

# ELECTION REGULATIONS FOR THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL OF ERASMUS UNIVERSITY ROTTERDAM 2025

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## CHAPTER I – GENERAL PROVISIONS

### *Article 1 – Definitions*

The terms used in these Election Regulations have the same meaning as in the WHW, the BBR-EUR and the URR, unless another definition is given in these Election Regulations. In these Election Regulations and the provisions based on them, the following terms are used with initial capital letters. If the term is given in the singular, it also includes the plural. Where these Election Regulations use the word 'he', the word 'she' is also meant, and vice versa. These terms are:

<u>AKB</u>	The EUR Advisory Committee for Complaints and Objections;
<u>Announcement:</u>	A communication issued through the appropriate channels, including the Election website and the personal email addresses provided by EUR to members of the Voting Community;
<u>BBR-EUR:</u>	The EUR Governance and Management Regulations, as referred to in Article 9.4 of the WHW;
<u>Code of Conduct:</u>	The Code of Conduct for Elections at Erasmus University Rotterdam;
<u>Constituency:</u>	Division of the university Voting Community as described in Article 3 of the Election Regulations;
<u>CSB:</u>	The Central Electoral Committee, as referred to in Article 12.2 BBR-EUR;
<u>Day:</u>	A calendar day;
<u>Election(s):</u>	The entire procedure from the time of establishing the Timetable to the final determination of the result by means of a report, for the purpose of appointing members of the University Council by secret Voting In Writing in accordance with these Election Regulations;
<u>Election Regulations:</u>	These Regulations, which govern elections for the University Council of Erasmus University Rotterdam and which form an annex to the URR;
<u>Election Website:</u>	The relevant landing page on the EUR website where all information relevant to the Elections will be published by or on behalf of the CSB;
<u>Electoral Divider:</u>	The number of votes validly cast in Constituency 10 minus blank votes, divided by the number of seats available for the Student Section as specified in Article 5 of the Election Regulations.
<u>Electoral Threshold:</u>	The sum of the votes cast on an established Electoral List, provided it is equal to at least 75% of the Electoral Divider.
<u>Eligible Voters:</u>	Those who are registered in a Voter Register established by the CSB in accordance with Article 9 of the Election Regulations before Voting begins;
<u>Erasmus MC:</u>	The joint implementing body of the Rotterdam University Academic Hospital and the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at EUR (FGG);
<u>EUR:</u>	Erasmus University Rotterdam;
<u>Executive Board:</u>	The Executive Board of EUR, as referred to in Article 9.2 of the WHW;
<u>In Writing:</u>	In writing or 'by electronic means' as referred to in Article 6:227a of the Civil Code;
<u>List System:</u>	An electoral system based on lists. An Eligible Voter votes for one candidate from one list, thereby also making a selection from among the various lists;
<u>Persons System:</u>	An electoral system in which individual candidates are central, and in which the candidates with the most votes are elected;
<u>Remaining Seat(s):</u>	The seat(s) remaining for Constituency 10 after application of the first sentence of Article 19(2) of the Election Regulations;

<u>Section(s):</u>	The Student Section and/or the Staff Section;
<u>Single-Member Electoral List:</u>	A list on which only one candidate is standing for election (individual nomination);
<u>Staff:</u>	Those who have an employment contract with EUR, or, in respect of the persons mentioned in Article 4.3(i) of the Election Regulations, with Erasmus MC, in both cases excluding Student Assistants;
<u>Staff Section:</u>	The part of the University Council that is elected from and by the Staff;
<u>Student Assistant</u>	A student as referred to in Article 10.1 of the Collective Labour Agreement for Dutch Universities (CAO-NU);
<u>Student Section:</u>	The part of the University Council that is elected from and by Students;
<u>Students:</u>	Those who are enrolled in and admitted to EUR as students in accordance with Chapter 7, Title 3 of the Higher Education and Research Act (WHW);
<u>Timetable:</u>	The schedule according to which Elections are conducted;
<u>University Council:</u>	The University Council of EUR, as referred to in Article 9.31 of the WHW;
<u>URR:</u>	The Regulations of the University Council of EUR;
<u>Voter Register:</u>	A register of persons, consisting of members of the Voting Community, who – to the extent that the Voter Register is determined by the CSB – have the right to vote in an Election;
<u>Voting:</u>	The casting of votes by Eligible Voters for candidates in an Election;
<u>Voting Community:</u>	The university community, consisting of the Students and Staff;
<u>Voting System:</u>	The electronic voting software that records the votes of Eligible Voters and enables the results of the Elections to be determined;
<u>Week:</u>	A period of seven Days;
<u>WHW:</u>	The Dutch Higher Education and Research Act.

