

# Translation of the Final Report of the Student Parliament Election 2024

## Dates and Deadlines

- Publication of the notice of election: April 29, 2024
- Submission of electoral lists: May 21, 2024, 12:00 PM
- Publication of electoral lists: May 27, 2024
- Submission of postal vote requests: by June 13, 2024
- Election days: June 18 to June 20, 2024, each from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM
- Counting day: June 21, 2024
- Publication of election result: July 2, 2024
- Publication of election final report: July 2, 2024

## Polling Stations

- Campus Neues Palais, House 8, Auditorium Maximum (Foyer)
  - Central postal voting station
  - Faculty of Arts
- Campus Golm, House 18 (IKMZ)
  - Faculty of Human Sciences
  - Faculty of Science
- Campus Griebnitzsee, House 6, Foyer
  - Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences
  - Law Faculty
  - Digital Engineering Faculty

## Anomalies 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. Similar to the previous year, the Faculty of Health Sciences was omitted from the allocation of a polling station. However, this did not affect the ability to vote, as postal voting was possible in all polling stations. The Student Election Committee pointed this out in the election announcement.

### **One candidacy from the "Juso- und Grüne HSG" list rejected**

After examination by the Student Election Committee, four candidates on the "Juso- und Grüne HSG" electoral list did not have handwritten signatures on the candidacy form. As a result, the Student Election Committee granted the list spokesperson and the four candidates concerned a grace period in accordance with § 15 of the Rahmenwahlordnung

until May 24, 2024, at 12:00 noon to submit the corrected candidacies. Three of the four candidacies were submitted by the deadline, the fourth candidacy was rejected by the Student Election Committee after the deadline had expired. This did not affect the validity of the "Juso- und Grüne HSG" election list. The following candidates on the list have therefore moved up by one position on the list.

### **Election advertising by student councils of the University of Potsdam**

The Student Election Committee received several complaints about the sharing of election advertising on social media channels by various student councils, in which the election list "FSR goes StuPa" was advertised. Specifically, the Sociology and Computer Science student councils shared a post from the election list on Instagram, which included the names of the candidates. The caption of the post also included a call to vote for this election list. The Student Election Committee investigated the election advertising and determined that it did not violate any election principles in accordance with § 7 of the Rahmenwahlordnung.

The election principle of free choice prohibits undue influence, however, this means that voters are free to make their election decision without any advantage (e.g. bribery) or sanction in connection with casting their vote. In the opinion of the Student Election Committee, this principle is realised by the ban on election advertising in the polling stations and their immediate surroundings during the election period (the so-called "Bannmeile") and is closely linked to the electoral principle of secret vote. Furthermore, the Rahmenwahlordnung does not stipulate a neutrality requirement for student bodies.

Based on this conclusion, the Student Election Committee has not taken any measures.

### **Election advertising via the AStA student email list**

An email was sent on June 13, 2024, by a member of the electoral list "Liberale Hochschulgruppe Potsdam" (LHG), in which attention was drawn to events in the administrative board of the Studentenwerk Potsdam. The email also contained election advertising for the list. The email was sent to all students at the University of Potsdam via the email list moderated by the General Students' Committee (AStA).

The Student Election Committee investigated this case and determined that this election advertising does not violate any election principles according to § 7 of the Rahmenwahlordnung. The reasons for this have already been explained under "Election advertising by student councils of the University of Potsdam".

It should be noted here that there is no neutrality requirement for the General Students' Committee (AStA) in the Rahmenwahlordnung or in the Satzung der Studierendenschaft. In addition, the AStA is not accountable to the Student Election Committee.

### **Loss of postal voting applications**

On Thursday, June 13, 2024, an email was sent by the Chancellor of the University of Potsdam, according to which not all postal voting applications from the period from April 23, 2024, to May 1, 2024, were available to the Wahlgeschäftsstelle. The reason for this was an automated deletion process in the postal voting application form. Persons who submitted an application for postal voting during this period were asked to contact the Wahlgeschäftsstelle immediately if they had not yet received postal voting documents and

to forward the automated confirmation email to the Wahlgeschäftsstelle. The remaining postal voting documents were then sent by the Wahlgeschäftsstelle.

### **Rejection of postal ballot papers and deviation of ballot count**

A total of 27 postal ballot papers were rejected because they arrived after the deadline (9), the person had already voted at the polling station (11) or the person was not clearly identifiable or the ballot paper/signature was missing (7). According to the electoral register, a total of 1721 students voted, but 1889 ballots were counted. This corresponds to a deviation of 168 ballots.

### **Delayed publication of the election result and the final election report**

The results of the Student Parliament election were counted on June 21, 2024. However, according to § 19 (3) of the Rahmenwahlordnung, the number of eligible voters and a breakdown of voter turnout by faculty must also be determined for the election result and the final election report. As these figures were not submitted by the Wahlgeschäftsstelle before the actual publication deadline pursuant to § 20 (3) of the Rahmenwahlordnung by June 27, 2024, only a non-complete publication of the election result and the final election report would have been possible. However, as this publication also marks the start of the objection period and not all information for an objection may be available, the Student Election Committee decided not to publish the election result and the final election report until all information in accordance with § 19 (3) is available.

