

UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

DRAFT PROCEDURE FOR ONLINE ELECTIONS OF DEANS

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

The Senate closed the University with effect from Monday 16th March 2020 as per the Presidential directive due to COVID-19 pandemic. Consequently, the Senate approved mainstreaming of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) in conducting university business through virtual/online-based teaching, learning, and examinations. This is the basis of the proposal to conduct online Elections of Deans.

1.2 Legal Framework

Election of Dean is done according to UON Statute XVIII section 6 and 7.

1.3 Election Process

- i) The purpose of conducting the online election of Deans is to ensure Faculties and Schools elect and replace Deans when their terms expire and usher in new leadership despite the Covid 19 pandemic.
- ii) The online voting will take place from 8.00am to 6.00am
- iii) The Director, ICT shall oversee the adoption and use of technology in the electoral process.

2. CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS

The following are the steps followed during the online voting process

- 2.1 Preliminary activities prior to voting day
- 2.2 Preparation of the online voting tool by ICT
- 2.3 Sharing of the tool with Academic Division
- 2.4 Sharing the voting link with Registered Voters
- 2.5 Setting voting tool timelines
- 2.6 Casting of votes
- 2.7 Analysis of results
- 2.8 Declaration of the winner

3. MONITORING AND AUDIT

- 3.1 Candidates shall identify their agents to monitor the electoral process
- 3.2 The Senate shall establish mechanisms for monitoring and auditing of electronic elections.

4. POST ELECTION PETITIONS

Any election petition shall be submitted to the Vice Chancellor within 48 hours after the elections.

5. RECOMMENDATION TO SENATE

Consider for approval the following:

- a) The Election of Deans be conducted electronically
- b) Provisions of Statute XVIII section 6 and 7 shall apply.