## ***Article 2 – Election Timetable***

- 2.1 Except in special circumstances to be determined by the CSB, Voting will take place at least twenty-one (21) Weeks before the term of office of the new members of the University Council begins, and the results of such Voting will be announced no later than ten (10) Weeks before this start date.
- 2.2 The CSB will consult the Executive Board, University Council and faculty electoral committees on the envisaged dates for the steps in an Election, and will subsequently establish a Timetable. In doing so, the CSB will endeavour to establish the Timetable at least six (6) Weeks before end of the Voting period.
- 2.3 At a minimum, a Timetable will set dates for the following steps for the Elections:
  - a. The reference date for the data used to compile the Voter Register;
  - b. Announcement of the established Timetable;
  - c. Making the Voter Register available for inspection by Eligible Voters, along with the deadline for submitting a request for correction of the Voter Register;
  - d. Establishment of the Voter Register by the CSB;
  - e. Announcement of the deadline for the nomination of lists and candidates;
  - f. The public session of the CSB in which the validity of nominations will be determined;
  - g. The period in which lists and candidates may campaign;
  - h. The invitation for Eligible Voters to cast their votes, as well as the dates of the Voting period;
  - i. Determination of the results of Voting.

- 2.4 The CSB will issue an Announcement of its established Timetable for Elections to the Eligible Voters, the Executive Board, the deans, the directors, the faculty electoral committees, the Advisory Boards and the President of the University Council.

## CHAPTER II – RIGHT TO VOTE, CONSTITUENCIES AND ELECTORAL SYSTEMS

### *Article 3 – The right to vote*

- 3.1 The members of the Voting Community will have the right to vote (the right to cast a vote for a candidate) and the right to stand for election (the right to stand as a candidate) in respect of the University Council of EUR, on the understanding that the right to vote in a specific Election will be based on a Voter Register to be established by the CSB for that purpose pursuant to Article 9 of these Election Regulations.
- 3.2 A member of the Voting Community loses the right to vote and to stand for election:
- through death, or
  - when the member otherwise leaves the Voting Community.

### *Article 4 – Division into Constituencies*

- 4.1 In an Election for the University Council, the Voting Community is divided into ten (10) Constituencies, as defined in paragraphs 2 to 11 of this Article.
- 4.2 Constituency 1 consists of the Staff working at Erasmus School of Economics (ESE).
- 4.3 Constituency 2 consists of the following categories:
- The persons working at Erasmus MC, more specifically:
    - Those who were working in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences on 31 December 2002;
    - Those who were working at Rotterdam University Academic Hospital on 31 December 2002 and who indicated that they wished to be considered Eligible Voters, a request that was granted by the Executive Board on the recommendation of the Dean of Erasmus MC;
    - Those appointed to Erasmus MC on or after 1 January 2003 in one of the following positions: assistant professor, associate professor, academic researcher, academic lecturer, analyst, research analyst or other positions in the service of education and research (to be assessed by the Executive Board based on the recommendation of the Dean of Erasmus MC);
    - Erasmus MC professors who have also been appointed as honorary EUR professors, as well as doctoral candidates;
  - The Staff working at Erasmus School of Health Policy & Management (ESHPM).
- 4.4 Constituency 3 consists of the Staff working at Erasmus School of Law (ESL).
- 4.5 Constituency 4 consists of the Staff working at Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University (RSM).
- 4.6 Constituency 5 consists of the Staff working at Erasmus School of Social and Behavioural Sciences (ESSB), including Erasmus University College (EUC).
- 4.7 Constituency 6 consists of the Staff working at Erasmus School of Philosophy (ESPhil).
- 4.8 Constituency 7 consists of the Staff working at Erasmus School of History, Culture and Communication (ESHCC).
- 4.9 Constituency 8 consists of the Staff working in the General Management Directorate (ABD), Professional Services (PRO) and University Library (UB) management units.
- 4.10 Constituency 9 consists of the Staff working at the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS).
- 4.11 Constituency 10 consists of all Students.

