ELECTION PROTOCOL:

STUDENT COUNCIL „COGNITIVE SCIENCE" 2025

Election plan (in-person vote):

Steps	Date	Record	Note
First plan of elections: electoral list, time period	25.01.2025	Student council protocol	
Determination of date for election	31.01.2025	Student council protocol	
Election of Election commission	06.03.2025	Student council protocol	
Request for electoral list	13.03.2025	Mail, Empfänger: VeFa Election Team	Request Granted: 18.03.2025
Call for nominations	23.03.2025	Mail, Empfänger: Student Body Cognitive Science	
Final call for nominations	03.04.2025	Mail, Empfänger: Student Body Cognitive Science	
Announcement of Candidates	07.04.2025	Mail, Empfänger: Student Body Cognitive Science	
Reminder for election	15.04.2025	Mail, Empfänger: Student Body Cognitive Science	
Election on campus	16.04.2025	Election Protocol	
Public counting	16.05.2025	Election Protocol	
Announcement of results	16.04.2025	Mail, Empfänger: Student Body Cognitive Science	

First plan of elections: electoral list, time period; 25.01.2025

Excerpt from the Student Council protocol, full version readable under link on our website:
https://www.uni-potsdam.de/fileadmin/projects/cosec-students/Protokolle/
FSR_Protocol_24.01.2025.pdf

6. Plan elections
a. Apply for an electoral list
b. Set date sometime mid April
c. Volunteers for the elections

Determination of date for election; 31.01.2025

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https://www.uni-potsdam.de/fileadmin/projects/cosec-students/Protokolle/
FSR_Protocol_31.01.2024.pdf

7. Election date
a. We want to hold the election in the third week of April, the second
week of the semester. Most of the students will probably be there.
Agreement on Wednesday 16 April, later due to Easter is not possible.

Election of Election commission; 06.03.2025

Excerpt from the Student Council protocol, full version readable under link on our website:

3. Election
·   Announcement soon that the election will take place -> Anna checks deadlines
·   Invite students to come to our FSR meetings to get an impression
·   Fey, Joy and Marleen declare themselves willing to run as an election committee and
organise the election

Vote for the Election Committee: Do we accept the candidacies of Joy Sarko, Annika Richter
and Marleen S. Dittrich for the Election Committee?: 5 Y/ 0 N/ 0 ABST

Request for electoral list, 13.03.2025

to:	wahlverzeichnis-antrag@vefa.uni-potsdam.de
date:	Mar 13, 2025, 1:52 PM
subject:	Antrag auf Erstellung einer Wählerliste für den FSR CogSci

Sehr geehrtes VeFa-Wahl-Team,

anbei übersende ich Ihnen den Antrag auf Erstellung unserer Wählerliste der Fachschaft Cognitive Science für unsere anstehende Wahl am 16. April.

Falls Nachfragen entstehen, gerne einfach zurückmelden.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Ann Zoe Thomas

FSR Cognitive Science | Universität Potsdam

Reply:

from:	Sophie Schreyer <sschreyer@astaup.de>
to:	"fsr.cosec@gmail.com" <fsr.cosec@gmail.com>
date:	Mar 18, 2025, 10:39 PM
subject:	Re: Antrag auf Wählerliste - CogSci
signed-by:	astaup.de

Lieber FSR Cognitive Science,

anbei euer Wahlverzeichnis. Viel Erfolg bei der Durchführung!

Mit besten Grüßen,
Sophie

Am 16.03.2025 um 17:18 schrieb Präsidium der VeFa:
Lieber AStA, lieber FSR CogSci,

wir haben die Angaben geprüft und geben dem Antrag auf das Wählerverzeichnis statt.

Wir wünschen euch bei der Durchführung der Wahl jetzt schon viel Erfolg!

Mit besten Grüßen,
Nils Hubach

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Präsidium der Versammlung aller Fachschaften

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Call for nominations, 23.03.2025

from:	FSR CogSci <fsr.cosec@gmail.com>
to:	fachschaft-cogsci@studi.astaup.de
date:	Mar 23, 2025, 12:20 PM
subject:	Call for Nominations: Student Representative Election (April 16th)

Dear members of the Cognitive Science student body,

the Cognitive Science student reps are up for **(re-)election**! This year, the election will again take place in-person on Campus Golm. There are 8 seats to vote on.