# Election Result

In accordance with the Rahmenwahlordnung der Studierendenschaft (RWO) in the version of February 6, 2018, (AmBek UP No. 01/2019, pages 14-19), the student body of the University of Potsdam elected the 27th student parliament from June 18, 2024, to June 20, 2024 in a free and fair election by secret ballots:

List	Votes	Amount	Seats <sup>1</sup>
Libérale Hochschulgruppe Potsdam (LHG)	459	8.473 %	2
Juso- und Grüne HSG	1416	26.140 %	7
Ring-Christlich-Demokratischer-Studenten (RCDS)	388	7.163 %	2
DIE LINKE.SDS (SDS)	1297	2.943 %	7
FSR goes StuPa (FSRgo)	1857	34.281 %	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>5417</b>	<b>100.000 %</b>	<b>27</b>

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

<b>Number of people eligible to vote</b>	17,918
<b>Number of valid ballot papers</b>	1,880
<b>Number of invalid ballot papers</b>	9

## Electoral Participation

<b>Total</b>	<b>10.54 %</b>
Digital Engineering Faculty	30.58 %
Faculty of Human Sciences	6.14 %
Law Faculty	13.16 %
Faculty of Science	10.16 %
Faculty of Arts	8.02 %
Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences	11.18 %
Faculty of Health Sciences	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 last pages of this report.

In accordance with § 21 (1) RWO, objections to this result and the validity of the election can be made in writing to the Student Election Committee until July 9, 2024, 3 PM.

Potsdam, July 2, 2024

List Position	Name	Votes	Seats
<b>List 1: Liberale Hochschulgruppe</b>		<b>459</b>	<b>2</b>
2	Matthias Weingärtner	184	<i>Elected</i>
1	Zoe Caspary	117	<i>Elected</i>
3	Leo Radloff	59	
7	Roman-Francesco Rogat	33	
4	Melvin Stein	30	
6	Leon Langer	22	
5	Robin Niefer	14	
<b>List 2: Juso- und Grüne HSG</b>		<b>1416</b>	<b>7</b>
1	Franziska Bollinger	245	<i>Elected</i>
2	Tammo Westphal	186	<i>Elected</i>
5	Johanna Tiepelmann	144	<i>Elected</i>
8	Caspar Sadenius	119	<i>Elected</i>
3	Anna Richter	110	<i>Elected</i>
18	Isabell Werner	82	<i>Elected</i>
13	Johanna Zoe Rausch	74	<i>Elected</i>
6	Maximilian Henningsen	70	
12	Maximilian Kowol	60	
9	Maya Brandes	51	
11	Pauline Uhrmeister	50	
15	Hanna Patalas	50	
4	Jonas Flöck	45	
7	Helena Sophie Elisabeth Schnettler	39	
14	Laurenz Merz	35	
10	Carlo Tullio	28	
16	Julius Zapfe	21	
17	Janik Morgner	7	

<b>List 3: Ring-Christlich-Demokratischer Studenten</b>		<b>388</b>	<b>2</b>
1	Maximilian Manfred Arntz	105	<i>Elected</i>
2	Oskar Wiesatzki	73	<i>Elected</i>
3	Aileen von Arnstadt	59	
5	Jonas Kolecki	37	
4	David Grehn	35	
6	Tobias Knabe	31	
7	Marcel Pelagejcev	24	
8	Luis Schrader	24	
<b>List 4: DIE LINKE.SDS</b>		<b>1297</b>	<b>7</b>
1	Flora Hermann	221	<i>Elected</i>
9	Vivien Pejić	163	<i>Elected</i>
11	Sabrina Arneth	144	<i>Elected</i>
3	Isabell Schmittmann	130	<i>Elected</i>
10	Tilman Kolbe	123	<i>Elected</i>
5	Victoria Ayvasky	108	<i>Elected</i>
2	Joseph Seidlmayer	105	<i>Elected</i>
7	Marina Savvides	102	
4	Marek Lipp	82	
6	Daniel Schuster	78	
8	Elias Borak	41	
<b>List 5: FSR goes StuPa</b>		<b>1857</b>	<b>9</b>
1	Katharina Wolf	265	<i>Elected</i>
17	Silvan Verhoeven	253	<i>Elected</i>
3	Carla Busuiocescu	216	<i>Elected</i>
4	Juri Heckmann	183	<i>Elected</i>
2	Jan Ole Reiß	150	<i>Elected</i>
10	Constantin Reber	116	<i>Elected</i>
12	Philipp Okonek	111	<i>Elected</i>
6	Marlene Jahn	95	<i>Elected</i>
9	Anna-Lena Heidenreich	91	<i>Elected</i>

5	Maurice Heilmann	67
11	Friedrich Christoph Sigel	65
16	Endric Seltz	62
8	Leon Paech	57
7	Lena Hofmann	53
15	Tobias Menzel	28
14	Jannes Schneider	27
13	Marian Schäfer	18

# Names of the Persons involved in the Execution

## Election Helpers

The election helpers of the polling stations and the central counting office can be obtained from the report of the University Election Committee of the University of Potsdam (“Allgemeiner Wahlausschuss der Universität Potsdam”).

## Counting Helpers

Anastasia Drozd	Karolin Raack
Jonas Endter	Emélie Dora Risopp
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Konrad Lux	Sabine Wehnert
Sina Marasus	Charlotte Weiss
Daniel Mendel	Armin Wells
Arizona Payor	



Potsdam, July 2, 2024

**Student Election Committee 2024**

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Cedric Patrick Zoschke (Chairman)

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