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REGULATION FOR STUDENT ELECTIONS IN "HAXHI ZEKA" UNIVERSITY

Based on article 17 and 154, par. 3 of the "Haxhi Zeka" University Statute, and in accordance with the Law for the Higher Education in the Republic of Kosovo, the Governing Council, on the meeting which was held on April 22, 2015, approved:

REGULATION FOR STUDENT ELECTIONS IN "HAXHI ZEKA" UNIVERSITY The General Provisions

Article 1

With this Regulation, procedures for the organization of elections for members of the Student Parliament and the Faculties' Student Councils are determined.

Article 2

- 1. Students have the right to establish student organizations which may belong to all regular, correspondent, and master students.
- 2. Each student organization must have its own Statute approved by its members and in accordance with this regulation.
- 3. The Statute will include principles for equal opportunities and non-discrimination.

Article 3

- 1. Students' interests will be represented at the University through these bodies:
- A. Student Parliament at University level;
- B. Student councils at the level of each academic unit.
- 2. Student organizations have the right to propose members to the Student Parliament and student councils of academic units based on election results in every two years.
- 3. Students who have failing years of studies cannot run, respectively be elected to the HZU student leadership position.
- 4. Students who are part of the governing bodies of political parties cannot run on election lists of student organizations.

Students' parliament

- 1. The Student Parliament is the supreme body of student representation. It makes decisions on student and academic issues at University level.
- 2. The Student Parliament elects the members of the Senate from the positions of the nominated, prepared by the student councils of each academic unit. The Chairman of the Student Parliament is an "ex-officio" member of the total number of Senate student members.
- 3. Student Parliament should focus on the following topics:
- a) Students' interests at University level;
- b) Commitment to quality in teaching and learning;

- c) Studies related to the aspects of university reform and academic developments;
- d) Developing the quality of learning and assessment;
- e) University scholarships;
- f) Social scholarships;
- g) Other general issues of students' academic interests;
- h) Organizing activities, teaching, cultural and sports activities.
- 4. Student Parliament makes the following decisions:
- a) Election of three student-members on the HZU Senate;
- b) Developments of student activities within the HZU;
- c) Proposals for the HZU Senate on student and academic issues;
- d) Participation in all commissions and councils of the HZU where students are members according to the statute;
- e) Other similar issues.

- 1. The total number of members of the student parliament is 9 according to the Statute of HZU, where at least one member should be a representative of the academic unit.
- 2. Members of the student parliament will be elected from the general election of the University, where the eligible student organization will make a campaign based on the candidate list.
- 3. The allocation of mandates for each student organization that is campaigning depends on the overall number of votes cast in the elections according to this regulation.
- 4. Student parliamentary elections will be conducted by the election commission.

Student council

- 1. Student councils are the representatives of the students in each academic unit.
- 2. Each student council proposes a list of three candidates for student Senate students to be elected by the Student Parliament.
- 3. The Student Council of each academic unit chooses the student members of the academic unit's council. The Chairman of the Student Council is an "ex-officio" from the total number of student members of the faculty council.
- 4. Each student council should focus on the following topics:
- a) Students' interests at the academic unit level;
- b) Studies related to aspects of faculty reform and academic developments;
- c) Developing the quality of teaching and assessment;
- d) University scholarships;
- e) Social scholarships;

- f) Other similar issues.
- 5. Each student council makes the following decisions:
- a) Preparation of a close list of Senate-student members;
- b) Election of members of the faculty councils;
- c) Developments of student activities within the faculty;
- d) Proposals for the faculty council regarding student and academic matters;
- e) Participation in all commissions and faculty councils where students are members according to the Statute;
- f) Other similar issues.

- 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.
- 2. The student's attendance at the student council will be based on the percentage of students per level of studies (bachelor and master).
- 3. Members of student councils will be individually elected through elections in each academic unit, where each eligible student organization will conduct a campaign based on the candidate list.
- 4. The allocation of seats for each campaign organization is dependent on the total percentage of votes achieved during the elections according to this regulation. Students' election committees will be conducted by the respective faculty committee in co-operation with the election commission.

