

**Election Notice**  
**for the election of the 20th Student Parliament and**  
**the Autonomous International Students' Council**  
**at Dortmund Technical University in 2026**

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## **1. The Electoral Commission**

At its meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026, the Student Parliament of the constituted student body of Dortmund Technical University elected the following individuals as members of the Electoral Commission:

Lasse Wegener, Nivajan Sureshkumar, Melisa Yildirim, Lena Pape.

The Electoral Commission was constituted on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 by the Presidium of the Student Parliament. At the constituent meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026, Lasse Wegener was elected as Chief Electoral Officer and Nivajan Sureshkumar as Deputy Chief Electoral Officer.

The address of the Election Commission and the Election Officer is:

**The Election Commission**

**c/o AStA TU Dortmund**

**Emil-Figge-Str. 50**

**44227 Dortmund**

The email address of the Election Commission and the Election Officer is:

**[wahlkommission@asta.tu-dortmund.de](mailto:wahlkommission@asta.tu-dortmund.de)**

Further information on the Election Commission and the election, as well as the current document templates, can be found at:

<https://stupa-dortmund.de/stupa-wahlen/>

In accordance with the statutes of the Autonomous International Students' Association, the Election Commission for the Student Parliament election also acts as the Election Commission for the election of this autonomous association.

## **2. Election period, method of election and access to the electoral system**

Pursuant to a resolution of the Student Parliament dated 03.02.2026, the elections to the Student Parliament will take place from **01.06.2026** to **11.06.2026**.

In accordance with the statutes of the Autonomous International Students' Committee, the election for this committee will take place alongside the elections to the Student Parliament.

Pursuant to the resolution of the Student Parliament of 03.02.2026, the elections will be conducted electronically.

An election notification detailing how to access the voting system will be sent separately by email.

For those eligible to vote who do not have the option of casting their vote electronically, there will be an opportunity to vote electronically on site on weekdays (excluding Saturdays) at the General Student Committee (AStA), Emil-Figge-Straße 50, between 10:00 and 14:00. Please note the AStA's opening hours.

### **3. Elected bodies and eligibility to vote**

#### **3.a. Student Parliament**

The Student Parliament of the constituted student body at Dortmund Technical University is elected. The Student Parliament consists of a maximum of 35 members.

Students who are enrolled as full-time students at Dortmund Technical University on 20.04.2026 have the right to vote and stand for election; auditors and visiting students are not eligible to vote (§3 of the Electoral Regulations).

Elections are held on the basis of electoral lists, which may be formed freely. The internal structure of the electoral list must comply with democratic principles.

Each student has one vote.

Of the total number of seats to be allocated, each electoral list is assigned as many seats as it is entitled to in proportion to the votes cast for it, in accordance with the Sainte-Laguë method (divisor method with standard rounding).

The seats for each electoral list, determined in accordance with the above procedure, are allocated according to the number of votes received by the individual candidates within the electoral list. In the event of a tie between several candidates on an electoral list, or if no votes have been cast for several candidates, the order of the candidates on

the electoral list determines the ranking. In the event of a tie between several electoral lists, the election committee shall decide by lot which electoral list is to be allocated the seat.

### **3.b. Autonomous International Students' Committee**

The Autonomous International Students' Committee of the Student Union at Dortmund Technical University is elected. The Autonomous International Students' Committee consists of a maximum of five members.

International students who are enrolled as full-time international students at Dortmund Technical University on 20.04.2026 are entitled to vote and stand for election. Persons who have already served as representatives for the Autonomous International Students' Committee on three occasions are excluded from standing for election. Auditors and visiting students are not eligible to vote.

The election is a personal election; students with the right to vote have five votes, with which up to five candidates may be elected. It is not possible to cast multiple votes for the same candidate.

The five candidates who hold five different nationalities and have received the most votes are elected (five-country rule). Should there be no woman or man among the elected representatives after applying the five-country rule, the woman or man with the highest number of votes shall take their place as the fifth member, in which case the five-country rule must also be applied first. If there are five or fewer candidates, the five-country rule shall be suspended.

Should a tie in the vote make it impossible to determine which person has been elected, the election committee shall decide by drawing lots.

## **4. Nominations**

The deadline for submitting nominations (and other documents) is **Monday, 04.05.2026 at 12:00 noon.**

Alternatively, the Election Committee is available to accept nominations (and other documents) in person at the AStA on the following dates: Monday, 27th April 2026

between 12.30 pm and 2.00 pm and Wednesday, 29th April 2026 between 10.00 am and 11.00 pm.

