

TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

-TECHSA-

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ELECTORAL C AND RELEVANT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

From: TECHSA Committee

Date: 28/01/2026

**REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE VOTE ON THE APPROPRIATE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION PROCEDURE
UNDER THE TECHSA CONSTITUTION**

This memo is formally issued to request a **committee vote** on the appropriate procedure to adopt for the upcoming TECHSA presidential election, in strict compliance with the **existing TECHSA Constitution**, given the current circumstance where **only one qualified candidate has applied for the presidential position**.

The intent of this memo is to ensure that:

- ❖ All actions remain constitutionally compliant
- ❖ The election process maintains democratic legitimacy
- ❖ Decisions are transparent, documented, and defensible
- ❖ The election proceeds smoothly within the limited available timeframe

The TECHSA Constitution is the supreme governing instrument of the organization and must guide all electoral processes until formally amended.

"This constitution... shall direct and dictate all the operations and activities of the organization."

(Abstract / Declaration)

Accordingly, this election must be conducted strictly under the current constitutional framework.

The constitution establishes elections as the legitimate means of selecting executive leadership:

“There shall be an executive committee which shall be elected by the general members of the organization in an election conducted by the electoral commission.”

(Article Three, Section 9(I))

Article Eight further provides that:

Elections are conducted by the Electoral Commission

Voting is by secret ballot

Winners are determined by **simple majority**

All registered and updated members are eligible to vote

(Article Eight, Section 31)

Importantly, the constitution **does not prohibit elections with a single candidate**.

Even where a candidate is unopposed, the constitution requires majority approval:

“Receive the majority of valid votes cast by members during an election for such position.”

(Article Three, Section 11(I)(h))

The General Assembly is established as the highest decision-making body of the organization:

“The general meeting or assembly shall be considered to be the highest decision-making body or organ of the organization.”

(Article Two, Section 7(VI))

Decisions of the General Assembly are taken through voting by simple majority unless otherwise stated

(Article Two, Section 7(VII–VIII)).

The constitution does **not expressly state**:

That a sole candidate is automatically elected

That nominations must be reopened in such circumstances

That committees may impose leadership without member approval

As such, the constitution requires the application of democratic principles, transparency, and General Assembly authority to resolve this situation.

Based on the constitution, the following options are legally supportable:

Option A: Confirmation Election

Conduct an election with the single candidate on the ballot

Members vote “YES” or “NO” by secret ballot

The candidate is elected upon receiving a simple majority

This option is explicitly supported by:

Article Three, Section 11(l)(h)

Article Eight, Section 31

Option B: General Assembly Confirmation Vote

Present the unopposed candidate at a General Assembly

Members vote to confirm the candidate by simple majority

No competitive ballot election is conducted

This option is supported by:

Article Two, Section 7(VI–VIII) (General Assembly authority)

Related flexibility implied in **Article Three, Section 11(l)(e)**

Option C: Reopen Nominations

Reopen nominations for a short, defined period

Delay the election slightly to allow additional applicants

This option is not required by the constitution but remains procedurally permissible.

The organization acknowledges that the constitution contains gaps regarding:

Unopposed candidatures

No-candidate scenarios

Confirmation procedures

A **formal constitutional amendment** will be initiated **after the completion of this election** to address these issues.

For clarity:

No amendment will apply to the current election

Any amendment will take effect **from the next election cycle onward**

This approach avoids retroactive application and preserves constitutional legality

REQUEST FOR THE COMMITTEE VOTE

Committee members are hereby requested to:

1. Review the constitutional provisions and options outlined above
2. Consider time constraints, institutional stability, and democratic legitimacy
3. Cast a vote indicating the preferred option for this election cycle:
 - **Option A: Confirmation Election**
 - **Option B: General Assembly Confirmation Vote**
 - **Option C: Reopen Nominations**

Votes should be submitted in writing to the appropriate authority **by 31/01/2026** to allow timely progression of the election process.

TO CONCLUSION THIS MEMO

This memo is issued to ensure that the TECHSA presidential election proceeds in a manner that is lawful, transparent, and credible. Committee members are encouraged to engage objectively and responsibly in this decision to safeguard the integrity of the organization.

Committee members are hereby advised to carefully review the [TECHSA Constitution](#) before casting their decision. The outcome of the vote shall be considered only where participation meets or exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the Advising Committee WhatsApp group.

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Respectfully submitted,

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