

Translation of the Final Report of the Student Parliament Election 2023

Dates and Deadlines

- Publication of the election announcement: April 25, 2023
- Deadline for objections to the electoral register: until May 9, 2023
- Deadline for submitting candidatures: May 16, 2023, 12:00 PM
- Publication of the lists of candidates: May 28, 2023
- Application deadline for absentee ballots: June 8 2023
- Election days: June 13, 2023 to June 15 2023, each from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- Counting day: June 16, 2023
- Publication of election results: June 19, 2023
- Publication of the final report of the election: June 22, 2023
- Deadline for raising appeals: June 26, 2023, 3:00 PM

Incidents during the Election

Faculty of Health Sciences not Assigned to a Polling Station

Each faculty normally has a permanently assigned polling station, usually on the campus where the faculty is located. The faculty of Health Sciences was accidentally omitted from the assignment of a polling station this year. However, this did not affect the ability to vote, as absentee voting was available at all polling stations.

Names on Ballots

In the past, names were printed on ballots as they appeared on the electoral roll. Candidates who had a name that did not match the spelling in the electoral roll were adjusted to the spelling in the electoral roll by the Student Election Committee after a review by the Department 2, provided it was clear that the person running and the person in the electoral roll were the same person. Such corrections have usually affected the addition of second names. This year, although the candidacies were also validated by the Department 2, the names were recorded on the ballots as they appeared on the candidacies and were not adjusted if there were any discrepancies with the electoral roll. The reason for this was to give the candidates the freedom to appear on the ballot with the name with which they are most likely to identify and by which they are known in everyday life.

Submission of Positions for the Vote-O-Mat

In order to be able to offer a Vote-O-Mat, the candidate lists are asked to state their position on individual theses in advance. This year, these answers were to be submitted by email until June 7, 2023, 12 PM, so that the Vote-O-Mat could be published the same evening. The Juso-Hochschulgruppe sent their answers by email to a member of the Student Election Committee directly, but not to the mailing list of the Student Election Committee. The Student Election Committee stated in the election announcement that it

could only be reached by email at stwa@lists.astaup.de unless otherwise indicated. As a result, the responses from the Juso-Hochschulgruppe did not reach the Student Election Committee member tasked with inputting the statements until the following day. Thus, the Vote-O-Mat was initially published without the statements of the Juso-Hochschulgruppe. The statements of the Juso-Hochschulgruppe were added the day of publication.

A member of the Juso-Hochschulgruppe has judged the late posting of their comments to be a violation of the equality of the election. However, due to the failure to submit in due form, the Student Election Committee considers the responsibility for the incident to be on the side of the Juso-Hochschulgruppe.

Violation of the Advertising Ban Area during the Election

During June 13 and June 14, 2023, an election poster of the Juso-Hochschulgruppe was hanging on a trash can on the Griebnitzsee campus directly in front of the main entrance of House 6. At this time, the area was within the advertising ban area, which was determined by the Student Election Committee according to § 16 (4) of the Rahmenwahlordnung (RWO) and communicated to all lists by email on June 5, 2023. Within this area, election advertising was not permitted during the election days.

After becoming aware of the violation on the morning of June 13, 2023, the Student Election Committee immediately requested the list to remove all election advertising from the advertising ban area, as well as to issue a statement regarding the violation of the advertising ban area. In response, the Juso-Hochschulgruppe has confirmed that the poster was placed there by a member of theirs. Furthermore, the Juso-Hochschulgruppe stated that it was an internal organizational fault and apologized for the incident.

A violation of the advertising ban area by the Juso-Hochschulgruppe already occurred during the elections for the Student Parliament last year.

The Student Election Committee thus considers a violation of the advertising ban area to be proven. Furthermore, the Student Election Committee has decided not to challenge the election ex officio for the following reasons: While the RWO prescribes an advertising ban area, it does not specify the extent to which a violation of it will be sanctioned. Therefore, no threat of sanction was communicated to the lists in advance. Furthermore, the position of the poster was within the advertising ban area, but not visible from the polling station. A few meters away from the poster, there was also further election advertising in the form of chalk pictures on the ground, which were outside the advertising ban area. The Student Election Committee does not consider the election to have been impaired more by the poster within the advertising ban area than by the chalk pictures, which is why there was, in fact, unfair election campaigning here, but no influence on the free ballot to the extent that a repetition of the election would be justified.

At the same time, the Student Election Committee emphasizes that violations of the advertising ban area will not be tolerated. As part of the planned amendment to the Rahmenwahlordnung, the Student Election Committee will work to establish a sanction for violation of an advertising ban area in the future.

Three Ballots Cannot be Assigned to any Faculty

There is one ballot box per faculty for the Student Parliament election. This year, three ballots were not placed in these ballot boxes, but in ballot boxes of the other university

elections taking place at the same time, so that in retrospect it was no longer possible to determine from which faculty the ballots originated. This plays a role in determining the electoral participation, which according to § 19 (3) of the Rahmenwahlordnung must be calculated separately for each faculty. The three ballots are therefore now only included in the total voting turnout.

On the day of counting, the votes were passed on by telephone, since the counting of the election for the Student Parliament took place in Griebnitzsee and the counting of the committee elections took place in parallel at Am Neuen Palais. The handover of the incorrectly cast ballots to the Student Election Committee will take place on June 22, 2023.

Ballot Statistics

Out of 347 ballots received, 31 were declared invalid, resulting in a total of 316 valid ballots. The 31 invalid ballots were rejected for the following reasons:

- Person not listed in the electoral roll (1)
- Missing signature on the paper that features the name of the voter (2)
- Missing paper that features the name and signature of the voter (2)
- Ballots were not inserted in the ballot envelope (9)
- Ballot envelope not sealed (17)

Only 300 of the election letters received contained ballots for the Student Parliament Election.