📅 **When:** Wednesday, 16th of April 2025
⏰ **Time:** 09:00 o'clock - 14:15 o'clock
📍 **Where:** Campus Golm, House 14, Floor 4, Room 06/07 [2.14.4.06/07]

Procedure: Once you arrive, a member of the election committee will compare the name on your student ID with the election register. Once you have been confirmed to be a member of the student body, you receive a ballot and pen to vote in secret. Then, you post your ballot to the ballot box, which will remain closed until the public, anonymous vote count.

Publication of the result: The result will be announced publicly via email after the public vote count on the 16.04.2025 or 17.04.2025. The vote count will take place between 14:00 - 14:15 PM in room 2.14.4.06/07.
This election is organised by the independent election committee.

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Call for nominations

Do you have ideas on how to improve your course of studies? Do you want to organise parties and communal outings for and with other students? This is your chance to become a student rep!

If you're interested in running for one of the 8 open seats this year and ideally have at least one year (two semesters) of study remaining, please **send an email** to **fsr.cosec@gmail.com** with the following information:

- Your first and last name
- Your matriculation number
- Your study program (MSc Cognitive Science or BSc Kognitionswissenschaften)
- Your current Fachsemester
- Brief candidate (self-)description, including your goals as a prospective member of the student representatives (German or English, preferably both)

You may also nominate someone else until April 30th, so we have sufficient time to confirm whether they wish to participate as a candidate.

The **deadline** for nominations is **06.04.2025, 11:59 PM**.

For all questions regarding the election please also tend to fsr.cosec@gmail.com.

All the best,
Your election committee;
Joy Sarow (joy.sarow@uni-potsdam.de),
Annika Richter(annika.richter@uni-potsdam.de),
Marleen S. Dittrich (marleen.sophie.dittrich@uni-potsdam.de)

Final call for nominations, 03.04.2025

from:	FSR CogSci <fsr.cosec@gmail.com>
to:	fachschaft-cogsci@studi.astaup.de
date:	Apr 3, 2025, 12:58 PM
subject:	⚠️ FINAL CALL: student rep applications! ⚠️

Dear CogScis,

We're reaching out once more regarding the upcoming FSR (Student Council) elections. The deadline to apply as a candidate is *Sunday, April 6th, 2025, at 11:59 PM.*

We would like to encourage each and every one of you to seriously consider running for a position. This year, 7 out of our 8 current members will not be running again, so we're counting on fresh faces to carry the work forward.

Being part of the FSR is a voluntary role where you can make a real impact on our study program. You act as a bridge between students and the study coordination or teaching staff, and

have the chance to contribute to improving the structure and quality of the program itself. As we did last semester with our Bachelors program.

You also get to organize fun events for your fellow students, such as picnics and game nights. Through our participation in the VeFa (Association of Student Councils), you can connect with other FSRs, collaborate on bigger events—like our CogSci x Psych holiday party or last summer's big celebration with Psychology, English Studies, and German Studies.

Please take a moment to consider this opportunity. If you're interested, send your application by **Sunday, April 6th, 2025, 11:59 PM** to **fsr.cosec@gmail.com** including the following:

- Your first and last name
- Your matriculation number
- Your study program (MSc Cognitive Science or BSc Kognitionswissenschaften)
- Your current semester (Fachsemester)
- A brief self-description and your goals as a prospective student representative (in English or German)

If you have any questions about what being a student representative involves, or how much time you'd need to dedicate, please feel free to reach out—we're happy to help!

Thank you very much,
Your Election Committee;
Joy Sarow (joy.sarow@uni-potsdam.de),
Annika Richter(annika.richter@uni-potsdam.de),
Marleen S. Dittrich (marleen.sophie.dittrich@uni-potsdam.de)

Announcement of Candidates, 07.04.2025

from:	FSR CogSci <fsr.cosec@gmail.com>
to:	fachschaft-cogsci@studi.astaup.de
date:	Apr 7, 2025, 11:51 AM
subject:	📩FSR Elections – Meet the Candidates & Cast Your Vote!

Dear CogSci student body,

It's time to elect your new **Student Council (FSR)** representatives!

📅**When:** Wednesday, 16th of April 2025
⏰**Time:** 09:00 o'clock - 14:15 o'clock
📍 **Where:** Campus Golm, House 14, Floor 4, Room 06/07 [2.14.4.06/07]

Below you will find a list of students who are applying for the available positions on the Student Council.