Elections principles

- 1. The registration of new organizations will be made in the Ministry of Public Administration, in accordance with Law no. 04 / L-57 on the Freedom of Association in Non-Governmental Organizations.
- 2. All student organizations, which are regularly registered as "associations" in the Ministry of Public Administration under the applicable law, are considered registered while the establishment of new organizations must be registered at least 1 month before the date of the election.
- 3. Student organizations have the right to enroll for:
- a) general representation of university students;
- b) representation of students at individual faculties.
- 4. The minimum number of supporting signatures required for student organizations to reach eligibility must be determined in accordance with the rules of this regulation.
- 5. The student organization to register, must provide 200 supporting signatures.

- 6. The supporting statement should include: Name and surname, index number, Faculty, Department and signature.
- 7. If irregularities are found in the completion of the records, the Electoral Commission may cancel the registration of the organization.
- 8. A qualifying date for student organizations to sign the right to participate in student elections will be scheduled 20 days before the election day.
- 9. The registration and licensing process should end on that date.

- 1. Student parliament members and student councils shall be elected in accordance with procedures for parliamentary elections.
- 2. The student representation in the student parliament will be based on the percentage of the number of students according to the level of their studies (bachelor and master).
- 3. During the elections a proportional representation system will be applied. This ensures that each student organization that has earned the total number of votes above the respective threshold reached will win the number of seats in proportion to the percentage of votes they have received.
- 4. The limit (threshold) for nomination of members of student organizations is:
- a) 5% of the total number of votes for the Student Parliament.
- b) For the faculty councils of the academic units, the minimum of 3% of the total number of votes at the level of the respective academic unit.

Article 10

The mandate of members of the Student Parliament and Student Council of Academic Units lasts for 2 years.

- 1. Student elections are announced by the HZU Governing Council.
- 2. Student elections are held within 30 days after the elections are announced by the HZU Governing Council.
- 3. The exact date is determined by the HZU Governing Council.
- 4. Students' organizations who earn the right to participate in student elections at the university or faculty level should keep the campaign based on the priority list of candidates, always respecting Article 7 par. 2 and Article 9 par. 2 of this regulation.
- 5. The election campaign period for student organizations will start on election day and will end 48 hours before the election date, counting time from 00:00 on the day of the election announcement.

6. Elections will be monitored by the Election Commission and eventual violations of the electoral rules will be sanctioned.

Election Commission and Faculty Commissions

Article 12

- 1. The Election Commission should be established by the Chairman of the Governing Council within five days of the date the student elections are announced. The Chairman of the Electoral Commission takes over the leadership after his / her election.
- 2. The Election Commission consists of the following members:
- I. Secretary General of HZU, in the absence of the Secretary, will be acting secretary or a Legal Officer;
- II. A representative from the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology with relevant legal powers;
- III. A representative of each the three largest student organizations within the mandate that is qualified for participation in the student elections according to the rules of this regulation, in the case of equal mandates, the total number of votes will be decisive factor.
- IV. A representative of the CEC of the Republic of Kosovo, in the capacity of the monitor.
- 3. The Chairman of the Governing Council shall submit a written request to obtain the names nominated by the nominating organizations referred to in paragraph (2) of this Article until the day of the announcement of the elections, this requisition shall be sent together with an invitation for the constitutive meeting. Nominations must be submitted in writing to the Chair of the Governing Council at least one day before the constitutive meeting. Delayed nominations will not suspend the procedures. The constitutive meeting begins with the Chairman of the Governing Council or Vice-Chairman of the Governing Council.
- 4. The electoral commission elects the Chairman and Vice-Chairman by a majority of votes.
- 5. The chairman is elected from among the members listed in points 1 and 2 of paragraph (2) of this Article. The Vice-Chairman is elected from among the student members.
- 6. The election commission is responsible for preparing, guiding and running student elections.
- 7. Election results are announced exclusively by the election commission.
- 8. The Electoral Commission should approve the Rules of Procedure of the Election Commission, Faculty Commissions and voting instructions upon proposal of the Chairman of the Commission within 2 weeks after the constitution.