A comparison of the number of counted ballots with the voter turnout according to the electoral roll pursuant to § 19 (1) of the Rahmenwahlordnung was not possible prior to publication of the final report, as the voter turnout according to the electoral roll could not yet be transmitted by the election office.

Election Result

List	Votes	Amount	Seats ¹
Liberale Hochschulgruppe Potsdam (LHG Potsdam)	193	5.427 %	2
Juso-Hochschulgruppe (Juso-HSG)	541	15.214 %	4
Ring Christlich-Demokratischer Studenten (RCDS)	261	7.340 %	2
DIE LINKE.SDS (SDS)	876	24.634 %	7
FSR goes StuPa (FSRgo)	446	12.542 %	3
Gruene Hochschulgruppe (GHG)	691	19.432 %	5
UP.rising / BFF	548	15.411 %	4
Total	3556	100.000 %	27

¹ In accordance with § 8 (4) of the Rahmenwahlordnung der Studierendenschaft der Universität Potsdam, calculated according to the Sainte-Laguë/Schepers-Divisor method.

Number of people eligible to vote	19,517
Number of valid ballot papers	1,247
Number of invalid ballot papers	6

Electoral Participation

Total	6.42 %
Digital Engineering Faculty	22.64 %
Faculty of Human Sciences	3.77 %
Law Faculty	6.66 %
Faculty of Science	4.87 %
Faculty of Arts	4.97 %
Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences	8.80 %
Faculty of Health Sciences	0.00 %
Without Faculty	0.00 %

The total number of votes for each individual candidacy, the members elected per electoral list, and the order of members and substitute members within the electoral lists are attached on the following pages of this report.

List Position	Name	Votes	Seats
List 1: LHG Potsdam		193	2
1		90	<i>Elected</i>
2		57	<i>Elected</i>
3		46	
List 2: Juso-HSG		541	4
6		70	<i>Elected</i>
1		69	<i>Elected</i>
2		62	<i>Elected</i>
3		43	<i>Elected</i>
5		40	
7		37	
4		36	
15		31	
16		28	
13		26	
9		23	
12		22	
8		16	
10		16	
14	15		
11	7		
List 3: RCDS		261	2
1		61	<i>Elected</i>
3		29	<i>Elected</i>
13		29	
2		28	
4		20	
9		20	
11		20	
7		17	

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List 4: DIE LINKE.SDS

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13	
8	
20	
22	

876 **7**
104 *Elected*
89 *Elected*
67 *Elected*
66 *Elected*
64 *Elected*
60 *Elected*
54 *Elected*
50
37
31
31
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23
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21
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10

List 5: FSRgo

3	
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446 **3**
57 *Elected*
52 *Elected*
45 *Elected*

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List 6: GHG

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691 **5**
128 *Elected*
93 *Elected*
86 *Elected*
56 *Elected*
56 *Elected*
55
52
50
41
40
34

List 7: UP.rising / BFF

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548 **4**
158 *Elected*
150 *Elected*
124 *Elected*
116 *Elected*

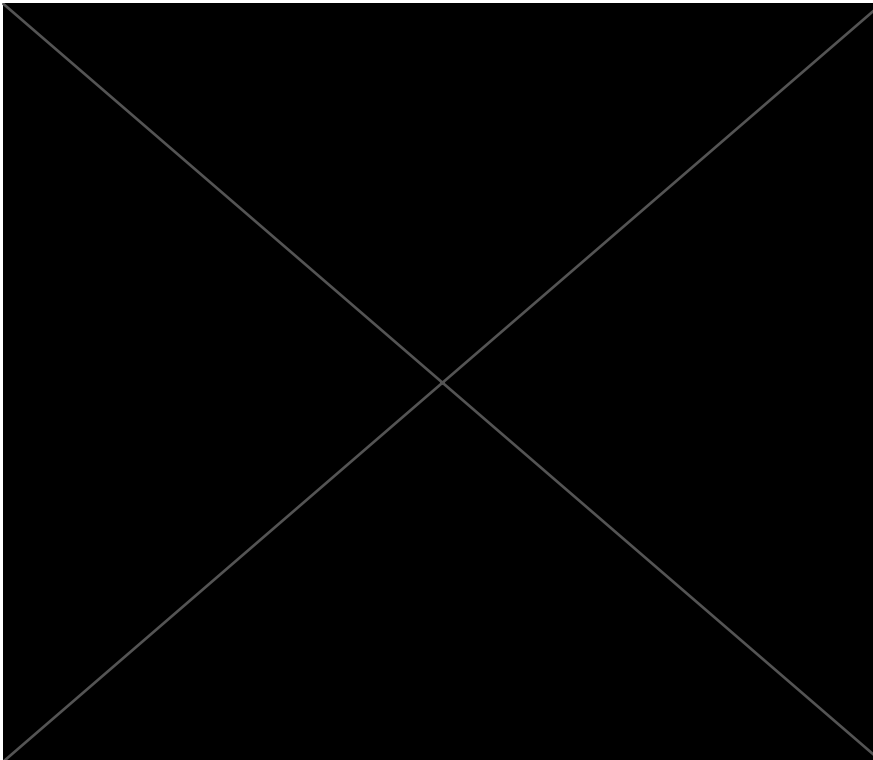
Persons Involved in the Organization of the Election

Election Workers

The election workers at the polling stations and during the counting in the counting office of the committee elections can be found in the report of the General Election Committee of the University of Potsdam.

Counting Assistants

The Student Election Committee was assisted in counting the votes on June 16, 2023 by:



Potsdam, June 22, 2023

Student Election Committee 2023

 (Chairman)

 (Dep. Chairman)



