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The Steering Council of the University "Kadri Zeka" Gjilan, in its XVII consecutive meeting, held on 11,09,2017, approved the:

Regulation on students elections in UKZ

General Provisions

Article 1

This Regulation sets out the procedure and organization of elections for members of the students' parliament and students' faculty councils.

Article 2

Regular and part-time students have the right to establish student organizations within UKZ.

Students in Master studies have the right of vote and the right to be elected in the representation bodies.

Each student organization shall have its own statute approved by its members and in accordance with this regulation.

The Statute shall include principles for equal opportunities and non-discrimination.

Article 3

(1) Students' interests will be represented at the University through these bodies:

1. Students' Parliament at University level;
2. Students' councils at the level of each academic unit.
3. Students' organizations have the right to propose members to the Students' Parliament and students' councils of academic units on the basis of election results every two years.
4. Students who have failed in their years of studies cannot be nominated or elected in student leading positions in UKZ.
5. Students who are part of the governing bodies of political parties cannot run in the electoral lists of student organizations.

Students' Parliament

Article 4

(1) Students' Parliament is the supreme body of student representation.

(2) The students' parliament elects a student member for the Senate from the list of proposed candidates, prepared by the student councils of each academic unit, while the Chairman of the Student Parliament is an ex officio member of the Senate.

(3) Students' Parliament should focus on the following topics:

- Students' interests at University level;
- Engagement in the quality of teaching and learning;
- Studies related to the aspects of University's reforms and academic developments;
- Developing the quality of learning and assessment;
- University scholarships;
- Social assistance (scholarships);
- Other general issues of academic interest of students;
- Organizing cultural and sports activities;

(4) Students' Parliament shall make the following decisions;

- Election of a student member at the Senate of the University;
- Development of student activities within the University
- Proposals for the Senate of the University, regarding student and academic issues;
- Participation in all commissions and councils of the University where students are members according to the Statute;
- Other similar issues.

Article 5

- (1) The number of student parliament members is 2 (two) candidates for each academic unit and the chairman of students' parliament.
- (2) Members of the students' parliament will be elected from the general elections of the University, where each student organization which has been certified to participate in the elections, shall conduct the campaign based on candidates' list.
- (3) The allocation of mandates for each organization that campaigns depends on the overall number of votes cast in the elections according to this regulation.
- (4) Student Parliamentary Elections shall be conducted by the Election Commission.

Student Council

Article 6

- (1) Student councils are the representative bodies of the students in each academic unit.
- (2) Each Student Council proposes a candidate list for the Senate student member to be elected by the Student Parliament.
- (3) The chairman of the student council is a student-member of the faculty council.
- (4) Each student council should focus on the following topics:
 - Student interests at the academic unit level;
 - Studies related to aspects of Faculty reforms and academic developments;
 - Developing the quality of learning and assessment;
 - University scholarships;
 - Social assistance (scholarships);
 - Other similar issues.
- (5) Each student council shall make the following decisions:
 - Prepare a short list for member-students in the Senate;
 - Electing student members at faculty councils;
 - Development of student activities within the faculty;
 - Proposals for the faculty council regarding the student and academic issues;
 - Participation in all commissions and faculty councils where students are members according to the Statute;
 - Other similar issues.

Article 7

- (1) The total number of members of each student council is 1% of the total number of regular students enrolled in that academic unit, with at least 5 and with a maximum of 21 members. In case an academic unit has more than 300 students, student council will have 5 members.
- (2) Representation of students in student council shall be done based on the percentage of the number of students according to Bachelor level of studies.
- (3) Members of student councils shall be elected individually through elections in each academic unit, where each accepted student organizations will campaign based on the list of candidates.
- (4) The allocation of mandates for each student organization that campaigns depends on the total percentage of votes obtained during the elections according to this regulation.
- (5) Elections for student councils shall be conducted by the Faculty Commission in cooperation with the Election Commission.

