



COVENANT ELECTIONS 2020

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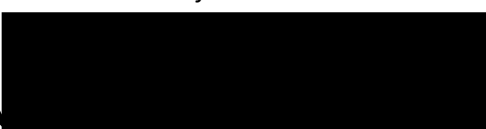
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PROVISIONS OF THE COVENANT

Article 1. Definitions

Paragraph 1. The terms used in this document shall have the meanings assigned to them by this Regulation.

Paragraph 2. For the purposes of these Regulations, the following definitions shall also apply.

- a. University Council: the University Council as referred to in Article 28 of the Structure regulation of Tilburg University.
- b. Parties: The student parties with a seat on the University Council as well as the student parties with a seat on the Faculty Councils of Tilburg University from the academic year 2018-2019. This article also includes any future student parties participating in the elections.
- c. Voters: that part of the electoral community, namely the student section of Tilburg University as referred to in Article 1.2, paragraph 2, under b of the 2007 Electoral Regulations.
- d. Tilburg University Campus: the territory as referred to in the Articles of Association of the Catholic University Brabant Foundation.
- e. Participation elections: the annual election on the campus of Tilburg University, which aims to appoint new members of the student parties of the University Council and the Faculty Councils.
- f. Campaigning: giving those entitled to vote substantive information about the elections of the various councils, their election points and other relevant information about elections to the various councils for the promotion of the student party.
- g. Voting methods: voting takes place by electronically filling in and sending the voting form in the voting application on the Tilburg University website.
- h. Recruitment of votes: the persons exclusively entitled to collect and process votes for the purpose of the Participation Election in the manner described under g by means of electronic devices as described under k.
- i. Passive promotion: promoting a party by means of impersonal promotion, namely through published texts, images and media files without coming into direct contact with the public. Among others via: posters, signs, stickers, magazines, leaflets. Within this form of promotion, there is no direct contact between a representative of a student party and those entitled to vote.
- j. Active promotion: the promotion of a student party by means of personal promotion, namely through personal contact between a representative of a student party and those entitled to vote.

- k. Electronic devices: computers, laptops, magnetic data carriers, mobile phones, smartphones, tablets and other mobile digital electronic devices.
- l. Campaigners: Everyone who is actively recruiting votes.
- m. Campaign period: Starting at the external list announcement until the first day of the elections.
- n. Elections: The three days, referred to in article 2.

Article 2. Election period participation elections

The 2020 participation elections for student parties will start on Tuesday the 21st of April 2020 at 09.00 and shall end on Thursday the 23rd of April 2020 at 16.00, as defined in accordance with Article 6.3 of the Electoral Regulations 2007.

Article 3. Attitude Student parties

Paragraph 1. Both prior to and at the time of the elections, the student parties shall ensure the safeguarding of:

- a. The principle of loyalty;
- b. The secrecy of elections;
- c. Providing clear and adequate information to those entitled to vote;
- d. Independence of the student parties from third parties;
- e. Bearable elections for all parties involved;
- f. Prevention of obstructive behaviour during campaigning and polling;
- g. A positive attitude towards other parties.

Paragraph 2. All of the above for the sake of the legitimacy of the student representation at Tilburg University, the continuation of the cooperation between the student parties and the benevolence to hold bearable participation elections on campus.

Article 4. Loyalty and cooperation

Paragraph 1. In accordance with the principle of loyal cooperation, all concerned parties shall respect each other and support each other in the performance of the tasks set out in this Code of Conduct.

Paragraph 2. In concrete terms, the Faculty Council parties agree not to conduct a campaign or indulge in promotion within a radius of ten meter around a fixed campaign point. Fixed campaign points that will be used in most of the cases are stalls on the campus. When determining the fixed campaign point, the entrances of buildings will be taken into account. The radius around a

campaign point may therefore never block the entrance of a building. The University Council parties agree not to conduct a campaign in the radius as determined by the university for each party.

Article 5. Electoral terrain

The campaigns and elections will take place exclusively in the following locations:

- a. The campus of Tilburg University (hereafter: 'campus'). All concerned parties agreed with a demarcation of the campus as election site such as Appendix A, so that it is clear to student parties and those entitled to vote where campaigning will take place and votes may be recruited. The so called 'Reitse Poort (RP) and Reitse Toren (RTZ)', as well as other university buildings in the city center are excluded from the electoral terrain.
- b. All parties agree with a maximum amount of campaigners at borders of the campus.
 - Border at Building A: three (3) people per student party
 - Border at Building C (bicycle lane): three (3) people per student party
 - Border at Building T (trains): five (5) people per student party
- c. Online, via website and social media.