This year, we have received 4 applications for 8 open positions — meaning there's still room for more engagement and fresh ideas! Whether you want to support fellow students, plan events, or work on improvements to our study program, the FSR is a great place to get involved. Even if you're not running, your vote matters and helps shape the next chapter of our student community.

📦Voting Procedure:
When you arrive, a member of the election committee will compare the name on your student ID with the election register. Once confirmed as a member of the student body, you'll receive a **ballot and pen** to cast your vote **in secret**. After voting, you simply drop your ballot in the sealed ballot box, which will remain closed until the public and anonymous vote count.

📣Publication of the Result:
The vote count will take place **publicly** on **Wednesday, 16.04.2025**, between **14:00 and 14:15** in **Room [2.14.4.06/07](#)**. The results will then be announced via email, either later that day or on **Thursday, 17.04.2025**.

This election is being organised by the **independent election committee**, and we're happy to answer any questions you may have about the process, the FSR, or how you can still get involved.

We're looking forward to seeing many of you at the polls — let's shape the future of CogSci together!

Best regards,
Your Election Committee;
Joy Sarow (joy.sarow@uni-potsdam.de),
Annika Richter(annika.richter@uni-potsdam.de),
Marleen S. Dittrich (marleen.sophie.dittrich@uni-potsdam.de)

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From the Bachelors:

Helen Winkler | 2nd semester

My name is Helen, I'm 21 years old and my main interests lie in psychology and computer science. In my spare time I like to draw, bake and read science fiction.

I moved to Potsdam to study cogsci last fall. Before that, I've studied bioinformatics for one semester in Halle, where I've also been an apprentice to the student representatives, meaning I've attended meetings to learn how they work, to run for candidate later.

Now I'm here, and still interested in helping a clear communication between profs and students, as well as continuing the improvement of our study program, since I've been running into some points that made me second guess my choice of switch.

Also, I'm looking forward to planning and attending many fun and valuable events. See you around!

Oscar Lorenz Müller | 2nd semester

Hi, I'm Oscar, currently in my 2nd semester. I would like to join the student council to promote good networking with the computer scientists and linguists as well as the psychologists. And I'm looking forward to organising games evenings and other events together.

Ann Zoe (Anna) Thomas | 8th semester

Hi, I am Anna, in the 8th semester of my bachelor's degree and have now spent two years on the FSR and would like to run for another term. As the only member standing for re-election, I'd love to support and guide the new FSR with the experience I've gathered over the past years.

I care about continuing what we started last year and am excited to work with the new FSR to connect with even more students. Therefore I would like to continue organising events such as game evenings, museum visits, picnics and more. And allso furthermore strengthen our collaboration with other FSRs , we've built some good connections to over the past year, and I'd love to build on that with more joint events and other activities.

Last semester, we also started to work towards improving the Bachelor's programme and we were able to achieve great successes in this direction together with you, allowing future generations to benefit from a better course of study. I'd like to keep that momentum going and continue contributing to similar efforts for the Master's program.

From the masters:

Mohammadhossein Yousefi | 2nd semester

I studied psychology as my bachelor's degree. During my bachelor's degree, I was the head of the student council for one year. Our council's role, in summary, was:

- Organizing engaging workshops and seminars in collaboration with professors and organizations
- Guiding students in discovering their research interests and acquiring necessary skills
- Leading student campaigns to promote science literacy and enthusiasm among diverse audiences

Personally, I love to build my environment into a better place for everyone because I believe that with a better environment, I can learn and achieve more. With my past experience and teamwork skills, I believe I can be a great member of the CogSci student council.

Reminder for election, 15.04.2025

from:	FSR CogSci <fsr.cosec@gmail.com>
to:	fachschaft-cogsci@studi.astaup.de
date:	Apr 15, 2025, 6:50 PM
subject:	❗📦**Reminder: FSR Election Tomorrow & Stickers!**

Dear CogScis,

This is a friendly reminder that our *FSR election* takes place **tomorrow**:
📍 **Where:** Campus Golm, House 14, Floor 4, Room 06/07
⏰ **When:** Wednesday, April 16th | 09:00 – 14:15

We'd be really happy to see many of you come by and cast your vote.