Election principles

Article 8

- (1) The registration of new student organizations shall be made in the Ministry of Public Administration, in accordance with the Law no. 04/L-57 on the Freedom of Association in Non-Governmental Organizations.
- (2) The University "Kadri Zeka" will certify only those organizations which will be registered within the University "Kadri Zeka" Gjilan.
- (3) The UKZ students shall be represented in all decision-making structures of the university.
- (4) The established organizations shall be registered at least 3 weeks before the date of elections.
- (5) Student organizations have the right to register for:
 - a. General representation of University students;
 - b. Representation of students at individual faculties.
- (6) The minimum number of signed supporting declarations required for student organizations to reach eligibility shall be determined in accordance with the rules of this Regulation.
- (7) Student organization to be registered must provide 150 supporting signatures, while for the representation in individual faculty councils, they have to provide 50 signatures.
- (8) The supporting statement shall state: Name and surname, index number, Faculty, Department and signature.
- (9) If irregularities are found in the completion of the records, the Election Commission may

annul the registration of the organization.

(10) Qualifying date for student organizations to win the right to participation in student elections, will be scheduled 15 days before the Election Day.

(11) The registration and licensing process shall end on the same date.

Article 9

(1) Members of the Student Parliament and student councils shall be elected in accordance with procedures for parliamentary elections.

(2) The representation of students in the student parliament shall be based on the percentage of the number of students based on Bachelor study level.

(3) A proportional representation system shall be applied during the elections. This ensures that each student organization that has won the total number of votes above the threshold will achieve the number of seats in proportion to the percentage of votes that they have obtained.

(4) The limit (threshold) for nomination of members of the student organizations is:

- 5% of the total number of votes for the Student Parliament.
- 3% of the total number of votes at the level of the respective academic unit for the faculty councils.

Article 10

The mandate of the members of the Student Parliament and the Student Council of the academic units lasts for 2 years.

Article 11

(1) Student elections shall be announced by the Steering Council of the UKZ.

(2) Student elections shall be held no later than 25 days after the announcement of elections by the Steering Council of the UKZ. The exact date shall be determined by the Steering Council of the UKZ.

(3) The organizations of students that are eligible to participate in student elections at the University or faculty level shall conduct the campaign based on the priority list of candidates.

(4) The election campaign period for student organizations shall commence on the day of the announcement of the election and shall end 48 hours before the election date, counting the time from 00:00 of the day of the announcement of the elections. Elections will be conducted by the Election Commission, and eventual violations of election rules and procedures shall be sanctioned.

Election Commission and Faculty Commissions

Article 12

(1) The Election Commission shall be established by the Chairman of the Steering Council within five working days after the date of the announcement of the elections. The chairman of

the Election Commission assumes the leadership of the commission after his / her election.

(2) The Election Commission shall be composed of the following members:

1. General Secretary of the UKZ;
2. A representative from the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology with the respective legal competencies;
3. A representative from the three largest student organizations taking into account the number of votes won in the last elections. If the number of participating organizations in the last elections was lower than three, then it is done based on signatures of students collected for supporting organizations.
4. A representative of the CEC of the Republic of Kosovo, in the capacity of the monitor.

(3) The Chairperson of the Steering Council shall send a written request to obtain the names nominated by the nominating organizations pursuant to paragraph (2) of this Article within three days after the announcement of elections. This letter should be sent together with an invitation for the constitutive meeting. Nominations must be submitted in writing to the Chair of the Steering Council, no later than one day prior to the constitutive meeting. Delayed nominations will not suspend the procedures. The Chair of the Council shall open the meeting.

(4) The election commission elects the chairman and deputy chairman with the majority of votes.

(5) The chairman is elected among the members listed in point 1 and 2 of the paragraph (2) of this Article. The deputy chairman is elected among student-members.

(6) The election commission is responsible for preparation, management and progress of student elections.

(7) Election results shall be published exclusively by the election commission.

(8) The election commission shall approve the regulation of work of the election commission, faculty commissions and instructions for voting following the proposal of the chairman of the commission within 2 weeks after it is constituted.

