

Asia University

Election Regulations for Student Association President

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Chapter 1 General Regulations

Article 1 These regulations are established according to Article 11 and Article 30 of Student Association Charter.

Article 2 Except as otherwise provided in Student Association Charter, election and recall of president, vice president and representative are regulated by these regulations.

Article 3 The following member representatives are elected and recalled in accordance with these regulations:

(1) President, vice president

(2) Representatives

Article 4 Elections of president, vice president and representatives shall be universal, equal, and direct suffrage by secret ballot.

Chapter 2 Election & Recall Organ

Article 5 Administration Center Election Commission of Student Association (hereinafter "Election Commission of Student Association") and Election Commission of each department (hereinafter "Election Commissions of Departments") are responsible for electing or recalling president, vice president and representatives.

Article 6 Election Commission of Student Association are responsible for electing or recalling president, vice president and representatives. It also has to coordinate and supervise Election Commissions of Departments.

Article 7 The president appoints members for Election Commission of Student Association and members elect the chief executive among themselves. Election Commissions of Departments are under Election Commission of Student Association and the chief executive of Election Commission of

Department appoints members. The chief executive of Election Commission of Department is also the convener and members shall elect one of them to become the convener if the chief executive is unavailable.

Article 8 Election Commission of Department should be established within 30 days from the enrollment day every fall semester. A list of commission members should be submitted to Election Commission of Student Association and posted publicly.

Article 9 Each Election Commission of Department is responsible for following affairs:

- 1.Election and recall announcement
- 2.Election and recall proceeding and plans
- 3.Candidate eligibility verification
- 4.Election promotion planning
- 5.Election and recall supervision
- 6.Election and recall result verification
- 7.Establishment and management of polling and ballot-counting places
- 8.Verification and discipline of violating these regulations
- 9.Other affairs related to election and recall

Article 10 Election Commission of Student Association interprets the applicability of these regulations.

Article 11 Election Commission of Student Association allocates the budget of each commission according to rules of Student Association Charter.

Chapter 3 Election

Section 1 Voters

Article 12 Every member of Student Association has the right to vote.

Article 13 Voters should go to the designated polling place to vote.

Article 14 Voters should go to polling places to vote during the specified time and are not allowed to enter polling places after the period. Voters arriving in time can still vote.

Section 2 Candidates

Article 15 A member of Student Association meets the following eligibility requirements can register for the candidate of the president, vice president and student representative:

1. Last conduct grade is above 80.
2. No disciplinary record of major demerits.
3. Not apply for transferring to the college of law or business or night-time program.
4. Not a graduating student.
5. No suspension or not transfer to another school.
6. Not apply for transferring to another department. (not include who registers for president or vice president)

Article 16 If a candidate does not qualified for Article 15 after the list of candidates is announced, each Election Commission of Department should remove the unqualified candidate before the voting. The election is null and void even the unqualified candidate wins.

Article 17 Students can not cancel their registration of candidacy after the deadline and once students cancel the registration before the deadline, they are not allow to register again.

Section 3 Election Areas and Election for Representatives of Student Association

Article 18 The entire university is the election area for president and vice president of Student Association. Candidate pairs compete for the positions.

Article 19 Each department is an election area and all institutes considered as one election area. Election areas with under 200 members have one representative; Election areas with 200 - 300 members have two representatives. When an election area has more than 300 members, members can elect one more representative for every additional 100 members. Election Commission of Student Association handles election affairs for all institutes.

Section 4 Election Announcement

Article 20 Election Commission of Student Association should post announcements according to the following time rules:

1. Election information including election type, quota, date, start and end time and other relevant affairs should be posted 15 days before the election day.
2. Candidacy registration should be announced 10 days before the election day and candidates should have registered for at least 2 days.
3. The list of candidates should be posted 7 days before the election day.
4. The elected list should be posted 5 days after the election day.

If no one registers by the deadline, a second registration can be arranged.

The announcement days and registration deadline are not limited to previous rules.

Section 5 Election Campaign

Article 21 Election Commission of Student Association can invite candidates to attend and record the meeting. Each Election Commission of Department should collect every candidate's politics, number, photo, name, department and class, age, gender and relevant affairs which should be aware of. Election posters shall be printed and distributed 5 days before the election day to be posted at proper places.

