between faculties.

2. Candidates for election are authorized to conduct the process of familiarizing students with the initiatives provided for in the first paragraph of this article until the day of voting in the student self-government elections. Agitation is not allowed on the election day.

3. The university administration helps the candidates to ensure that the election initiatives are introduced to the students, if this does not interfere with the planned course of the educational process.

Article 5. Voting

1. All students of the university have the right to participate in the voting procedure for the candidates participating in the student self-government elections.

2. The university administration contributes to the organizational and technical support of the voting process.

3. A university student carries out the process of voting for a candidate participating in the elections by logging into the electronic election platform (elections.eu.edu.ge) using the university email. The student votes for the candidate according to the faculty he is studying at. The selection of the candidate is done by ticking the button next to the candidate's data and the selection process is completed by pressing the appropriate button – "Send". Voting can be done only once and it is not possible to change a choice.

4. Each voter has 1 vote. A student is entitled to vote for his own candidacy if he/she participates in the elections.

Article 6. Counting of the Votes and Publication of the Results

1. Election results are automatically calculated by the electronic election platform.

2. Election results will be announced independently of the university, by the support group of the electronic election platform.

3. The announcement of the results will be made online, through the electronic election platform, no later than 1 day after the end of the voting process. All interested persons can attend the results announcement process.

4. The candidate(s) who receive the highest number of votes within a particular faculty shall be considered elected in the student self-government elections.

5. Student Self-Government is elected for a 2-year term. Elections must be held no later than 2 months before the expiration of the current term. In the event that elections cannot be held within this timeframe, the existing Student Self-Government will retain its authority for an additional 6 months.

Article 7. Appeal

1. Within 1 day after the publication of the results of the student self-government elections, the candidate participating in the elections has the right to submit a substantiated appeal application by sending it to the election email - elections@eu.edu.ge

2. Unsubstantiated appeals will not be accepted.

3. The review of the appeal application shall be carried out by the temporary appeal

commission. The committee consists of three students, with the highest GPA represented from each faculty.

4. The support group of the electronic election platform is obliged to provide the election results to the temporary appeals commission on the same day as the election results are published.

5. As a result of reviewing the appeal application, the temporary appeal commission makes one of the following decisions:

a) in accordance with the appeal, regarding the recognition of the violation during the election period, considering it significant and making changes in the results taking into account the above, canceling and re-holding the election or its separate stage;

b) in accordance with the appeal, regarding the recognition of the violation during the election period, considering it insignificant and, taking into account the mentioned, maintaining the election results in force;

c) In accordance with the appeal, on non-recognition of the violation during the election period and, taking into account the aforementioned, maintaining the election results into force.

6. In the case of the expiration of the appeal period or in the case of decision on the appelation, made in accordance with subsections “b” and “c” of paragraph 5 of this article, the results of the student self-government elections shall enter into force.

7. If there is an appeal application, the temporary appeal commission will review the results within 2 (two) days after receiving the application.

Article 8. Election of the President of the Student Self-Government

1. Based on the final results of the student self-government elections, information is published publicly through the website and/or other social networks. Approval of the election results will be carried out after the expiry of the period established for the appeal.

2. The elected members of the student self-government must hold the first meeting of the self-government within 3 (three) days after the approval of the final results of the elections, where the self-government recognizes its authority, and the president of the self-government will be elected.

3. A member of the student self-government body is eligible to nominate themselves as a presidential candidate.

4. The presidential candidates are elected through an electronic platform by secret ballot, as a result of which the person with the most votes will be elected as the president.

5. The presidential candidate will be considered the winner if he/she receives the most votes, but not less than 5 votes. In case of non-fulfilment of this requirement, re-elections will be held following the same principles.

Article 9. Final provision

If, as a result of the elections, at least one representative is not elected in any faculty, new elections shall be held in the respective faculty or faculties in accordance with the principles outlined above.