Article 13

(1) For each faculty of the UKZ, Election Commission shall establish election commissions within five days after the establishment.

(2) Faculty Commission shall be composed of the following members:

1. A representative from the two largest student organizations based on the signatures collected.
2. A non-academic staff (in absence of non-academic staff an academic staff may be appointed).
3. Nominations shall be submitted in writing to the Chairperson of the Election Commission no later than one day prior to the constitutive meeting. Delayed nominations

will not suspend the procedures.

(3) The non-academic or academic staff of the unit shall act as the chairperson the Faculty Commission. The deputy chairman is elected from among the students with majority of votes.

(4) The Faculty Commission supports the Election Commission in the preparation, management and execution of student elections in the respective faculty.

Article 14

(1) No student may be a member of more than one election or faculty committee.

(2) No student has the right to have his or her name in more than one candidate list.

(3) No student who is a member of an election or election commission has the right to support the list of candidates or vice versa.

(4) All members of the Election Commission and faculty commissions must sign a written statement prepared by the chairman of the Election Commission, stating that they will work during their mandate impartially and with full consciousness.

(5) The Steering Council shall have the right to temporarily suspend the student members of the election or the election commission of the faculty on the recommendation of the chairman of the Election Commission, in case of any proven violation of the rules of this regulation by the respective members. In this case, the position will not be re-filled for the period during the suspension.

Article 15

(1) The Chairman of the Election Commission shall be responsible for:

- Call for meetings of the election commission;
- Chair the meetings;
- Provide guidelines for the decision-making process;
- Prepare minutes of the meeting;
- Execute the election commission decisions;
- Coordinate with the faculty commissions.

(2) The chairperson of the election commission may be appointed two assistants to assist in carrying out the technical, logistic and operational work.

(3) The Rector is obliged to provide sufficient administrative support to the Chair of the election commission in order to fulfill the obligations defined in this Regulation according to the timeframes.

(4) If the Chairperson is absent, the responsibilities under paragraph (1) of this Article shall be passed over to the deputy.

Article 16

Each student organization qualifying for participation in student elections according to this regulation, which is not represented in the election commission or faculty commissions, has the right to nominate an observer to the election commission.

Article 17

(1) In case of early resignation of members, as listed in Article 12 (2) and 13 (2.3) of this Regulation, the Steering Council shall request from the delegating organization to appoint a member within a short period of time.

(2) In case of the lack of the quorum of the election commission, due to the failure to nomination, the chairman of the Election Commission has the right to make decisions himself/herself.

Article 18

(1) The Chairperson must be present at the election commission, plus at least two members in order to have a quorum. The Faculty commission should have the chairman and at least one more member present to reach the quorum.

(2) If there is a lack of quorum, the chairperson may call another meeting within 48 hours.

(3) If there is no quorum during two consecutive meetings, the chairman has the right to make decisions on the agenda items.

(4) The decisions of the Election Commission and Faculty commission shall be taken with the majority of votes.

(5) In case of equal votes, the chairperson's vote is decisive.

Article 19

(1) The Chairman shall be obliged to invite the election commission meeting within the deadline set forth in this Regulation, no later than a week after being notified of the relevant case.

(2) The invitation must be submitted to the members no later than three days before the meeting. Proper communication steps must be ensured. The invitation should contain the agenda.

(3) Each member of the election commission has the right to submit a request to the chairman to convene a meeting by sending in writing an argument and the agenda for the meeting. Such meetings should be called within three days after the request has been sent.

Article 20

(1) The minutes of the meeting shall be prepared for each election commission meeting and faculty commission meeting. The protocol format shall be used.

(2) The minutes of the meeting shall include a brief description of the progress of the meeting

and decisions that have been taken. The minutes shall be signed by all members of the commission present. In case someone refuses to sign, his/her name and reasons should be provided and attached to the minutes of the meeting.