### ***Article 5 – Composition of the University Council/distribution of seats***

- 5.1 In accordance with Article 2(1) URR, the University Council consists of twenty-four members, half elected from and by Staff and half elected from and by Students in accordance with Section 9.31(3) WHW.
- 5.2 In the constituencies listed in Article 4, voting for the members of the University Council will take place as follows:
- Constituency 1: 1 seat for the Staff Section.
  - Constituency 2: 1 seat for the Staff Section.
  - Constituency 3: 1 seat for the Staff Section.
  - Constituency 4: 1 seat for the Staff Section.
  - Constituency 5: 1 seat for the Staff Section.
  - Constituency 6: 1 seat for the Staff Section.
  - Constituency 7: 1 seat for the Staff Section.
  - Constituency 8: 1 seat for the Staff Section.
  - Constituency 9: 1 seat for the Staff Section.
  - Constituency 10: 12 seats for the Student Section.
- 5.3 In the year that Elections for the Staff Section take place, the CSB, when establishing the Voter Register, will designate the three Constituencies (excluding Constituency 10) that have the most Eligible Voters. In these three Constituencies, as designated by the CSB, votes will be cast for two (2) seats instead of one (1) in the Staff Section.
- 5.4 If Constituency 2 is designated by the CSB under the provisions of Article 5.3 of these Election Regulations, the right to stand for election in respect of the second seat will exclusively belong to Staff working at ESHPM. Notwithstanding the first sentence, if no candidates stand for election from among the Staff working at ESHPM, the second seat will be awarded to the highest-ranking unelected candidate for Constituency 2.

### ***Article 6 – The electoral system***

- 6.1 The Staff Section is elected according to a Persons System.
- 6.2 Persons who are eligible to vote for the Staff Section may stand for election in the Constituency in which they predominantly work.
- 6.3 An Eligible Voter for the Staff Section who is also a Student may, not later than one (1) Day before the establishment of the Voter Register, indicate In Writing to the secretary of the CSB that they wish to exercise their right to vote in respect of the Student Section instead of the Staff Section.
- 6.4 The Student Section is elected according to a List System.
- 6.5 Eligible Voters for the Student Section may stand for election in Constituency 10, either as a candidate on a list of Students or on an individual basis as a Single-Member Electoral List.
- 6.6 Student Assistants may exercise their right to vote only in Constituency 10.

## **CHAPTER III – VOTER REGISTERS**

### ***Article 7 – Preparation and inspection of a provisional Voter Register***

- 7.1 A provisional Voter Register will contain, for each Eligible Voter entitled to vote:
- The ERNA number issued by EUR, the staff number issued by Erasmus MC (in the case of persons working at Erasmus MC who comply with the provisions of Article 4.3(i) of these Election Regulations), or the student ERNA number (in the case of Students);
  - The given name and surname registered with EUR or Erasmus MC;

- c. The Constituency to which the Eligible Voter belongs based on Article 4 of these Election Regulations.

- 7.2 The Executive Board will arrange for data to be compiled for the purpose of a provisional Voter Register and will make such data available to the CSB in accordance with the Timetable. The reference date for the data will be the first Day of the calendar month in which this deadline occurs.
- 7.3 In accordance with the Timetable, the CSB will publish a provisional Voter Register for inspection by the Voting Community.

