
Information for electors

An election to form a new student council was announced recently. It may seem trivial - the persons who receive the greatest number of votes will be elected - but in actual fact this is a very serious matter, as the candidates who are elected will have the right to speak and act on behalf of their fellow students.

It would be all too easy to vote for someone simply because you know him or to vote for the most popular student. You have to do your homework if you want to find the person who, thanks to his aptitudes, will do the best job representing you on the student association's executive committee.

HOW DOES THE ELECTION PERIOD UNFOLD?

Some time before the election is called, the electorate will have approved the rules to ensure the holding of a fair and honest election. Once this step has been completed, election officers must be chosen and trained: this is the time to offer your services or to think about running for election.

The election period generally lasts two weeks and includes several steps.

Calling of elections

The election campaign begins when the date of the election is announced.

Preparation of the list of electors

If you want to vote, your name must be entered on the list of electors. It is your responsibility to make sure that your name is correctly entered.

Revision of the list of electors

Depending on the decision of the student association, the list of electors may be posted or distributed to students. If another consultation procedure was chosen, the list must be easily acces-

sible to allow students to check whether their name appears on the list and is correctly entered.

An elector who wants to make a change to the list of electors must apply in person to a board of revisors to submit an application for entry, correction or striking.

Remember that your name must be entered on the list of electors if you want to exercise your right to vote.

Election campaign

The election campaign is a period of intense activity during which the candidates present themselves to the other students and make known their ideas and projects. As an elector, you have the opportunity to assess the abilities of the persons who want to be elected as chairman or as a member of the student association's executive committee, by reading electoral publicity and attending debates.

Polling day

When polling day arrives, the election campaign is practically over. Once you have arrived at the polling station, you must indicate on the ballot paper which candidate obtains your vote. Needless to say that your choice remains secret.

Official announcement of the results

After the votes are counted and added up, those candidates who obtained the greatest number of votes are declared elected.