- 1. For each faculty of the HZU, the election commission should be established by the electoral commission within five days of its establishment.
- 2. The Faculty Committee consists of the following members:

- a) From a representative of the two largest student organizations within the faculty mandate qualifying for participation in the student elections according to the rules of this regulation, in the case of equal mandates, for the total number of votes will be decisive factor the Official for Juridical Issues of the faculty.
- b) The nominations must be submitted in writing form to the Chairman of the Electoral Commission, at the latest one day before the constitutive meeting. Delayed nominations will not suspend the procedures.
- 3. The Official for Juridical Issues of the Faculty, should act as chairman of the faculty committee.
- 4. The Vice-Chairman is elected by the student members by the majority of votes.
- 5. The faculty committee supports the electoral commission in preparing, conducting and running student elections in the respective faculty.

- 1. No student can be a member of more than one election or faculty committee.
- 2. No student has the right to put his name in more than one list of candidates.
- 3. No student who is a member of an election or election commission has the right to support the candidate list or vice versa.
- 4. All members of the election commission and faculty commissions must sign a written statement prepared by the chairman of the electoral commission, which says they will work in their mandate with precision as impartial and thorough conscience.
- 5. The Governing Council has the right to temporarily suspend student election members or faculty commissions upon the recommendation of the chairman of the election commission in the event 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.

- 1. The Chairman of the Election Commission is responsible for:
- i. Convene the meetings of the Election Commission;
- ii. Leading meetings;
- iii. Guidelines for the decision-making process;
- iv. Preparing minutes of meetings;
- v. Execution of Electoral Commission decisions;
- vi. Coordination of faculty commissions.
- 2. The chairman of the electoral commission is assigned a cooperator who will assist him in carrying out technical tasks.

- 3. The Governing Council, the Rector together with the HZU management is obliged to provide sufficient administrative support to the chairman of the electoral commission in order to fulfill the obligations prescribed by this regulation according to periods.
- 4. In case the chairman is absent, the responsibilities under paragraph (1) of this Article shall be taken by the vice-chairman.

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

Article 17

- 1. In the case of early resignation of members as listed in Article 12 (2) and 13 (2) of this Regulation, the Governing Council shall require the delegating organization to designate the nomination of the member within the shortest period.
- 2. In case of absence of the quorum of the election commission, due to nondefining the nomination, the chairman of the electoral commission has the right to make its own decisions.

Article 18

- 1. In the electoral commission, the chairman should be present plus at least two members with a quorum. The faculty committee should have the chairman and at least one more member present to reach the quorum.
- 2. If there is no quorum, the chairman may call another appointment within 48 hours.
- 3. If the quorum is absent during the two consecutive meetings, the chairman has the right to make decisions on the agenda items.
- 4. The decisions of the election commission and the faculty committee are taken by majority vote.
- 5. In case of equal voting, the chairman's vote is decisive.

- 1. The Chairman is obliged to invite the meeting of the Election Commission within the deadline foreseen by this regulation, at the latest one week after being notified of the respective case.
- 2. The invitation must be submitted to the members no later than three days before the meeting. Proper communication steps should be used. The invitation should contain the agenda.
- 3. Each member of the electoral commission has the right to submit a request to the chairman to convene the meeting by sending an argument and an agenda in writing. Such meetings should be called within three days after the request has been sent.

