

Election for Appointment of a Full-time Student to the Council

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In the election held between 9-11 October 2019, the following votes were cast:

Candidate	Number of Valid Votes
	Cast
BRACKE Vincenz	170
FU Pui Ying	3628
LO Po Sang	2773
Total Number of Valid Votes	6571
Number of invalid votes	12
OVERALL TOTAL	6583

A number of complaints have been received in relation to this election and are currently under investigation.

As per paragraph 12.6 of the Regulations, the name of the elected full-time student will only be submitted to the Chairman of the Council for appointment if no complaints have been received.

In these circumstances, no name will be submitted to the Chairman of the Council for appointment until such a time as the investigation into the complaints has been concluded, as per the procedures laid out in Regulation 12.

The outcome of the investigation into the complaints will be reported to the Council upon completion of the investigation process.

The name of the successful candidate will be published and submitted to the Council Chair when the above due process is complete.

James Prince
Election Officer
Academic Registrar

14 October 2019
17:40hrs



From: Student Election
Sent: Friday, 18 October 2019 10:23 AM
To: 'allug-list@ust.hk'; 'allpg-list@ust.hk'
Subject: Update: Election of Student Member to the Council

Dear students,

I informed you on Monday (<http://student-election.ust.hk/announcements.html>) that due to complaints received (more than 120 in total), we have not yet submitted any name of an elected full-time student to the Chairman of the Council for appointment. I would like to update you now about the next steps to be taken by the University.

According to HKUST's *Regulations Governing the Election of ONE full-time Student Member to the Council* (<http://student-election.ust.hk/regulations.html>), the Election Officer and the Director of Student Affairs (a role now subsumed into the Dean of Students role) will handle complaints against any of the Electors, Candidates, and/or the persons who execute the various procedures in the election (paragraph 12.1), whilst complaints against the Election Officer will be dealt with by the Council Chair and President (paragraph 12.2). The complaints we have received fall under both paragraphs 12.1 and 12.2 of the Regulations.

As complaints have been made to the Chairman of the Council under paragraph 12.2 of the Regulations, at its meeting of 17 October the Council directed that the role of the Election Officer under paragraphs 12.3 and 12.4 will be undertaken by a Senior Advisor, Office of the Provost. The respective investigations will start right away and the outcome is expected to be known by mid-November.

Best regards,

Election Officer.

From: Student Election <stuelection@ust.hk>

Date: Sunday, 20 October 2019 at 12:00 PM

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Subject: Election of Student Member to the Council

Dear Students,

On Friday I issued an email to update you on the captioned election. In response to requests for further clarification please note the following.

The content of the complaints that have been received and the investigation process is confidential, which ensures that it is a fair process and that the privacy of any individuals named is protected. This is common practice.

The Regulations (<http://student-election.ust.hk/regulations.html>) do not allow for a suspension of the election when a complaint is received. Please refer to paragraph 12 in its entirety, which is being followed. You will note that the four possible outcomes of an investigation as stated in paragraphs 12.3 and 12.4 all pertain to a completed election process, so by definition the election was allowed to be completed, regardless of complaints having been received.

We have allowed up to a month for the investigations to take place, because at the outset of the process it is impossible to know the full extent of any such investigations – only after all of the complaints and their evidence have been reviewed can the full scope of the investigations be known. It is hoped that the process can be completed more quickly and every effort will be made by the relevant persons to do so.

The term of office for the existing student member to the Council has yet to expire, so there is not yet a vacancy to be filled. The Council is aware of the issue of timing for the appointment of the next candidate and will act according to the extant circumstances at the relevant time.

Best regards,

James Prince
Election Officer