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MENSAH SARBAH HALL



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REGULATIONS FOR JCR GENERAL ELECTIONS, 2024

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In exercise of the powers conferred on the Electoral Commission by Article 7(13) of the Mensah Sarbah Hall JCR Constitution, these regulations are made this 23rd day of June 2024 amended and submitted to management on 24th June, 2024.

NOMINATIONS

1. (1) Any candidate contesting for an office recognized by the Mensah Sarbah Hall JCR constitution shall be nominated by one member of the JCR.
 - (2) Such nominations shall be seconded by;
 - (i) Four (4) JCR members from the Main Hall and three members from each of the annexes (A,B,C,D).
2. All persons who nominate or second, shall sign and write their official names, ID numbers and room numbers on the nomination forms.
3. No member of the JCR shall nominate more than one candidate for any particular office.
4. All nomination forms shall be delivered in person to the chair of the electoral commission before or on 28th June, 2024 .
5. An aspirant who fails to meet the published nomination deadline for submission (28th June, 2024) shall be disqualified from contesting in the elections.
6. Where an aspirant fails to complete all mandatory portions of the nomination form by the close of the nomination date, the Electoral Commission shall have the power to disqualify the aspirant, stating the specific infractions.

QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES

7. (i) Any aspirant for any executive office must have attained a Grade Point Average [GPA] of at least 3.0 as at the time of filing for nomination.
 - (ii) Any aspirant for any executive office must have been a legal member of the hall for at least one year.
 - (iii) Aspirants who miss or do not appear before the vetting panel would be automatically disqualified from contesting in the elections.

- (iv) Only female continuing students currently in 300 moving to 400 next semester are eligible for the presidency portfolio.
- (v) Executive positions are strictly opened to only female residents who have legally been in the hall for at least one year.

VETTING

8. (I) Aspirants will be assessed on the following;

- (i) Curriculum Vitae.
 - (ii) Appearance and Composure.
 - (iii) Knowledge of matters relating to Mensah Sarbah Hall.
 - (iv) Policies of aspirant.
 - (v) Knowledge of duties of Office.
 - (vi) Constitutional Knowledge.
 - (vii) General Knowledge.
- (2) (i) Candidates are expected to attend the vetting process in person. Please note that any candidate who arrives more than five minutes late will not be vetted.
- (ii) Each aspirant may bring up to two observers into the vetting room.
 - (iii) Aspirants and the observers entering the vetting room should avoid wearing clothing that displays branding or affiliation with a political party. Additionally, it's important to maintain a quiet environment in the vetting room.

CAMPAIGN

9. (i) There shall be no campaigning until the ban on campaign is lifted by the Electoral commissioner.
- (ii) Aspirants should not post teasers, posters, or fliers on any hall property, lest, they would be disqualified.
- (iii) Candidate shall conduct their campaign in a very cordial and decorous manner. Defaming the character of fellow candidates or the use of any means of intimidation against other candidates, their assigns, privies, or agents are strictly prohibited.
- (iv) (iv) There shall be no campaigning during the voting period. Paraphernalia of candidates shall not be allowed around the voting premises and there shall be no chanting of names of candidates except after the declaration of election results.

WITHDRAWAL

10. (i) An aspirant who wishes to withdraw his/her candidature must formally write to the Electoral Commission.
- (ii) The letter of withdrawal shall be published by the Electoral Commission within 24 hours upon receipt.

THE POLL

11. (i) Each qualified aspirant shall appoint only one (1) polling agent at the election strong room.
- (ii) Candidates must provide the Electoral Commission with the names of their polling agents two days before the election..
12. (iii) A presiding officer shall read and explain the regulations regarding the elections to the polling agent at the election strong room before voting begins.
- (iv) No form of intimidation, physical or verbal abuse shall be tolerated at the polling center.

VOTING

- 13. (i) Each member of the Mensah Sarbah Hall JCR has the right to vote during the elections and shall be entitled to just one vote for each portfolio.
- (ii) Voting shall be electronic and students shall vote through a unique link that will be sent to their student emails for the purposes of the election.
- (iii) Voting starts at 9:00 am and ends at 5:00 pm prompt.
- (iv) Until the results are declared, the candidate is prohibited from being within a 50meter radius of the election strong room until the results are declared.

RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS.

- 14. (i) A simple majority shall determine the winner of a portfolio.
- (ii) The Chairperson of the Electoral Commission shall declare the provisional election results in the strong room at UGCS after voting has ended.
- (iii) In the absence of the chairperson, she shall authorize any of her deputies to declare the results.

PUBLICATION OF THE RESULTS.

- 15. The Electoral Commission shall publish the final results within 24 hours.

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