- 1. The minutes of the meeting should be prepared for each meeting of the election commission and faculty commission. The Meeting Protocol Form should be used as set out in Schedule 1 to this Regulation.
- 2. The minutes should include a brief description of the progress of the meeting and the decisions that have been made. The minutes must be signed by all present members of the commission. If the signature is refused, the name of the member and the reasons should be given and attached to the minutes.
- 3. All minutes of meetings by the election commission and faculty committee should be kept by the respective chairman of the election commission. One copy of each meeting should be given to the HZU General Secretary and must be kept in the HZU archive for a period of ten years.

Article 21

- 1. The faculty committee meeting should be convened in cooperation with the chairman of the election commission and the chairman of the faculty committee.
- 2. For the conduct of faculty committee meetings, the relevant rules of this regulation for the election commission will be valid.

- 1. The Election Commission has the following responsibilities:
- a) Determining and implementing the dynamics of elections;
- b) Preparation of lists for election of eligible voters;
- c) Decisions over objections against the list of elections;
- d) Finding the total number of mandates;
- e) Existence of the candidate list;
- f) Presiding of election procedures;
- g) Verification of voter identity;
- h) Finding the results of the elections;
- i) Granting the mandate to receive eligible organizations and candidates;
- j) Informing the candidates;
- k) Announcement of election results;
- I) Change of mandate;
- m) The constitution of the student parliament;
- n) Establishment of student councils;
- o) Coordination of faculty commissions.
- 2. The list of student admission organizations and candidate lists should be publicly announced at the latest 14 days before the election day.

3. Election results should be publicly announced within 7 days after the election day. Mandates should be assigned at the same time.

Article 23

- 1. The Chairman of the CPC and the HZU Deans are obliged to provide request of the Electoral Commission the completed list and all changes to eligible students, at least 10 days after the announcement of the elections, students from the Steering Council.
- 2. Voting students must meet these two qualifications as follows:
- i. To have the status of a regular student / correspondent under Article 154, point 1, of the Statute of HZU.
- ii. Have the HZU index stamped which proves that the student is registered and which is valid for the qualifying date of the election as defined by the Governing Council.
- 3. The qualifying date for the list of eligible students will be 30 days before the election.
- 4. The list of eligible students must be made public and accessible to the electoral commission within 14 days after the elections have been announced by the Governing Council up to 7 days before the election.
- 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. Objections against the list of eligible voters must be submitted at least 14 days before the election and must be resolved for those objections not later than 7 days before the election.

The list of candidates

- 1. Student organizations with a right to participate in elections for student parliaments or student councils under the principles of this regulation must submit candidate lists to the electoral commission by registered mail not later than 15 days before elections, using the Candidate List Form as set out in Attachment 2. Once the list is submitted to the election commission, it will no longer be changed.
- 2. Each candidate list should contain:
- a) The name of the student organization campaigning:
- b) The governing body to be elected (student parliament or student council);
- c) Priority List of Candidates;
- d) The candidate's agreement statement;
- e) Determination of the authorized addressee of the student organization;
- 3. In the case of contradictory names of two or more different student organizations, the electoral commission should request from the authorized addressees of each involved

organization to find a choice at least 15 days before, the election day. In the event that no agreement has been reached by that date, the electoral commission shall determine the terms for each of the organizations involved.

- 4. Student organizations, which have previously been represented in the representation of HZU 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. The list of candidates and student organizations should consist of the maximum, twice the number of candidates of the same number as the permissible mandates to elect a body. The redundancy candidates should be removed from the list by the election commission.
- 2. For each candidate who has to qualify under Article 23 (2), the following information (s) must be provided in order for the candidacy to be legal.
- ✓ Name (s) and Last Name
- ✓ Place of birth
- ✓ Date of birth
- ✓ Address
- ✓ Title of active study faculty and department
- ✓ Number of student index
- ✓ Certificate of registration of a regular student stamp
- ✓ Statement of approval (consent)
- 3. Candidates who do not meet these qualifications for the right to vote under Article 23 paragraph (2) shall be removed from the candidate list by the electoral commission.