#### ***Article 8 – Correction of the Voter Register***

- 8.1 An Eligible Voter who believes that a person, in breach of these Election Regulations, has not been included in the provisional Voter Register for a particular Election, or has been incorrectly or wrongly included may, within seven (7) Days from the date on which the Register was made available for inspection, submit to the Secretary of the CSB a request, In Writing, for correction of the Voter Register, stating reasons.
- 8.2 The CSB will decide on requests to amend the Voter Register before its public session to examine the validity of candidates (see Article 12.1 of these Election Regulations).
- 8.3 The secretary of the CSB is authorised to make corrections to the Voter Register on their own initiative. A correction on the secretary's own initiative means an amendment consisting of:
  - a. In the event of an apparent omission, the inclusion of an Eligible Voter,
  - b. Striking out the name of a person who has lost the right to vote, or
  - c. Transferring an Eligible Voter to another Constituency.
- 8.4 The secretary of the CSB will inform In Writing the person(s) directly affected by a request for amendment of the Voter Register or correction on the secretary's own initiative.
- 8.5 A person directly affected has the option of submitting an opinion In Writing to the secretary of the CSB in regard to a request to amend the Voter Register, before the CSB makes a decision.
- 8.6 The secretary of the CSB will notify the directly affected person(s) In Writing of the CSB's decision regarding a request to amend the Voter Register.

#### ***Article 9 – Establishment of the Voter Register***

Upon completion of the public session referred to in Article 8.2 of these Election Regulations, the resulting Voter Register will be deemed established.

### **CHAPTER IV – NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES**

#### ***Article 10 – Nomination period and general rules for nominations***

- 10.1 Through an Announcement, the CSB will inform the Eligible Voters that nominations are open for an upcoming Election, and will specify the relevant nomination period.
- 10.2 The nomination period for an Election will be at least two (2) Weeks, ending no later than ten (10) Days before the first Day of Voting. The start and end dates of the nomination period will be specified in the Timetable to be established by the CSB.
- 10.3 In special circumstances, the CSB may extend the nomination period by up to seven (7) Days. Such an extension will not otherwise affect the established Timetable. The CSB will issue an Announcement to the Voting Community regarding this extension as soon as possible.
- 10.4 Nomination as a candidate must be done personally by an Eligible Voter, in compliance with the nomination period and in the manner Announced by the CSB.
- 10.5 At a minimum, the nomination must include:

- a. The candidate's surname and initials, as registered with EUR or Erasmus MC;
  - b. The staff number issued by EUR, the staff number issued by Erasmus MC (in the case of persons working at Erasmus MC who comply with the provisions of Article 4.3(i) of these Election Regulations), or the student ID number (in the case of Students);
  - c. The Constituency to which the candidate belongs and for which the nomination is made.
- Candidates are also expressly invited to enclose a representative passport photograph of themselves when submitting their nomination, for the purpose of and with their consent to its inclusion by the CSB on the Election Website or in the Voting System.
- 10.6 A self-nomination submitted by the Eligible Voter in accordance with Article 10.4 of these Election Regulations will be deemed to be a declaration that the person consents to being nominated.
  - 10.7 A candidate may withdraw their nomination by contacting the secretary of the CSB In Writing before the end of the nomination period.
  - 10.8 No later than one (1) working day after the end of the nomination period, the CSB will send acknowledgement of receipt In Writing to the Eligible Voter of the nomination or withdrawal of nomination.