(3) All minutes of election commission and faculty commission meetings shall be kept by the respective Chairperson of election commission. A copy of each meeting must be given to the Secretary General of the UKZ and must be kept in the archive for a period of four years.

Article 21

(1) The Faculty commission meeting shall be convened in cooperation with the chairman of the election commission and the chairman of the faculty commission.

(2) To chair the meetings of the faculty commission, the relevant rules of this Regulation shall be valid.

Article 22

(1) The Election Commission shall have the following responsibilities:

1. Defining and implementing the dynamics of the elections;
2. Preparation of lists for election of persons with the right to be elected;
3. Decisions on opposition to the election list;
4. Confirming the total number of mandates;
5. Evaluation of the candidates list;
6. Presiding over election procedures;
7. Verification of the identity of voters;
8. Confirming the results of the elections;
9. Giving the mandate to accept the selected organizations and candidates.
10. Informing the candidates;
11. The announcement of election results;
12. The replacement of the mandate;
13. Constituting the students' parliament;
14. Constituting students' councils,
15. Coordination of the faculty commissions;

(2) The list of recognized student organizations and the list of candidates must be publicly announced no later than 14 days before the day of elections.

(3) The election results must be publicly announced within 2 days after the day of elections. Mandates should be set at the same time.

Article 23

- (1) The Rector and Deans of the UKZ are obliged to provide, based on the request of election commission, the final list with all the data and the changes of eligible students to vote, no later than 10 days after the announcement of student elections by the Steering Council.
- (2) Students with the right to vote must fulfill the following two qualifications:
 - To have the status of a regular/part time student.
 - To have the student ID card proving that proves that the student is enrolled and it is valid for the date of elections as defined by the Steering Council.
- (3) The qualifying date for the list of eligible voters shall be 15 days before the election.
- (4) The list of eligible students to vote shall be made public and be accessible to the election commission within 14 days after the elections have been announced by the Steering Council until 7 days before elections.
- (5) Within this period, each student has the right to appeal against the content of the list through a written statement which may be submitted to the chairman of the election commission.
- (6) If any objections regarding the list of eligible voters, it must be submitted no later than 14 days before the elections and those objections must be addressed no later than 7 days before the elections.

List of candidates

Article 24

- (1) Students' organizations with the right to participate in elections for student parliaments or student councils, according to the principles of this regulation, must submit their candidate lists to the election commission no later than 14 days before the elections, using the List of Candidates Form in Attachment 2. After submitting the list, it will not be changed.
- (2) Each candidate list shall contain:
 - The name of the student organization;
 - The governing body they want to be elected to (student parliament or student council);
 - Priority list of candidates;
 - The candidate's consent statement;
 - The authorized person of the student organization.
- (3) In case of conflicting names of two or more student organizations, the election commission shall require from the authorized persons of each organization involved to find a solution at least 14 days before the day of elections. In case that no agreement is reached by the mentioned date, the election commission shall decide on the distinction of names for each organization involved.
- (4) Student organizations, which have been represented before in the representation of the

students will have the right to keep their names.

(5) The use of names of existing Kosovo political parties, as names of student organizations, will not be permitted.

Article 25

(1) A list of candidates of student organizations shall consist of a maximum of twice the number of candidates of the allowed mandates to be elected as a body. The surplus of candidates must be removed from the list by the election commission.

(2) For each candidate who has to qualify under Article 23 (2), in order for the candidacy to be lawful, the following information (s) shall be provided.

- Name and surname
- Birth place
- Date of birth
- Address
- Title of active studies – Faculty or department
- Number of student index
- Certificate of registration of a regular student - stamp
- Consent statement.

(3) Candidates who do not fulfill these qualifications to have the right to vote pursuant to Article 23 paragraph (2), will be removed from the list of candidates by the election commission.

Article 26

(1) Out of 80% of the first listed candidates in the list of candidates, at least 40% should be male and 40% should be female, one candidate from both genders at least once in each group of three candidates, counting from the first candidate in the list. The third candidate must be a female in the list of candidates.