- 1. Out of 80% of the first candidates on the list of candidates, at least 40% should be male and 40% should be female, one candidate from both sexes at least once in each group of three candidates, counting since the first candidate of the list.
- 2. Exceptions to this paragraph (1) of this Article shall be made when decided individually by the election commission not later than 20 days before the election day, on the basis of a written application from the relevant student organization, which shall be submitted not later than 20 days before the election day.
- 3. For other details of the regulations and gender needs of the list of candidates, refer to the Gender Equality Law no.2004 /2.

- 1. The validity of the list of candidates must be checked by the election commission immediately after it has been obtained.
- 2. In case of irregularities or deficiencies requiring improvement, the list of candidates must be returned to the authorized addressee of the respective student organization with the necessary explanations for improvement.
- 3. The improved list of candidates must be submitted to the election commission by the student organization not later than 15 days before the election.
- 4. If the electoral list or candidate list, which is returned for improvement, is not submitted within the specified time period, the candidacy of the relevant student organization is known as withdrawn.

Article 28

- 1. Each student organization will have the right to withdraw its candidacy through a written statement, which must be signed by the authorized addressee and the head of the student organization, at least 15 days before the election.
- 2. The student organization's candidacy will be recognized as withdrawn if the required number of candidates under this regulation is not given because the candidates have withdrawn the written candidature and signed statement, at least 15 days before the election.

Article 29

- 1. The electoral list or candidate list which is submitted outside the specified period should not be recognized.
- 2. In order to estimate the exact date of delivery, the date of the postal stamp or the date of personal delivery will be decisive.
- 3. The chairman of the electoral commission is obligated and must arrange in the preelection period an information campaign for eligible voters, informing them of election procedures. The Rectorate is obliged to provide the necessary resources for such an electoral process and make them public.

The hold of elections

- 1. Polling station centers in all academic units are opened at 7.00 and closed at 19.00, except if at the time of polling closure there are voters' queues then polling station closing time is postponed until the last student's vote.
- 2. A total of 12 hours should be available for voting.
- 3. The number of polling stations in the faculties is determined by the election commission.

- 1. The university is obliged to provide a suitable election polling station for each faculty building. Required equipment such as ballot boxes, voting booths and other necessary ballot equipment should be provided by the Rector upon request of the election commission.
- 2. During the election process, the polling stations may have access to members of the election commission (faculty committee), the following persons:
- a) Support staff of the election commission
- b) Official observers assigned for election
- c) Voters
- d) Other designated official personnel responsible for regular operation
- 3. Once 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 chairman of the electoral commission (faculty commission) shall have the right to limit the access of voters to only one voter in the row.

Article 32

- 1. Each polling station must have at least one voting booth. The total number of voting booths needed for each faculty should be calculated in such a way that 80% of eligible voters have the opportunity to cast votes without making the voting period difficult.
- 2. The voting booth shall be placed in that position so that the voter is not observed by other people present at the polling station during the voting procedure.
- 3. If there are no booths installed and built for voting, sufficient space should be adapted in the appropriate manner. These temporary adjustments should be accepted by the election commission based on individual inspection.
- 4. The ballot box should contain a table with high seats or a high desk. It should have enough light and should provide writing material to make the ballot on the ballot paper.

Article 33

- 1. Different voter sheets must be distinguished by color.
- 2. The ballots should be folded at least once before being thrown into the ballot box.

Article 34

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

- 1. Voting should be done in personal form. Blind people, people with disabilities, who are not expected to vote on their own, should have the right to choose a follow up person who will support them during the election procedure.
- 2. In addition to the exception from paragraph (1) of this Article, in the voting booth can only enter one person in a row.

Article 36

- 1. Each voter is obliged to prove his/her identity in front of the election commission (faculty commission) through the presentation of the ID and the index.
- 2. The eligibility assessment should be made exclusively on the basis of the electoral list for the people entitled to vote.

