

Göta studentkår's Policy for elections to positions of trust.





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Background

Within Göta studentkår, a number of elections to various positions of trust are conducted each operational year. Since elections take place across multiple bodies within the organisation, there is a need for clear guidelines on how the election process is to be carried out.

Purpose

The purpose of Göta studentkår's policy for elections to positions of trust is to establish clear frameworks for how such elections should be conducted. Furthermore, the policy aims to clarify the rights and obligations of individuals running for positions of trust within Göta studentkår.

Scope

The policy covers elections to:

- › Full-time remunerated positions of trust
- › The Election Committee
- › The Nomination Committee
- › Speaker and Deputy Speaker
- › Auditor
- › Members of Section Boards
- › Members of Göta studentkår's committees
- › The Board of Göteborgs universitets studentkårer
- › The Board of Göteborgs förenade studentkårer
- › The Board of Fysiken Friskvård i Göteborg AB
- › The Board of Göteborgs Studenters Företagsgrupp AB
- › Student representatives
- › Kick-off coordinators

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The policy does not cover elections to:

- › The Representative Assembly (elections are regulated by Götastudentkår's Election Regulation)
- › Phaddrar for the kick-off within each section

Nomination

A nomination means that a person, group, board, body, or similar entity appoints one or more individuals they wish to nominate for a position of trust. A nomination must be submitted in writing to the relevant body and must include a motivation explaining why the nominee is considered suitable for the position.

Candidacy

Candidacy means that an individual applies on their own initiative for a position of trust. A candidacy must be submitted in writing to the relevant body and include a motivation explaining why the individual considers themselves suitable for the position.

Eligibility

In accordance with Götastudentkår's statutes, an individual must hold an ordinary membership in Götastudentkår to be eligible for election to a position of trust within the organisation. Exceptions apply only to the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, and Auditor.

The person receiving candidacies or nominations and preparing decision material for the meeting where the election will take place is responsible for verifying the eligibility of the candidate.

If a candidate is not eligible at the time of the election, the decision-making body may choose to postpone the election. When the election is reopened, eligibility must be verified again.

General Procedure for elections during a decision-making meeting

The specific procedure for elections is regulated by each decision-making body's Rules of Procedure.

The general process for elections within Götastudentkår is as follows:

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- › If candidates are present at the meeting where the election is conducted, they are given the opportunity to introduce themselves to the decision-making body.
- › The decision-making body may ask questions to the candidates.
- › The candidates are then asked to leave the room.

If candidates cannot attend the meeting, their written motivation is read aloud during the election.

- › The Chair of the meeting opens the floor for statements in favour or statements in opposition.
- › The Chair of the meeting opens the floor for discussion.
- › Elections are normally conducted by secret ballot unless the decision-making body unanimously decides otherwise.
- › Once the election has been completed, the candidate is invited back into the room, and the Chair announces the result.

Candidates must never receive information about voting numbers or who voted for whom.

Per Capsulam Decisions

As a rule, elections are not conducted via Per capsulam decisions. Exceptions may only be made if the decision-making body unanimously deems it absolutely necessary. Elections via Per capsulam decisions are never applied within Götastudentkår's Representative Assembly.

If the decision-making body has deemed that an exception is justified, the process for doing so must be described in the background section of the Per capsulam decision.

The implementation of Per capsulam decisions is regulated by each body's Rules of Procedure.

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