(2) For other details of the gender rules and needs of the list of candidates, refer to the Law on Gender Equality no. 2004/2.

Article 27

(1) The validity of the candidate list must be checked by the election commission immediately after being received.

(2) In case of irregularities or defects which need correction, the list of candidates must be returned to the authorized person of the respective student organization, with the necessary explanations for improvement.

(3) An improved list of candidates shall be submitted to the election commission by the student organization no later than 10 days before the elections.

(4) If the electoral list or candidate list, which is returned for improvement, is not submitted within

a specified period of time, the candidacy of the respective student organization is considered withdrawn.

Article 28

(1) Each student organization shall have the right to withdraw its candidacy or an individual through a written statement, which must be signed by the authorized representative and the head of student organization, no later than 10 days before the elections.

(2) The student organization's candidacy shall be considered as withdrawn if the required number of candidates according to this regulation is not provided because the candidates have withdrawn the candidacies in writing and signed statements, no later than 10 days before the elections.

(3) Certification of the list of candidates shall be done based on the priority list of the candidates of student organizations.

Article 29

(1) The electoral list or candidate list, which is not submitted within the specified period, shall be rejected.

(2) For the evaluation of the exact date of submission, the date on the postal stamps or the date of the personal delivery shall be decisive.

(3) The chairman of the election commission is obliged and must arrange an information campaign in the period before elections for students with a right of vote, informing them on election procedures. The Rector is obliged to provide the necessary resources for such an election process and make them public.

Conducting elections

Article 30

(1) Polling station in all academic units shall be opened at 7:00 and closed at 19:00, except if at the time of closing the polling stations there are lines of voters waiting to vote, then the time of closing the polling station is postponed until the last student votes.

(2) The total number of 12 hours must be at the disposal for voting.

(3) The number of polling stations within faculties shall be determined by the election commission.

Article 31

(1) The Rector is obliged to provide appropriate polling stations for holding elections in each faculty building. Necessary equipment, such as; are: ballot boxes, ballot booths and other necessary ballot accessories must be provided by the Rector with a request of election commission.

(2) During the election process, in addition to members of the election commission the following persons may have access to polling stations:

- Support staff of the election commission;
- Official observers appointed for election;
- Voters;
- Other designated officers, responsible for regular operation.

(3) After the vote has been cast, voters must leave the polling station without delay.

(4) If deemed necessary, for reasons of the proper functioning of the electoral procedure, the chair of the election commission (faculty commission) shall have the right to limit the voter's access to only one voter in the order.

Article 32

(1) Each polling station shall have at least one voting booth. The total number of the voting booths necessary for each faculty shall be calculated in such a way that 80% of students with the right of vote to have the possibility of casting their vote without hindering the voting period.

(2) The voting booth shall be placed in that position so that the voter is not observed by other persons who are present at the polling station during the voting process.

(3) In case the fixed and erected voting booths are not provided, sufficient space in the room has to be adapted in a suitable way for voting. These temporary arrangements have to be approved by the election commission following an individual inspection.

(4) The voting booth shall have a desk with a high seat or with a high counter. It should also have sufficient light and provide material for writing in a voting ballot sheet.

Article 33

(1) Different ballots should be distinguished through different colors.

(2) Ballots should be folded at least once before being cast into the ballot box.

Article 34

The election commission (faculty commission) is responsible for conducting election procedures in accordance with the election regulation.

Article 35

(1) Voting must be made in person. Blind persons and persons with disabilities who cannot vote personally shall have the right to choose a person who will assist them during the voting process.

(2) Excluding paragraph (1) of this Article, the voting booth may only be entered by one person in the order.

Article 36

- (1) Each voter is obliged to prove his / her identity to the election commission (faculty commission by presenting his/her ID card.
- (2) Assessment of admissibility shall be made exclusively on the basis of the election list for the persons who have the right to vote.