Article 37

- 1. Each student with a right to vote must witness the identity as described above.
- 2. The Chairman of the Election Commission (faculty committee) shall give the right ballot paper to the student.
- 3. Each eligible student has the right to vote for:
- A. Student Parliament
- B. Student councils in all faculties where he/she is listed as eligible student.
- 4. The chairman of the electoral commission (faculty committee) directs the voter to enter the voting booth.
- 5. The voter fills the ballot, folds it back and exits the ballot box.
- 6. The chairman of the electoral commission withdraws the ballot box and the voter puts the ballot paper folded into the ballot box.
- 7. If it happens a mistake by the voter during the ballot paper, the electoral commission (faculty commission) is obliged to provide one ballot for the voter at the request of the voter. Preliminary ballot papers should be removed by the voter prior to submission in the presence of the election commission (faculty committee).
- 8. The submission of additional ballots must be recorded in the voting protocols.

- 1. The name of the voter who has cast the ballot must be registered in the voting register by a member of the election commission (faculty committee). The fourth added Registration Voting form of this regulation should be used.
- 2. The name must be registered with the number on the line and with the original number of the voter list with the right to vote.

3. The other member of the electoral commission (faculty commission) must record the name of the voter on the list of eligible voters.

Article 39

Voting should be stamped with a stamp on the backside of the index by a member of the election commission (faculty committee).

Article 40

- 1. In case of doubt regarding the student's identity, the election commission has the right to request additional identification documents.
- 2. If the identity cannot be clarified, the student is not allowed to vote.
- 3. Once a ballot is delivered, no other doubt as to the identity of the voter is legally permissible.

Article 41

- 1. A Voting Sheet formulated by the election commission may be used for the ballot paper. Voting sheet should contain information in all three official languages in Kosovo (Albanian, English and Serbian).
- 2. Depending on the body to be solved, different ballot paper colors can be used as it will be decided by the electoral commission.
- 3. The ranking of student organizations on the ballot paper should be determined by drawing lots (lottery) which is held by the election commission.
- 4. The printing of the ballot paper should be arranged by the chairman of the electoral commission in due time and after the election lists are announced.

Article 42

A ballot is recognized as valid if there are unquestioned evidence for the student organization or candidate that the voter has chosen. This is the case when the voter marks the county on the left of the name of the eligible organization or candidate with an (x) or other mark of that nature, so that the voter's intention to choose this organization or candidate is clearly indicated.

- 1. A ballot is recognized as invalid if:
- ✓ Another ballot paper is used besides a regular ballot paper
- \checkmark When a ballot paper is deleted in a way that will not be able to clarify which student organization or candidate is selected
- ✓ When no student or candidate organization has been tagged
- ✓ When two or more student organizations or candidates are tagged

- ✓ When the markings or marks on the ballot papers are made in such a way that no designation of a student or candidate organization can be observed and from which no conclusion can be drawn.
- 2. Words, comments or other marks that are labeled on a ballot paper do not distort the validity of the ballot paper unless it is similar and derives from the cases listed above.

- 1. As the 12-hour electoral period ends, the chairman of the election commission (faculty commission) declares the end of the vote. A polling station should be closed only by members of the election commission (faculty committee), support staff and observers who remain in the room.
- 2. The election commission (faculty committee) should mix ballots in the ballot box, then empty them and count them:
- i. The total number of ballots for each body cast by voters
- ii. The total number of registered voters in the voting registers
- 3. In case of non-compliance of the results according to points 1 and 2 of this paragraph, identify the reasons for this discrepancy.
- 4. The Electoral Commission (faculty committee) publishes ballot papers, arranges them by the admissible body, controls validity, identifies invalid ballot papers in the following order and determines:
- a) Total number of cast votes
- b) The total number of invalid cast votes
- c) The total number of valid cast votes
- d) The total number of valid votes for each student or candidate organization
- 5. Results under paragraph (3) of this Article shall be transferred to the chairman of the electoral commission without delay.