Article 6. Campaign

Paragraph 1. The student parties are allowed to campaign in the period prior to the participation elections, except previous exceptions in other provisions of this Covenant.

Paragraph 2. As an exception to paragraph 1 of this article, student parties shall not be permitted to indulge in active or passive campaigning or promotion outside the electoral terrain during the election period. Exceptions can only be made after agreement and signature by all concerned student parties and, where appropriate, by the parties and other concerned parties.

Article 7. Content of campaign days

Paragraph 1. The student parties have agreed that the elections should be more content oriented. To this end, each student party may organize content oriented campaign days.

Paragraph 2. During these content-oriented campaign days, each student party is able to give substantive information on the elections, focus points per student party, the covenant and other relevant information which serves as a clarification of the character and personality of the student parties.

Paragraph 3. The number of substantive campaign days organised per student party is as follows: up to two (2) weekdays and within a period of two weeks for the start of the co-determination elections. The Monday before the elections is always excluded from the possibilities.

Paragraph 4. Exceptions to this article are only made in accordance with and signature by the student parties concerned.

Article 8. Accountability and accessibility

During the election period, each student party that is competing for seats on the Faculty Council or University Council has the task of accounting for his/her views. Each student party ensures that campaigners are available for questions from the student.

Article 9. Right to recruit votes

During the election period, the following persons are exclusively entitled to recruit votes in the participation elections using electronic devices:

- a. A maximum of four (4) current board members per University Council party;
- b. A maximum of nine (9) candidate-board members per University Council party;
- c. All Faculty Council candidates;
- d. The current board of Vrijspraak, party of Magister JFT.
- e. Two (2) members of the current Faculty Councils

Article 10. Campaigners

Paragraph 1. During the elections it is important that each student party is recognizable across campus. It is therefore instrumental that all campaigners are dressed in the colours of their respective student party and all campaigners that do not have their party specific clothing should have a sticker of their respective student party to illustrate their allegiance.

Paragraph 2. In order to prevent an overflow of campaigners on campus, every student party is not allowed to have more than ninety (90) campaigners on campus at a given moment.



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Article 11. Prohibition on the recruitment of votes

The recruitment of votes for the participation elections is only allowed for the in Article 9 mentioned persons; no other person, organisation or other capacity is permitted. The solicitation of votes is only permitted in the manner as described in Art. 1 section 2 sub g. jo. sub h jo. sub k.

Article 12. Individually attached electronic devices

Paragraph 1. The electronic devices used by the exclusively entitled parties for the recruitment of votes during the participation elections must be made known as such and are to be verifiable at all times as to whether they are individually attached.

Paragraph 2. All electronic devices should have a sticker of the respective student party at a visible point for students to improve clarity for students.

Article 13. Proof of use of voting rights

Paragraph 1. The student parties will, after collecting a vote, hand out a so-called 'voting wristband' to the person entitled to vote so that the student can show that he/she has exercised his/her voting right.

Paragraph 2. In addition, students who do not wish to vote or wish to vote blank may receive the voting wristband.

Paragraph 3. There will be different voting wristbands made available for the faculty councils, so that the difference may be clear and unnecessary approaches may be diminished.

- a. Before a voting wristband is handed out, the student in question will be given an explanation what there is to be voted for if they so wish.
- b. All student parties are expected to exercise restraint in distributing these voting wristbands.

Paragraph 4. A maximum of one (1) wristband per council (University Council, Faculty Council) will be awarded per student.

Article 14. Electoral cooperation

Paragraph 1. It is not allowed for one student party to use resources for the benefit of another student party. This includes financial resources, as well as (online) promotion through official channels and paired network. The previous is by no means a restrictive enumeration, parties involved are expected to constantly behave in the spirit of this provision, being: to prevent an unfair competition.

Paragraph 2. There is one exception: the launch of the initiative, being: the establishment of a new student party from an already existing student party with:

- a. A clear explanation of the initiative
- b. Clear substantiation as to why it is an improvement of student participation.
- c. The candidates
- d. A clear vision that ties in with the founding party initiating it.

The launch will consist of one (1) post on each social media channel which can be promoted for a maximum of two (2) days, within the boundaries of reasonable sense.

Paragraph 3. In addition, it is not allowed for candidates to form direct electoral connections with other individuals when both representing different student parties.