Article 22 Candidates can conduct the following campaigns:

1. Election debates
2. Posters
3. School publication advertising
4. Give out cards and leaflets.
5. Interview voters in their election areas.

Article 23 Candidates can not conduct the following campaigns:

1. Disturb class and traffic.
2. Not conduct campaigns in the required period.
3. Ask for expected promise or bribe.
4. Injure relevant person's reputation or slander.

5. Other activities disturbing the election.

Article 24 Printed matters can only be posted on boards designated by each Election Commission of Department.

Article 25 Personnel handling election affairs can not register for electioneering for presidential, vice-presidential and representative candidates. Personnel who register for candidacy are not eligible for handling election affairs. Election Commission of Student Association should appoint other personnel to handling election affairs for the above case according to Article 7.

Section 6 Voting and Ballot Counting

Article 26 Each Election Commission of Department establishes voting places and publishes on the election bulletin. Election Commission of Student Association establishes the election center to collect results of ballot counting. Voting places will also be the places for ballot counting once the voting finishes and the ballots shall be counted in public.

Article 27 A voting place has a chief administrator and several administrators elected by each Election Commission of Department for voting and ballot counting.

Article 28 A voting place has a chief supervisor and several supervisors recommended by candidates for supervising voting and ballot counting.

Article 29 Chief administrator and chief supervisor announce the result and notify the election center in written form.

Election Commission of Student Association should print and distribute votes depending on election areas. Relevant candidate's number, name, department and class shall be printed on votes. Chief administrator and chief supervisor shall count votes and stick with seals on the day before the election. Seals can be removed when it is the time to vote.

Article 31 A voter shall receive a ballot by his or her student card and sign his or her name.

Article 32 Voters use the tool provided by election commissions to select one candidate or one pair by marking a circle. Voters may not show the ballot to

others after marking.

Article 33 Under any of the following circumstances, a ballot shall be regarded as invalid:

1. The ballot is not fabricated and distributed by the election commission.
2. Not use the tool provided by the election commission to mark a circle.
3. More than 2 people or pairs are marked.
4. Can not identify which one is selected.
5. Alter the marking.
6. The ballot is signed, stamped, pressed by a fingerprint or added by any text or sign.
7. The ballot is torn and incomplete.
8. The ballot is contaminated and can not be identified which one is selected.
9. The ballot is not marked.

The invalid ballot above shall be identified by the chief administrator and the chief supervisor if it is hard to identify. If there are still difficulties to identify, it shall be decided by the chief administrator and all supervisors by vote. If the number of positive votes is equal to that of negative votes, the ballot shall be regarded as valid.

Article 34 The chief administrator and the chief supervisor shall jointly drive out anyone who conducts any of the following in the voting station or ballot counting station:

1. Make noise or disturb or induce others to vote or not to vote, and do not stop after persuading.
2. Carry weapons or hazardous goods into the station.
3. Commit any other misconduct and do not stop after persuading.

When a voter is driven out due to any of the above misconducts, the ballot held by the voter shall be returned. In severe circumstances, it shall be reported to each Election Commission of Department to resolve.

Article 35 If the voting or ballot counting can not be carried out due to natural

disasters or force majeure, the chief administrator and chief supervisor shall report to Election Commission of Student Association for approval to determine another day or place of voting or ballot counting and make the announcement in the voting or ballot-counting place.

Article 36 Representative candidates who obtain the most votes shall be elected; if candidates obtain the same votes, the decision will be made by drawing lots

Article 37 If there is a shortage of candidates or the number of candidates is the same as the number of positions, voters shall decide to agree or disagree. The candidate will be considered as elected if there are more voters agree.

Article 38 If there is a shortage of elected candidates, a by-election shall be conducted for the vacancy within 7 days after the election day. The commission can postpone the by-election depending on the circumstances, 7 days only.

Article 39 If an elected representative is judged as invalid and no representative is elected in the area, a by-election shall be conducted according to regulations. If an elected president is judged as invalid, a by-election shall be conducted according to Article 13 of Student Association Charter and other relevant regulations. If the election is judged as invalid, it should be announced within 7 days. The commission can postpone to make the announcement depending on the circumstances, 7 days only.

