

Policy for electing individuals to trustee positions.





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Purpose

Throughout the operational year, the Union Board conducts several elections of individuals to trustee positions. As these elections occurs in multiple stages, there is a need for clear guidelines outlining the process of selection. The process varies depending on the position of trust, which can lead to confusion among both candidates and members of the Union Board. This policy serves as a standardization with the hope of simplifying the process. It is also important that those nominated for positions of trust are aware of their respective rights and obligations before the selection, as clarified by the policy.

Extent

The policy encompasses all elections of individuals to trustee positions decided by the Union Board.

The Union Board carries out several selections for boards of internal organs. These selections have been delegated to the Union Board by The Representative Assembly. The relevant organs are:

- › Section Boards (in cases where positions are not filled during the constituent Representative Assembly meeting)
- › Göta International Committee
- › Pub Committee

The Union Board is also responsible for selecting members for boards of collaborative organs. These organs are:

- › Göteborgs Universitets Studentkårer (Gothenburg University Student Unions)
- › Göteborgs Förenade Studentkårer (Gothenburg United Student Unions)

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Finally, the Union Board is to select members for boards of companies in which Göta Studentkår holds shares. However, these boards conduct their own selections and thus have the ultimate decision in determining those who are elected. These companies are:

- › Fysiken Friskvård i Göteborg AB
- › Göteborgs Studenters Företagsgrupp AB

Eligibility

To be eligible for positions of trust within Göta studentkår, membership is required. This shall be verified by a Union Board member who receives the candidacy before the election takes place. Additionally, candidates must be admitted and registered for courses within one of the faculties represented by Göta studentkår. Before course registration is open, such as during the summer months, it suffices for candidates to be admitted to a course or program. To be elected as a Section Board member, candidates must also be studying within the respective faculty corresponding to the section.

If candidates do not meet the above criteria, the Union Board, by a simple majority, can decide to postpone the election. The Union Board member who made the nomination is responsible for informing the respective candidate in case the election is postponed.

Full-time remunerated individuals who have been previously appointed by The Representative Assembly are not subject to the requirements of admission and course registration to be considered eligible.

Nomination

Nominations are made by a Union Board member through written documentation to the Organization Coordinator no later than 7 weekdays before the Union Board meeting. The nomination should include relevant information about the candidate's background as well as a justification for why the candidate is deemed suitable for the position. The Union Board member who nominated the candidate should also invite the individual to the Union Board meeting. However, the candidate's presence is not mandatory.

Presentation

If the candidate is present during the Union Board meeting, they should introduce themselves to the Union Board and respond to any questions. If the candidate feels uncomfortable with certain questions, they have the right to refrain from answering. If the

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candidate is not present, the presentation will be conducted by the Union Board member who nominated the candidate.

Plea

Once the presentation and any questions have been addressed, a plea should be conducted. The meeting chairperson indicates when the plea begins. Before the plea begins, the current candidates should leave the room unless otherwise uniformly requested by the Union Board. In cases of competition for positions of trust, if possible, candidates should be placed in separate rooms.

During pleas, discussions about candidates should primarily be positive. However, relevant information that is considered to impact the position at hand can be raised. This should not turn into personal attacks or irrelevant criticism.

Election

For the Union Board to make decisions without external influence, current candidates should leave the room unless the Union Board unanimously decides otherwise.

Personal matters are always decided by a secret ballot unless the Union Board unanimously decides otherwise. To be elected, more than half of the valid votes cast by the Union Board are required. If no candidate achieves the prescribed majority, a new round of voting is conducted among all candidates, except for the candidate who received the fewest votes in the previous round. If a candidate is a member of the Union Board, that person shall exclude themselves from the voting list.

When the candidates are back in the room, the meeting chairperson announces the result. Candidates should not be informed about the number of votes cast or who voted for what. This applies even to open ballots.

Summary

- > Union Board member verifies candidate eligibility.
- > Union Board member nominates candidate through written documentation.
- > Candidate or Union Board member presents the candidate to the Union Board.
- > The candidate leaves the room, and the plea is conducted.
- > Election takes place.
- > Meeting chairperson announces the election results.

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