

Special regulations
for the Elections to the 48th Student Parliament
and the Student Councils
in winter semester 2020/2021

of the
Student Body

of the
University of Siegen

December XX, 2020

Pursuant to § 54, paragraph 3 of the Higher Education Act of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia (Hochschulgesetz - HG) of September 16, 2014 (GV. NRW p. 547), as last amended by the Act of April 14, 2020 (GV. NRW p. 218b), and § 1 of the Electoral Ordinance of the Student Body of the University of Siegen of November 27, 2019 (Official Notice No. 35/2019), the Student Body of the University of Siegen has issued the following special regulations by resolution of the Student Parliament:

Due to the ongoing coronavirus SARS-Cov-2 epidemic and the resulting restrictions in the operation of the university, the students' parliament of the University of Siegen has issued the following special regulations for the elections scheduled for the winter semester 2020/21:

§ 1

Objective of the special arrangements

The aim of these special regulations is to enable the elections to the committees of the Student Body of the University of Siegen in the winter semester 2020/2021 under the special challenges of the Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 epidemic and to reduce the infection risks for both the voters and the persons entrusted with the proper conduct of the elections as far as possible.

§ 2

Postal vote on request

- (1) The elections are carried out in deviation from the electoral ordinance of the student body of the University of Siegen exclusively as a postal vote on application.
- (2) Insofar as this is necessary for the proper conduct of the elections under the challenges of the Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 epidemic, the election committee is authorized to make regulations deviating from the electoral ordinance by resolution, in particular regarding deadlines and other time specifications, as well as the manner of announcements. In addition, the election committee may permit the submission of election proposals, objections and written statements to be made in electronic form. When adjusting deadlines and time specifications, however, it must always be ensured that those entitled to vote have sufficient opportunity to take note of the election announcement and to submit suggestions and objections.
- (3) The election committee shall announce any regulations and deadlines in the election announcement that deviate from the election regulations.
- (4) Necessary announcements and publications shall be made in electronic form as far as possible.

§ 3

Entry into force and exclusion of complaints

- (1) These special arrangements shall enter into force with effect from 10th of December 2020.
- (2) They will be published in the official journal "Amtliche Mitteilungen der Universität Siegen".

It is pointed out that, pursuant to section 12, paragraph 5 of the Higher Education Act of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia (Hochschulgesetz - HG NRW), a violation of procedural or formal requirements of the Higher Education Act or of the regulatory or other autonomous law of the University can no longer be asserted after one year has elapsed since this announcement, unless

1. the order has not been properly published,
2. the rectorate has previously objected to the decision of the committee that decides the order,
3. the defect of form or procedure has been notified to the university in advance, specifying the infringed legal provision and the fact which gives rise to the defect, or
4. when the order was publicly announced, no reference was made to the legal consequences of the exclusion of complaints.

Issued on the basis of the resolution of the Student Parliament of the 10th of December 2020 and the approval of the rectorate of XX December 2020.

Siegen, the XXth of December 2020

The Rector

(University Professor Dr. Holger Burckhart)