### *Article 11 – Specific provisions relating to nominations for the Student Section*

- 11.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 10.4 of these Election Regulations, Eligible Voters in Constituency 10 may nominate themselves as part of an electoral list containing multiple candidates.
- 11.2 The following additional rules apply to nomination by electoral list:
  - a. Nominations will be made by each candidate filling out, signing and submitting a form designated by the CSB for this purpose.
  - b. A candidate's signature on the form constitutes a declaration that the person consents to the nomination.
  - c. The form must indicate which of the listed candidates is the submitter of the electoral list; if there is no indication, the CSB will consider the first-listed candidate to be the submitter of the electoral list. The submitter is the contact person for the CSB on behalf of all candidates on the electoral list and it is the responsibility of the submitter to coordinate with these candidates.
  - d. The form may specify a name for the electoral list. The name may consist of no more than thirty-five (35) characters, with any additional characters being disregarded by the CSB. The name of an electoral list should not be such that it may cause confusion with other electoral lists. The CSB may reject a name for an electoral list if it is contrary to public order (with the provisions of Chapter G of the Electoral Act applying by analogy where applicable). If no name is specified, the CSB will use the name of the first-listed candidate as the name of the electoral list.
  - e. Up to thirty (30) Eligible Voter candidates can be listed on the form. If a form contains more than one (1) name, the order of the candidates on the form, subject to Article 19 of these Election Regulations, will be decisive when the CSB is determining the results of the Voting.
  - f. An Eligible Voter's name may not appear on more than one (1) electoral list as a candidate.
- 11.3 A candidate may be removed from an electoral list by the CSB up until the end of the nomination period upon submission of a request In Writing to the secretary of the CSB.
- 11.4 An individual nomination for Constituency 10 will automatically be converted into a Single-Member Electoral List by the CSB.
- 11.5 Two Single-Member Electoral Lists can apply in writing to the secretary of the CSB to be joined in a new list up until the first Day of Voting.



### ***Article 12 – Assessment of nominations***

- 12.1 On a working day as soon as possible after the end of the nomination period, the CSB will meet in public session to examine the nominations and determine whether there has been a failure to comply with one or more of the requirements set out in the Election Regulations.
- 12.2 If the CSB finds a failure to comply in relation to the nomination of a candidate or an electoral list, the candidate or the submitter of the electoral list will be notified In Writing by the secretary of the CSB. A non-compliance may be rectified by the candidate or the submitter of the electoral list up to two (2) working days before the first Day of Voting.
- 12.3 With the exception of timely and complete rectification of non-compliances previously identified by the CSB, a nomination, whether by electoral list or otherwise, will be cancelled if one or more of the following occurs:
- a. The nomination was not submitted within the nomination period;
  - b. The nomination was not submitted on a form designated by the CSB for this purpose;
  - c. Required details of the person concerned are missing or the submitted form is not signed;
  - d. The person is not entitled to vote in the Constituency for which the nomination has been submitted;
  - e. The person appears on an electoral list after the first thirty (30) candidates;
  - f. The person is listed as a candidate on more than one (1) electoral list;
  - g. The name of the electoral list may cause confusion with other electoral lists;
  - h. The name of the electoral list violates public order.
- The secretary of the CSB will notify the persons concerned In Writing.
- 12.4 At the end of the public session referred to in Article 12.1 of these Election Regulations, the nominations for which no non-compliances have been found by the CSB will be deemed to have been accepted. The remaining nominations will be deemed to have been accepted if these have not been cancelled in accordance with Article 12.3 of these Election Regulations.

## **CHAPTER V – CAMPAIGNING AND VOTING**

### ***Article 13 – Need for Voting***

- 13.1 If the number of accepted nominations in a Constituency is equal to or less than the number of seats to be filled for the Constituency, no Voting will take place in that Constituency and the candidate(s) will be deemed elected.
- 13.2 If there are more accepted nominations of candidates in a Constituency than seats to be filled, Voting will take place for that Constituency within the period specified in the Timetable.

### ***Article 14 – The pre-Voting campaign period***

- 14.1 Candidates and electoral lists can campaign from the closure of the public session of the CSB to examine the candidates and electoral lists until the last day of Voting.
- 14.2 In coordination with the University Council, the Executive Board will determine by further regulation the grant available to candidates or electoral lists for the purpose of campaigning.
- 14.3 For campaigning purposes, the CSB will create separate pages for individual candidates and electoral lists on the Election Website or in the Voting System. On these pages, the CSB will include the given name and surname of the candidates, as well as the Constituency for which the candidate has been nominated and the passport photographs submitted to the CSB. In the case of an electoral list, the name of the electoral list will also be mentioned on the relevant page.
- 14.4 For the relevant page on the Election Website or in the Voting System, the candidates or electoral lists may submit additional brief information, including a nickname, other personal information, a summary of positions and a link to an external website or social media page, in a manner to be

specified by the CSB. In the case of an electoral list, a logo and a group photo of the candidates may also be provided.