Article 40 When a representative is not an eligible member, there are no any other representatives in the area and more than 4 months left for the term, Election Commission of Department may apply to Election Commission of Student Association for a by-election. Election Commission of Student Association should decide within 7 days after receiving the application and report the decision to Election Commission of Department.
If a representative resigns voluntarily, there will be no by-election. If the elected president resigns or loses the membership, the circumstance is handled according to Article 13, 17 and 18 of Student Association Charter.

Article 41 Each area can only have 2 by-elections for representatives. If no one is

elected or the representative resigns, the representative of the area shall be regarded as vacant.

Article 42 If there is a shortage of representatives in one area, the number of elected representatives is the amount of representative in the area.

Chapter 4 Recall

Section 1 A Proposal of Recall

Article 43 Voters may propose a recall of the president, vice president or representative to Election Commission of Department. However, voters may not recall who has not been in the position for 4 months.

Article 44 The statement of reasons for recall should be submitted. The proposer will be the voters in the area. The following rules apply to the number of voters:

1. More than 3% of voters in the election area for recalling the president or vice president.
2. The figure which the original elected number divides by the amount of voters is over 10% for recalling a representative.

Article 45 Voters can not propose to recall more than two people every time. 2 or more proposals of recall can be integrated into one voting.

Article 46 Before the joint signing, the proposal can be withdrawn from the commission if more than 60% of proposers agree.

Section 2 Recall Establishment

Article 47 When Election Commission of Department receives a proposal of recall, it should notify the leader of proposers to get the joint signing form to complete the joint signing within 7 days. If the leader does not take the form within 3 days, he or she shall not be the proposer of the proposal of recall.

Article 48 People who sign should be the voters in the area that the representative belongs to. The following rules apply to the number of voters:

1. More than 10% of voters in the election area for recalling the president or vice president.
2. The figure which the original elected number divides by the amount of

voters is over 20% for recalling a representative.

The joint signing should not include the original proposer.

Article 49 Election Commission of Student Association shall announce the proposal of recall is established after verifying the joint signing. If it does not comply with rules and the commission announce the recall is not established, original proposers shall not propose to recall the same person with the same reason.

Article 50 When it is eligible to recall, the person recalled shall receive a copy of the statement of reasons and propose the statement of defense within 3 days.

Article 51 Election Commission of Student Association should make the following matters known to the public:

1. The date of voting for recall and the start and end time of voting.
2. The statement of reasons for recall.
3. The statement of defense. (If the person recalled proposes in the required time)

Section 3 Voting for Recall

Article 52 Every member of Student Association has the right to vote for recall.

Article 53 Article 13 and 14 apply to voting for recall.

Article 54 The commission should announce the proposal of recall is adopted within 10 days.

Article 55 The person recalled should not take any relevant position in the Election Commission of Department.

Article 56 "Agree to Recall" and "Disagree to Recall" shall be printed on a recall ballot. Elections rule of these regulations apply to other relevant affairs.

Article 57 After the voting is finished, the following rules shall apply to the total number of voters. A proposal of recall shall be adopted if ballots agree to recall are more than ballot disagree to recall.

1. More than 25% of voters vote for recalling the president or vice president.
2. More than 40% of voters vote for recalling their representative. If the result is a tie, the proposal is regarded as unpassed.

Article 58 Election Commission of Student Association shall announce the result within 5 days after the voting for recall. The person recalled shall be removed from the position from the day of announcement.

Article 59 If the proposal of recall is denied, proposal of recall may not be raised against the person recalled during the term with the same reason.

Chapter 5 Other Relevant Affairs

Article 60 Election Commission of Student Association issue verbal warning or announce the fact of violation if any one violates rules of these regulations.

Article 60 The election is invalid if candidates who ask for expected promise or bribe.

Article 61 If the student does not satisfied with the decision of Election Commission of Department, the student may appeal to Election Commission of Student Association within 3 days of receiving the statement of decision. If the student does not satisfied with the judgment of Election Commission of Student Association, the student may appeal to Arbitration Commission of Student Association within 3 days of receiving the statement of judgment.

Chapter 6 Appendix

Article 62 These regulations apply to the first election for student representatives. Preparation Committee of Student Association sets up Election Commission of Student Association for election affairs.

Article 63 These regulations are approved by Preparation Committee of Student Association Meeting and ratified by the principal. These regulations are implement from the day of issuing. When Student Association is established, the regulations should be amended by Student Association Representative Meeting and be effective after the principal ratifies and issues.