And there's more good news: our **Cognitive Science stickers have finally arrived** – the ones you voted for a few weeks ago! Feel free to grab a few (or a handful!) when you stop by to vote.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Best regards,
Your Election Committee;
Joy Sarow (joy.sarow@uni-potsdam.de),
Annika Richter(annika.richter@uni-potsdam.de),
Marleen S. Dittrich (marleen.sophie.dittrich@uni-potsdam.de)

Election on campus

Start: 09:00 AM
End: 14:15 PM
Location: Room 2.14.0.6/0.7 on Campus Golm

The election room was staffed by Joy Sarah, Annika Richter and Marleen S. Dittrich, the members of the election committee.

Public counting

Time: 14:15 - 14:35 PM
Attendees: Annika Richter, Marleen S. Dittrich

All 20 ballots have been retrieved from the ballot box and were found to be properly folded. The ballots were opened, evaluated and then marked to ensure they are counted only once.

0 ballots were discarded due to invalidation.

Results:

Students eligible to vote   94
Submitted votes   20
Valid votes   20
Turnout   21,28%

Candidate	Votes	In %	
1 Winkler, Helen	16	80%	
2 Müller, Oscar L.	16	80%	
3 Thomas, Ann Zoe	16	80%	
4 Yousefi, Mohammadhossein	20	100%	

So the final members are composed as follows :

1. Mohammadhossein Yousefi with 20 votes
2. Helen Winkler with 16 votes
3. Oscar L. Müller with 16 votes
4. Ann Zoe Thomas with 16 votes

Announcement of Election results, 16.04.2025

from:	FSR CogSci <fsr.cosec@gmail.com>
to:	fachschaft-cogsci@studi.astaup.de
date:	Apr 16, 2025, 3:07 PM
subject:	Student Council Election Results

Dear Cognitive Science Student Body,

We hereby announce the result of this years student council election!

For the 8 slots in our student council, we had 4 nominations, 3 from the bachelors and 1 from the masters track. The voter participation counts as many as 20 voters!

We are happy to announce that our new student council is made up of 4 people with the following poll count:

Helen Winkler: 16 votes
2. Semester Bachelor

My name is Helen, I'm 21 years old and my main interests lie in psychology and computer science. In my spare time I like to draw, bake and read science fiction.
I moved to Potsdam to study cogsci last fall. Before that, I've studied bioinformatics for one semester in Halle, where I've also been an apprentice to the student representatives, meaning I've attended meetings to learn how they work, to run for candidate later.
Now I'm here, and still interested in helping a clear communication between profs and students, as well as continuing the improvement of our study program, since I've been running into some points that made me second guess my choice of switch.
Also, I'm looking forward to planning and attending many fun and valuable events. See you around!

Oscar Lorenz Müller: 16 votes
2. Semester Bachelor

Hi, ich bin Oscar, gerade in meinem 2. Semester. Mir wäre es ein anliegen im Fachschaftsrat neben den Psychologen auch eine gute Vernetzung mit den Informatikern und Linguisten zu fördern. Und freue mich darauf gemeinsame Spieleabende und sonstige Events zu organisieren.

Ann Zoe (Anna) Thomas: 16 votes
8. Semester Bachelor

Hi, I am Anna, in the 8th semester of my bachelor's degree and have now spent two years on the FSR and would like to run for another term. As the only member standing for re-election, I'd love to support and guide the new FSR with the experience I've gathered over the past years.

I care about continuing what we started last year and am excited to work with the new FSR to connect with even more students. Therefore I would like to continue organising events such as game evenings, museum visits, picnics and more. And allso furthermore strengthen our collaboration with other FSRs , we've built some good connections to over the past year, and I'd love to build on that with more joint events and other activities.

Last semester, we also started to work towards improving the Bachelor's programme and we were able to achieve great successes in this direction together with you, allowing future

generations to benefit from a better course of study. I'd like to keep that momentum going and continue contributing to similar efforts for the Master's program.

Welcoming new CogScis each winter semester has always been a highlight for me, and I'm eager to continue helping them settle into our program.

Mohammadhossein Yousefi: 20 votes
2. Semester Master

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Thank you for your numerous attendance today. Our most happy congratulations to our new student council for the legislation period 2025/26!

All the best to you,
Your Election Committee;
Joy Sarow (joy.sarow@uni-potsdam.de),
Annika Richter(annika.richter@uni-potsdam.de),
Marleen S. Dittrich (marleen.sophie.dittrich@uni-potsdam.de)

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