- 14.5 For each Constituency where Voting will take place, the CSB will post an overview of individual candidates and electoral lists on the Election Website or in the Voting System.
- 14.6 In the overviews on the Election Website and in the Voting System, the CSB will give priority to individual candidates and electoral lists that were successful in the previous Election, with their order being determined by the number of valid votes obtained in the previous Election for the individual candidate or the total number of valid votes for the candidates on the electoral list. Individual candidates or electoral lists that did not participate in the previous Election will be listed thereafter in random order, their order being determined in a random draw during the public session mentioned in Article 12.1 of these Election Regulations. For candidates on an electoral list, the order indicated on the form submitted to the CSB will determine the order in which they are named in the overviews to be prepared by the CSB.
- 14.7 The CSB is entitled to reject or remove text and visual material for the Election Website or Voting System if it is not submitted to the CSB before the first day of Voting, is not submitted in accordance with the CSB's instructions or breaches the Code of Conduct.
- 14.8 If the nomination of a candidate or electoral list is cancelled, the CSB will remove the relevant page from the Election Website or Voting System.

#### ***Article 15 – Code of Conduct for Elections***

- 15.1 During Elections, candidates must comply with the Code of Conduct.
- 15.2 The signing of an individual nomination form or electoral list form confirms that the candidate in question is familiar with the Code of Conduct and has agreed to comply with it.
- 15.3 If, during or after the Elections, the CSB becomes aware from its own observations or on the basis of reports that a candidate is not complying or has not complied with the Code of Conduct, the CSB is entitled to suspend payment of the campaign grant to the candidate in question or to the electoral list to which the candidate belongs. The CSB will then invite the candidate in question or the submitter of the electoral list to which the candidate belongs to a hearing, along with the person(s) who reported the non-compliance, if applicable. After the hearing, the CSB will decide whether the campaign grant can still be fully or partially paid, or whether it should be cancelled altogether due to the breach of the Code of Conduct.

#### ***Article 16 – Voting***

- 16.1 Eligible Voters cast their votes electronically, by selecting their preferred candidate in the Voting System and confirming that choice. Alternatively, the Eligible Voter may cast a blank vote in the Voting System.
- 16.2 The CSB will ensure that the Voting Community is invited to vote on the first Day of Voting. Instructions on how to access the Voting System will be included with the invitation to vote.

#### ***Article 17 – Annuling the results of Voting***

- 17.1 The CSB may annul the results of Voting in a Constituency, if the CSB determines that irregularities of such a nature have occurred during the Voting as to materially affect the results. At a minimum, the results will be considered materially affected if, in the absence of the detected irregularity, the CSB would have arrived at Voting results involving a different distribution of seats.
- 17.2 If the CSB annuls the results of Voting in accordance with Article 17.1 of these Election Regulations, the CSB will immediately call for a fresh round of Voting and may set additional rules for such Voting.

- 17.3 The decision to annul the results of Voting, the grounds on which this decision is based, and any arrangements for the fresh round of Voting will be Announced by the CSB to the Voting Community, the Executive Board and the President of the University Council as soon as possible.