- 1. The Electoral Commission (faculty committee) should file the electoral procedure and election results in a report. For the protocol, the Electoral Procedure Protocol form set by the election commission in accordance with this regulation should be used.
- 2. The report should contain the following:
- a) The name of the polling station and the date (s) of voting
- b) Names of members present
- c) Names of observers present
- d) The exact number of ballot papers submitted to each electoral body
- e) The start and end time of the election period

- f) Potential decisions of the Election Commission (faculty committee) with regard to allowing or not allowing voters to vote.
- g) Other decisions of the electoral commission (faculty commission) during the election period (eg. during the election period, voting through support of another person, etc.).
- 3. The following attachments should be added to this report:
- a) List of eligible voters
- b) The voting register
- c) Unselected, separated, packed and marked votes for each body or candidate in the election.
- d) Valuable, separated, packed and marked votes for each body or candidate in the election.
- e) Unused, Separated, Packaged and Marked Polls.
- 4. The report should be signed by all present members of the election commission (faculty committee) and observers. In case of refusal of signing, the reasons should be recorded.
- 5. Report plus attached forms for the election process.

- 1. In the case of special circumstances or incidents surrounding the election commission (faculty commission), the electoral commission has the right to terminate the electoral period and postpone to another electoral day.
- 2. Each postponement of the elections should be announced to the public without delay by the chairman of the election commission (faculty commission).
- 3. If the voting period has only started and then stalled, all election actions, ballot papers and ballot boxes should be closed by the chairman of the election commission (faculty committee) until the electoral procedure is resumed.

Article 47

- 1. The distribution of mandates should be calculated by the election commission in accordance with the rules of this regulation.
- 2. For the allocation of mandates, a Mandate Grant Form as per Annex 7 to this Regulation should be used.

- 1. Election results should be published by the chairman of the electoral commission without delay, at latest up to 7 days after the election day.
- 2. The announcement should contain:
- i. The result of the election in figures, ranked by the student organization and the candidate
- ii. The total number of mandates for each eligible student organization
- iii. List of candidates for each body.

- 1. Elected mandates should be informed by the chairman of the electoral commission within two days after the election results have been announced.
- 2. The Mandatory Notification Form drawn up by the Electoral Commission in accordance with this regulation may be used for the information letter.
- 3. The mandate must be recognized as accepted if the mandated does not object to its election within four days after the election result has been announced.
- 4. In the case of opposition to the mandate by the mandated, the mandate should be assigned to the candidate following the list of candidates.

Article 50

- 1. Complaints against student election procedures and election results should be submitted to the election commission within two weeks after the election results have been announced.
- 2. Objections due to violations of the rules of this regulation should be decided by the Minister of Education, Science and Technology within four weeks after receiving objections.
- 3. Eventual complaints from students and student organizations to the election results are reviewed and decided by the election commission within four weeks after their receipt.
- 4. If elections are declared invalid, other elections must be held and mandates should be suspended.
- 5. Any change to the outcome of the election due to the receipt of the complaints should be publicly announced by the chairman of the election commission.
- 6. Against the respective decision of the Electoral Commission and of the Minister of Education, Science and Technology, no legal correction is allowed.

Article 51

- 1. If elections are to be repeated due to grounded and received complaints, the elections must be held within 60 days after the ruling is valid. Holiday days should be removed from this calculation of this period.
- 2. Elections should not be repeated during the holiday period.
- 3. For repeated elections, the original list of elections and the list of candidates should be used.

- 1. This Regulation will start applying on the day of its approval by the HZU Governing Council.
- 2. For all aspects that are not regulated by this regulation, should refer to the HZU Statute and the Law on Higher Education in Kosovo.

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Explanation: This regulation is translated in English but signed and protocoled in Albanian.