The announcement regarding the acceptance of nominations will be published on the Election Commission's website.

#### **4.a. Student Parliament**

Any person eligible to vote may nominate themselves or other eligible voters for election.

The nomination must be accompanied by an irrevocable declaration from each candidate stating that they consent to being included in the nomination (declaration of consent). This declaration must be in writing and bear the candidate's handwritten signature.

A candidate may not be included in more than one nomination.

The nomination must contain at least the candidates' surnames, first names, addresses, the email address issued by TU Dortmund University and their student registration numbers, as well as specify the election for which it applies. Furthermore, the nomination must state the name of the electoral list. The length of the electoral list's name must not exceed 70 characters (including spaces and special characters).

Each nomination must name a representative and a deputy. Each nomination requires the handwritten signature of the representative and their deputy on the paper version.

In addition, the list of candidates, including the following details: surnames, first names, addresses, the email address issued by TU Dortmund University, and student registration numbers, must be sent to the Election Commission's email address in a format that can be electronically processed (i.e. copyable<sup>1</sup>). A signature is not required on this version. In the event of discrepancies, the list submitted in paper form shall prevail.

Forms are published on the Election Commission's website. It is mandatory to use the documents created for the 2026 election.

**Nomination forms and declarations of consent** must be submitted to the Election Committee **by post in a sealed envelope addressed to the Election Committee** by

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<sup>1</sup> 'Copyable' means that the text should be copyable from the document by the Electoral Commission. Accordingly, the form should not be submitted as a 'print-ready' PDF or as an image.

**12:00 noon on 04.05.2026.** It is recommended that letters be handed in during the AStA's opening hours.

**The digital submission** of the printable nomination forms is also required by **12:00 noon on 04.05.2026.** Digital submission of the declarations of consent is not required.

#### **4.b. Autonomous International Students' Committee**

Anyone may nominate themselves or other eligible voters for election. Nominations should be submitted informally by email to the Election Commission<sup>2</sup>.

A declaration of candidacy must be submitted in good time alongside the nomination. The declaration of candidacy must be in writing and is irrevocable.

The declaration of candidacy must contain at least the candidate's surname, first name, address, the email address issued by TU Dortmund University, student number, gender and nationality(ies), as well as specify the election for which it applies.

In addition, the declaration of candidacy, including the following details: surname, first name, address, the email address provided by TU Dortmund University, student registration number, gender and nationality(ies), must be sent to the Election Commission's email address in a format that can be electronically processed (i.e. copyable<sup>3</sup>). A signature on this version is not required. In the event of discrepancies, the declaration submitted in paper form shall prevail.

Forms are published on the Election Commission's website. It is mandatory to use the documents created for the 2026 election.

**Declarations of candidacy** must be submitted to the Election Commission **by post in a sealed envelope addressed to the Election Commission** by **12:00 noon on 04.05.2026.** It is recommended that letters be handed in during the AStA's opening hours.

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<sup>2</sup> 'Informal' here means that an email is drafted without using a form, stating: 'I would like to stand as a candidate for the AAR myself / I nominate ... for the AAR' (or similar). The formal declaration of candidacy may be attached directly or sent separately. Please note that it must be submitted both digitally (in a copyable format) and in printed form (signed).

<sup>3</sup> 'Copyable' means that the text should be copyable from the document by the Electoral Commission. Accordingly, the form should not be submitted as a 'print-ready' PDF or as an image.

**Informal nominations and the digital submission of the downloadable candidacy declarations must also be received by 12:00 on 04.05.2026.**

## **5. Election campaigning**

**Election campaign materials may be displayed no earlier than two weeks before the first polling day.** They must be completely removed **no later than one week after the election has ended.**

Election stands may be set up throughout the entire election period. The following areas on campus are available for this purpose:

- Area in front of EF50
- Area in front of the Audimax
- Area in front of HGII
- Area in front of SRG1
- Area in front of MBIII and the adjacent square
- Area in front of the south entrance to the canteen
- Area in front of HGI or Archeteria

The Election Commission is responsible for allocating the aforementioned locations to the candidate lists. Enquiries regarding the allocation of spaces should be directed to the Commission.

The following guidelines must be observed when putting up posters:

- Posters may only be displayed inside buildings on the designated noticeboards or bulletin boards. Displaying posters on other surfaces within the buildings (e.g. walls, doors, columns or similar surfaces) is not permitted.
- Outside, posters may be displayed on advertising columns. Here too, space is allocated by the Election Commission. In addition, posters may be displayed on poster stands in the main thoroughfares on campus. Posting posters on building facades, railings, signposts or similar locations is not permitted.
- Posters may be displayed on street lamps on campus, provided they are secured using plastic cable ties only. The operation of the lights must not be impeded. The posters must be removed in full no later than one week after the election has concluded. A special use permit must be obtained from the City of Dortmund for displaying posters on street lamps in public spaces outside the campus.