## CHAPTER VI – RESULTS

### *Article 18 – General provisions on determining the results of Voting*

- 18.1 As soon as possible after the last Day of Voting the CSB will determine the number of votes for each candidate in each Constituency, using functions in the Voting System that can be accessed only by the CSB. The CSB will also determine the number of blank votes cast.
- 18.2 The CSB will meet in public session to determine the Voting results.
- 18.3 The CSB will determine the Voting results as follows, taking into account the number of seats per Constituency as provided in Article 5(3) of these Election Regulations:
- The candidate with the most votes in a Constituency is declared elected and is allocated one seat in that Constituency;
  - If a second seat is available for a Constituency, then – subject to the provisions of Article 5.4 of these Election Regulations – the highest-placed candidate in that Constituency who is not yet elected will be declared elected, and that candidate will be allocated the second seat in the Constituency;
  - In the event of an equal number of votes for candidates in a Constituency, the result will be decided by the drawing of lots during the public session of the CSB held to determine the results, and the successful candidate will be declared elected.

### *Article 19 – Specific provisions for determining the results of Voting for the Student Section*

- 19.1 Notwithstanding or in addition to Article 18.3 of these Election Regulations, the following applies to Constituency 10.
- 19.2 The CSB will initially allocate to an electoral list a number of seats equal to the number of times the Electoral Divider goes into the sum of votes cast for all candidates on that electoral list, fully and unrounded. If an electoral list would thereby be allocated more seats than the number of candidates on the list, the unfilled seats will be treated as Remaining Seats.
- 19.3 Electoral lists that reach the Electoral Threshold are eligible for any Remaining Seats. The CSB will allocate Remaining Seats as follows:
- The CSB will determine an average for each electoral list, by dividing the sum of votes cast for candidates on each electoral list by the number of seats allocated to that electoral list plus one (1).
  - One (1) Remaining Seat will be allocated to the electoral list with the highest average. If two electoral lists both have the highest average at this step (identical to two decimal places), the decision will be based on the drawing of lots at the CSB public session held to determine the results.
  - As long as one or more Remaining Seats have not been allocated, steps (a) and (b) above will be repeated. The average for an electoral list to which one or more Remaining Seats have already been allocated will be recalculated each time by the CSB, taking into account such Remaining Seat(s).
- 19.4 To the extent that seats are allocated to an accepted electoral list, the CSB will declare candidates elected according to the order on the electoral list. Notwithstanding this order, the CSB will declare a candidate elected on a priority basis if that candidate obtains a number of votes equal to at least 50% of the Electoral Divider (**preferential vote**). If more candidates from an electoral list obtain preferential votes than the number of seats allocated to that electoral list, the order of candidates on

the accepted electoral list will apply when deciding which of the candidates with preferential votes is elected to the allocated seats.

- 19.5 In the case of a joint list as referred to in Article 11.5 of these Election Regulations, if one (1) of the two (2) electoral lists has reached the Electoral Threshold, the number of votes cast for the electoral list in the joint list that did not reach the Electoral Threshold will be counted when determining the allocation of Remaining Seats for this electoral list.
- 19.6 In the event of an equal number of votes for two or more candidates on an electoral list, on the basis of which they would be eligible to be declared elected to a seat allocated to the electoral list, lots will be drawn at the public session of the CSB held to determine the results, to decide which candidate will be declared elected to that seat.

#### ***Article 20 – Results report***

- 20.1 The CSB will draw up a report after the public session held to determine the results of Voting and issue an Announcement of the results.
- 20.2 The CSB will send a copy of the report In Writing to all candidates, the Executive Board and the President of the University Council.