Article 37

- (1) Each student with a right to vote has to prove his/her identity as described above.
- (2) The chairman of the election commission (faculty commission) hands over the respective ballot to the student.
- (3) Every student eligible for voting has the right to vote for:
 - a. The Student Parliament of the University;
 - b. Student councils in all the faculties where he / she is listed as a student with the right to vote.
- (4) The chairman of the election commission (faculty commission) directs the voter to the voting booth.
- (5) The voter fills the ballot sheet, folds it once and exists the ballot booth.
- (6) The chair of the election commission pulls out the cover from the ballot box and the voter casts the folded ballot sheet into the ballot box.
- (7) In case of a mistake made by the voter while filling in the ballot sheet, the election commission (faculty commission) is also obliged to provide an additional ballot sheet at the voter's request. The preliminary ballot sheet should be torn up by the voter before casting the ballot sheet in front of the election commission (faculty commission).
- (8) The submission of the additional ballot sheet shall be recorded in the voting protocols.

Article 38

- (1) A voter's name who has cast a ballot shall be registered in the voting register by one of the members of the election commission (faculty commission). The registration form attached in Annex 4 of this Regulation shall be used.
- (2) The name must be registered with the original number of the voter with the right to vote in the voter list.
- (3) The other member of the election commission (faculty commission) shall record the name of the voter in the voter list with the right to vote.

Article 39

The identity of the voter is confirmed by another member of the election commission (faculty commission).

Article 40

- (1) In case of doubt of student's identity, the election commission has the right to request additional identification documents.
- (2) If the identity cannot be ascertained the student is not allowed to vote.
- (3) After submitting the ballot paper, no other doubt as to the identity of the voter shall be taken into account.

Article 41

- (1) For the ballot sheet, the ballot sheet form shall be used as in Annex 5 of this Regulation. The ballot sheets should contain information in all three official languages in Kosovo (Albanian, English and Serbian).
- (2) Depending on the election body, different colors of ballot sheets may be used as decided by the election commission.
- (3) The order of student organizations on the ballot sheet must be determined through a lottery which is organized by the election commission.
- (4) The printing of ballot papers must be arranged by the chairman of the election commission in due after the publication of election lists.

Article 42

Ballot sheet is considered valid if there is undisputable evidence on the student organizations or the candidate the voter has voted for. This is the case when the voter marks the circle on the left of the name of the eligible organization or the candidate with an (x) or other marks of this nature, so that the voter's intention to choose this body or candidate is clearly indicated.

Article 43

- (1) The ballot sheet is considered invalid, if:
 1. Besides the regular ballot sheet, another ballot sheet is used;
 2. The ballot paper is torn off in such a way that it will not be possible to clarify which student or candidate organization has been selected;
 3. When no student organization or candidate has been marked;
 4. When two or more student organizations or candidates are marked.
 5. When the marking on the ballot sheets is done in such a way that it cannot be determined which student organization or candidate was voted.
- (2) Words, comments or other signs that appear on the ballot sheet shall render the ballot sheet invalid, except if it is similar and arises from the cases listed above.

Article 44

- (1) After the electoral period of 12 hours ends, the chairman of the election commission (faculty commission) announces the end of the polls. Polling stations shall be closed only by members of the election commission (faculty commissions), support staff and observers who remain in the room.
- (2) The election commission (faculty commission) shall mix ballot sheets in the ballot box, then empty it and count:
 1. The total number of ballot sheets cast by voters for each voting body;
 2. The total number of voters registered in the voting lists;
 3. In case of discrepancy of results under point 1 and 2 of this paragraph, it identifies the reasons for such discrepancy.
- (3) The election commission (faculty commission) discloses the ballot sheets, arranges them according to the voting body, checks the validity, identifies the invalid ballot sheets according to the order and ascertains:
 1. The total number of votes cast.
 2. The total number of invalid votes cast
 3. The total number of valid votes cast
 4. The total number of valid votes for each student organization or candidate.
- (4) The results referred to in point (3) of this Article, shall be submitted without delay to the chairman of the election commission.