- Election campaigning is reserved exclusively for lists and candidates approved for the election. Campaigning by political parties or organisations not standing in the StuPa election is not permitted.

All election lists approved for the election will be provided with a fixed sum to cover the costs of their campaign. The maximum amount of the cost reimbursement is determined by the Election Commission upon the announcement of the nominations. For candidates from the Autonomous Departments, the cost reimbursement is reduced to an appropriate extent (§8(2) of the Election Regulations). No reimbursement can be made without supporting documentation.

## **6. Election Newspaper**

The Electoral Commission publishes an election newspaper in accordance with the Electoral Regulations.

Submissions will be accepted until the end of **22.05.2026**. In accordance with §9(4) and (5) of the Electoral Regulations, all contributions must identify a person responsible for the contribution in accordance with the State Press Act. Contributions will not be published if no person responsible under press law is named or if the content is clearly anti-constitutional.

Contributions may be submitted by email to the Election Commission's address. If emails are rejected by mail servers due to oversized attachments, Sciebo, for example, is available. The download link generated in this way must be sent to the Election Commission. Contributions submitted via cloud services must remain accessible for at least one week after the submission deadline.

The technical specifications for contributions from lists and candidates are as follows: Lists standing for the Student Parliament are each allocated a double-page spread in DIN A4 format (i.e. two adjacent DIN A4 pages in portrait orientation). For individual candidates for the Autonomous International Students' Committee, one space in DIN A5 landscape format is available. Up to 2 candidates for the Autonomous International Students' Committee will therefore be presented on one DIN A4 page in the election newspaper.

Entries should be of the highest possible quality and will also be published online. Candidates are free to decide on the file format to use and whether to provide double-page spreads as a single print sheet or as two separate pages. We particularly recommend PDF or TIFF files with a resolution of 300 dpi.

The election newspaper will be published exclusively in digital format.

## **7. Voter Register**

Voter registers will be drawn up, where applicable separately for the bodies to be elected.

Voters may check their personal details **between 01.05.2026 and 09.05.2026** during the AStA's opening hours at the AStA's premises. **The 09.05.2026 is a Saturday; therefore, although it is a working day, the AStA will not be open.**

Voters may only verify the accuracy and completeness of other people's data if they can provide credible evidence of facts from which the inaccuracy or incompleteness of the electoral register may be inferred.

Objections to the accuracy of the electoral register may be lodged with the election committee in writing or by way of a statement for the record within the inspection period. The election committee shall, as a rule, decide on the objection without delay, but no later than 10.05.2026.

People who are not entered in the electoral register are not eligible to vote.

## **8. Postal voting**

In accordance with the electoral regulations, postal voting is **not** available due to the electronic voting system.

## **9. Drawing of lots to determine the order of the lists and the order of candidates**

The drawing of lots to determine the order of the lists for the parliamentary election and the order of candidates for the Autonomous Foreign Students' Representative

Committee will take place at a public meeting of the Electoral Commission on 12.05.2026 at 3 pm at the AStA, Emil-Figge-Straße 50.

Further details will be announced with the invitation to the meeting.

## **10. Counting of votes**

Immediately after the election has concluded, an initial count open to the university community will be carried out. Further details will be announced with the election notification.

## **11. Announcement of the election results**

The election results will be announced by **15.06.2026** at the latest at the AStA offices and on the website of the TU Dortmund University Student Parliament (<https://stupa-dortmund.de/> or on subpages).

## **12. Election Review**

Any eligible voter may lodge an objection to the validity of the election within 14 days of the announcement of the election results. The objection must be submitted to the election committee in writing or for the record, stating the grounds for the objection. The newly elected parliament shall decide on objections to the validity of the election.

## **13. Meeting of the new Student Parliament and the Autonomous International Students' Committee**

The Election Committee invites the newly elected Student Parliament and the newly elected Autonomous International Students' Committee to their constituent meetings.

The venue and date of the meeting will be announced publicly no later than when the election results are published.

#### **14. Availability of document**

Documents, templates and minutes will be available online at:

<https://stupa-dortmund.de/stupa-wahlen/>

and its subpages.

Kind regards,

Lasse Wegener

(Chair of the 2026 Electoral Commission)

Dortmund, 13.04.2026