Article 15. Publication of election programme

Paragraph 1. The university council parties make annual agreements regarding the publication of the election programmes.

Paragraph 2. These agreements must be recorded at least 2 months before the start of the elections.

Article 16. Election page

Paragraph 1. An election page prior to the voting form in the voting application on the Tilburg University's website will be introduced, within which student parties are offered the opportunity to develop a content-related provision of information to eligible voters in relation to the participation elections.

Paragraph 2. On this election page, the core agreements in this covenant shall also be published in order to make the covenant known and publicised to those entitled to vote.

Article 17. Placemats in the Mensa

The student parties of the University Council will make annual agreements regarding the depositing and collecting of placemats in the Mensa in the period before and during the participation elections. The aim is that the student parties change weeks every year.

Article 18. Noise pollution on the campus

Paragraph 1. The student parties, in particular the university council parties, shall make annual agreements about playing music on campus.

Paragraph 2. In addition, the use of megaphones is prohibited.

Article 19. Sustainability

All parties have expressed their concerns about sustainability during the elections. All parties have agreed to make an effort to make the elections more sustainable in the following ways.

- a. The reduce of the usage of single-use items
- b. Recycling flyers of all parties by using recycling bins

Article 20. Joint information session

The briefing committee will hold a joint information session on behalf of the student parties, where the participation elections and the Covenant are explained Extensively. Candidate party members should be present if possible. List pushers and campaign supporters will be invited without obligation. During this information session use is made of politically uncoloured information. It is the responsibility of the current party members that the importance of this session is conveyed to their candidates and other involved. If for a legitimate reason anyone involved in the elections is not able to attend this meeting, it is the responsibility of the respective student party to timely and extensively convey the information discussed.

Article 21. Publicity Covenant

The Covenant will be made known in the following ways prior to and during the Employee Participation elections:

- a. On the websites of the student parties;
- b. On the election page prior to the voting form in the voting application on the Internet page of Tilburg University;
- c. In the election mails sent to those entitled to vote;
- d. In mails to student boards in Tilburg;
- e. Via word of mouth;
- f. In other ways, after consultation.

Article 22. Withheld disclosure procedure Realisation Covenant

The student parties will refrain from any propaganda or publication relating to individual input from persons, parties, organisations and/or other capacities provided in the establishment, negotiation and definition of the Covenant.

Article 23. Election manager per student party

Each participating student party shall provide a person who bears the responsibility for the elections of that party. Communication between student parties will initially always be through these persons.

The election managers for the 2020 participation elections are as follows:

- Fractie Front: Maen Maessen
- Fractie SAM: Gijs Reukers
- Fractie Dante: Ellen van Gisbergen
- Fractie Stimulus: Julia Walboomers
- Vrijspraak, student party of Magister JFT: Mats Klaren
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Article 24. Disputes Committee

Each participating student party shall provide a person to take a seat in the Disputes Committee. This committee decides on disputes that arise during the campaigning period and the elections. The conduct of This committee is further defined in the Guidelines Disputes Committee (Appendix B).

Article 25. Digital elections in 2020

Paragraph 1. Since the elections will be solely online, the following provisions will be rendered ineffective for this year's elections: article 5, 9, 10, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20

Paragraph 2. Even though the articles are rendered ineffective, actions will still have to be in the spirit of these articles.



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APPENDIX A – ELECTION TERRAIN



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APPENDIX B – GUIDELINES FOR THE DISPUTES COMMITTEE

If a student who comes out on behalf of a group affiliated to Tilburg University violates one of the provisions of the covenant for the participation elections, the following procedure will be followed to prevent a future violation.

There are three different degrees of violations that apply during the elections.

Degree 1: Mild violation

Degree 2: Moderate violation

Degree 3: Serious violation

In principle, the first offence is accompanied by a warning and the person concerned is addressed by the group to which he/she belongs or by someone from the Disputes Committee. In the event of further violations, the overview drawn up by the Disputes Committee will be taken into account. Following this overview and consultation with the Disputes Committee, a sanction will be given.

If a member of the Disputes Committee is unable to be present, this member can express his/her opinion so that the members of the Disputes Committee present are aware of his/her point of view. The opinion of the offending person's student party must be present in person as a member during the sanction talk/conversation. A measure requires at least a 2/3rd majority vote in favour. The criteria for reporting an infringement are as follows:

- At least three witnesses or;
- A witness of the Disputes Committee or;
- Visual material