Article 45

- (1) The election commission (faculty commission) shall protocol the election procedure and results of elections in a report. For the protocol the Election procedure protocol form should be used as attached in Annex 6 of this Regulation.
- (2) The report shall contain the following data:
 1. The name of the polling station and the date of voting;
 2. The names of the persons present;
 3. The names of the observers present;
 4. The exact number of the submitted ballot sheets for each electoral body being elected;
 5. The starting time and the end of the election period;
 6. Potential decisions of the election commission (faculty commission) related to allowing or not allowing voters to vote;
 7. Other decisions of the election commission (faculty commission) during the election period

(e.g. obstructions during the election period, voting through support persons, etc.)

(3) This report should also contain:

1. The list of eligible voters;
2. Register of voting;
3. Invalid, separate, packed and marked votes for each election body or candidate being elected;
4. Unused, separate, packed and marked ballot sheets.

(4) The report must be signed by all members of the election commission (faculty commission) and observers present. In case someone refused to sign the report, the reasons shall be recorded.

(5) The report including the attached forms for the election process.

Article 46

(1) In case of special circumstances or incidents within the election commission (faculty commission), the election commission has the right to terminate the voting process and postpone it for another election day.

(2) Each postponement of the elections shall be publicly announced without delay by the chair of the election commission (faculty commission).

(3) If the voting period has already started and then it is interrupted, all election actions, ballot sheets and ballot boxes shall be closed by the chairman of the election commission (faculty commission) until the election procedure resumes.

Article 47

(1) The distribution of mandates shall be calculated by the election commission in accordance with the rules of this Regulation.

(2) For the distribution of mandates, the Mandate award form shall be used as in Annex 7 of this Regulation.

Article 48

(1) The election results shall be published by the election commission without delay, no later than 4 days after the end of the day of elections.

(2) The publication should contain:

- a. Election result in figures, ranked by student organization and candidates.
- b. The total number of mandates for each voting student organization.
- c. List of the candidates for each body.

Article 49

(1) The elected mandate must be communicated by the election commission within two days after the election results are published.

(2) For the information letter, the Notification of Mandates form can be used as in Annex 8 of this Regulation.

(3) The mandate is considered approved if the elected candidate does not have objections on his/her election within four days after the final election result have been announced.

(4) In case a mandate is refused by the elected candidate, the mandate shall be assigned to the next candidate in the row based on the list of candidates.

(5) The mandate is considered unacceptable in case the student organization does not agree with the representation of a particular candidate in a respective body and justifiably requests his/her replacement.

Article 50

(1) Objections against the procedures and election results of students shall be submitted to the election commission within two weeks after the publication of election results.

(2) The complaints due to the violation of the rules of this regulation shall be decided by the University Steering Council within four weeks after receiving the complaints.

(3) Eventual complaints of students and student organizations to the election results shall be reviewed and decided by the election commission within 8 (eight) days after receiving the mentioned complaints.

(4) In case elections are declared invalid, new elections shall be held and the mandates shall be suspended.

(5) Any change in the election result due to the receipt of the complaints shall be publicly announced by the chairman of the election commission.

(6) A complaint may be lodged against the decision of the election commission and the Steering Council, which may be submitted to the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology. No other legal means of appeal is beyond the MEST decision.

Article 51

(1) If the elections have to be repeated due to the grounded and accepted complaints, new elections shall be held within 60 days after the decision becomes valid. Vacation days shall be excluded from the calculation of this period.

(2) Elections shall not be repeated during the holiday period.

(3) For the repeated elections, the original list of elections and the list of candidates shall be used.

Article 52

(1) The regulation shall enter into force on the day of its signing by the chairman of the Steering Council.

(2) For all aspects not regulated by this Regulation, the provisions of the Law on Higher Education of Kosovo and the Statute of UKZ shall apply.

(3) With the entry into force of this Regulation, the previous Regulation on student elections no. 01/432 dated 20.03.2015 is repealed.

September 2017

Chairman of the Steering Council
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