



Works council and subcommittee elections in March 2017

Works council

The term of the current works council and personnel committees (subcommittees) will end in the spring of 2017. The works council is the university's employee participation body with regard to issues such as reorganization plans, construction plans, health, safety and environment, and personnel policy. In addition, the works council and the university student council together form the Joint Assembly, which consults with the Executive Board on matters such as the budget, framework memoranda, financial statements and the annual report, teaching and research and on the university's strategic policy.

Election time-period

The election for the new council and the new subcommittees will be held from 6 - 12 March 2017. Formal objections to this election time-period may be lodged within one week after publication of this announcement. Please use the email address below.

Two-year term

At their meeting of 28 September 2016, the works council and the Executive Board decided to shorten the term of office from three to two years, both for the works council and for the subcommittees. The term has been shortened to increase the appeal of employee participation, not only among permanent staff, but also among employees on temporary contracts.

Personnel committees (subcommittees)

The subcommittees are the employee participation bodies at the faculty or service department level, dealing with issues specific to that level. The subcommittees consult with the Faculty Board or the director of the relevant service department. The works council will convene the following 15 subcommittees for the 2017-2019 term:

Faculty of Theology

Faculty of Humanities

Faculty of Law

Faculty of Behavioural and Movement Sciences

Faculty of Social Sciences

Faculty of Economics and Business Administration

Faculty of Science (Faculty of Earth and Life Sciences and Faculty of Sciences, this is still a working title)

University Library

Student & Educational Affairs

Communications and Marketing
Information Technology
Corporate Real Estate and Facilities
Administration Office
Human Resource Management, Occupational Health, Safety and Environment
Finance & Audit

Composition and nomination

The electoral register will be finalized and published on 9 January 2017. Anyone employed at the Vrije Universiteit on 6 January 2017 and still employed by the university at the start of the elections on 6 March may cast a vote for the works council and the subcommittee of his or her unit (active suffrage). The same employees may also be candidates for the works council and the subcommittee if they were employed by the university for at least six months during the period from 6 January 2016 - 6 January 2017 and are still employed by the university at the start of the elections (passive suffrage).

Lists of candidates

Trade unions, individual employees or groups of employees may submit lists of candidates for the works council and the subcommittees.

Important dates

Period for submitting objections
against the proposed election time-period 5 - 12 December 2016

Publication of the
lists of employees eligible to be nominated and
employees entitled to vote 9 January 2017

Period for submitting objections
against the validity of these lists 9 – 15 January 2017

Submission of lists of candidates
by employees' organizations no later than 30 January 2017

Submission of individual lists no later than 6 February 2017

Publication of
valid lists of candidates no later than 20 February 2017

Election time-frame Monday 6 until Sunday 12 March 2014

Further information

The Elections Committee will organize an information session soon, to be announced through the usual channels.

If you require further information or have questions regarding this topic or the elections in general, please contact the official secretary of the works council, Mrs. Kitty Jong (email or@vu.nl, tel. 020-59 85312).