#### ***Article 21 – Filling vacancies***

- 21.1 From the start of the term of office until the end – and for as long as the person concerned continues to qualify as Staff – a candidate elected from among the Staff will belong to the Staff section.  
From the start of the term of office until the end – and for as long as the person concerned continues to qualify as a Student – a candidate elected from the student body will belong to the Student section.
- 21.2 Membership of the University Council will automatically end in the situations described in Article 3(5) URR, in which case a vacancy will arise.  
In addition, a candidate who has been declared elected may indicate In Writing to the CSB secretary before the start of the term of office that they no longer wish to become a member of the University Council.
- 21.3 The CSB will fill a vacancy for the Staff Section by redetermining the result of Voting in the respective Constituency. When the results are redetermined, the candidate who would have been the first of the non-elected candidates to be elected, will be declared elected, provided they are still an Eligible Voter in the Staff Section at that time. Candidates who, at the time the vacancy arises, are no longer willing to accept membership of the University Council will not be considered.
- 21.4 The CSB will fill a vacancy for the Student Section by redetermining the result of Voting in respect of the relevant electoral list. When the results are redetermined, the candidate who would have been the first of the non-elected candidates to be elected, will be declared elected, provided they are still an Eligible Voter in the Student Section at that time. Candidates who, at the time the vacancy arises, are no longer willing to accept membership of the University Council will not be considered. If there are no more willing candidates on the relevant accepted electoral list, the CSB will act in accordance with Article 19.3 of these Election Regulations with regard to the allocation of Remaining Seats, subject to the above provisions.
- 21.5 After redetermining the results of Voting, the CSB will issue an Announcement in accordance with Article 20 of these Election Regulations.
- 21.6 If, due to urgent circumstances, a member of the University Council is unable to fulfil their duties for more than four (4) Weeks, the CSB, after being requested In Writing by the relevant member of the University Council, may appoint the highest-placed non-elected candidate – with their consent – as a temporary member of the University Council for the duration of the absence of the member concerned.

- 21.7 If a vacancy cannot be filled by redetermining the results of Voting in accordance with the provisions of Article 21.3 or 21.4 of these Election Regulations and the remaining term of office for the relevant seat on the University Council exceeds twenty-four (24) Weeks, the Executive Board may, after consulting the CSB and the University Council, decide to hold a by-election for the remainder of the term of office. This paragraph does not apply to temporary vacancies as mentioned in Article 21.6 of these Election Regulations.
- 21.8 The CSB will establish a Timetable for the by-election referred to in Article 21.7 of these Election Regulations and Announce it as soon as possible. A by-election will be held as if it were a general Election, except that:
- a. The by-election will concern only the vacant seats in the respective Section;
  - b. The term of office of the candidates elected in a by-election will end at the same time as the term of office of the candidates previously elected in the general Election.

## CHAPTER VII – FINAL PROVISIONS

### *Article 22 – Objection*

- 22.1 Any member of the Voting Community who is an interested party in a decision may submit a reasoned objection, In Writing, to the Executive Board against any decision of the CSB within seven (7) Days after the contested decision was Announced.
- 22.2 The failure to make a decision within a reasonable time is deemed equivalent to a decision as referred to in the first paragraph of this article.
- 22.3 The person who submitted the objection will be given an opportunity to be heard by the AKB with regard to the objection.
- 22.4 The AKB will write an opinion and send it to the Executive Board within twenty-one (21) working days of receiving the objection.
- 22.5 The Executive Board will make a decision on the objection within fourteen (14) Days from receipt of the AKB's opinion and Announce its decision to the person(s) to whom the decision is addressed in accordance with Section 7.12 of the General Administrative Law Act (AWB).

### *Article 23 – Extension of deadlines*

If a deadline in these Election Regulations falls on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, the deadline will be deemed to have been extended until midday on the next working day.

### *Article 24 – Unforeseen circumstances*

In situations not provided for by these Election Regulations, the CSB will make arrangements consistent with the content and scope of the WHW, acting as far as possible in accordance with the provisions of the Electoral Act.

### *Article 25 – Amendment*

- 25.1 In accordance with Article 2(2) URR, amendment of these Election Regulations by the Executive Board requires the consent of two-thirds of the members of the University Council.
- 25.2 These Election Regulations will come into force on the date of their establishment by the Executive Board.
- 25.3 Earlier versions of these Election Regulations will be repealed upon the entry into force of these Election Regulations.

*Article 26 – Official title*

- 26.1 These Election Regulations may be referred to as: Election Regulations for the University Council of Erasmus University Rotterdam.
- 26.2 The official title may be abbreviated as: the Election Regulations.
- 26.3 These Election Regulations will be published on the Election website.
- 26.4 These Election Regulations have been translated into English. In the event of a conflict, the Dutch text prevails.