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**OGGETTO: Calling of elections for student representatives to the International Student Council
- Academic biennium 2026 – 2028.**

THE RECTOR

Whereas the Academic Senate established a new body called the “International Student Council” to represent international students at the University of Padova with Resolution no. 135 of 11 December 2017, in accordance with the provisions of Article 12 of the University’s General Regulations;

Having considered the University of Padova’s Statute; **Having considered** the University of Padova’s General Regulations;

It being established that “International Student”, as governed by the combined provisions of Academic Senate Resolutions no. 125 of 7 November 2017 and no. 135 of 11 December 2017, means any student regularly enrolled in a First-cycle/Bachelor’s degree course or a Second-cycle/Master’s degree course, including single-cycle courses, or in a School of Specialisation or PhD school, who holds non-Italian citizenship or at least one foreign citizenship, as well as a foreign qualification that entitles them to enrol at an Italian university;

Considering that the Academic Senate, as per Resolution Rep. no. 102 of 19 November 2018, having consulted the International Student Council, gave a mandate to the Rector to establish and draw up the Regions for the subsequent academic biennium in proportion to the number of University students from each Region in order to ensure that the electorate was more widely represented;

Considering that with the minutes dated 14 February 2020, the International Student Council approved the distribution of the 12 seats among the six Regions according to a formula that establishes a quota calculated by dividing the number of the University’s international students by the number of electoral seats and allocating to each Region a number of seats equal to the ratio between the University’s international students and said quota, allocating the remaining seats on the basis of the largest remainders method;

It being deemed opportune to use the same electoral criteria as those agreed and used for previous elections;

Considering that Academic Senate Resolution no. 135/2017 states that candidates shall be elected on the basis of an equal opportunities policy in the event of a tie. Should this policy not produce a winner, the youngest candidate shall be elected;

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Having considered the opinion of the Student Council no. 1/2017, put forward on 16 November 2017, which deemed it appropriate not to present a list of signatures approving the candidatures in view of the limited number of students involved;

Taking due note that the proposing body has ascertained the conformity of this measure with the legislation in force and with the University's Regulations;

HEREBY DECLARES

1. that elections for student representatives to the **International Student Council** are to be called for the academic biennium 2026-2028, and will take place electronically:

FROM 9.00 AM ON WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER 2026

TO 5.00 PM ON THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER 2026

2. that the number of seats allocated to each of the Regions, as established below, is decided on the basis of the ratio between the number of students from each Region and the quota calculated by dividing the total number of international students enrolled at the University of Padova by the 12 seats on the International Student Council.

Any seats unallocated on the basis of this calculation shall be distributed among the Regions via the largest remainders method;

3. that candidates shall be elected on the basis of an equal opportunities policy in the event of a tie, and should said policy not produce a winner, the youngest candidate shall be elected;
4. that **Annex 1** of this present decree lists the home countries of the University's international students divided into the six Regions stated below, and that this division may be added to by the competent Office once students from foreign countries not included therein have enrolled at the University of Padova by the deadline for inclusion in the active electorate;
5. that the **active electorate** shall meet the requirements below:

be an international student regularly enrolled in a First-cycle/Bachelor's degree course or a Second-cycle/Master's degree course, including single-cycle courses, or be enrolled in a School of Specialisation, or PhD school at the University of Padova, on **5 November 2026**, and come from one of the six Regions stated below, each student being an eligible voter for their respective Region, as per **Annex 1**, which is an integral part of this present decree:

REGION 1: CHINA, JAPAN, KOREA, VIETNAM, SINGAPORE (FAR EAST)

REGION 2: REST OF ASIA AND OCEANIA

REGION 3: LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

REGION 4: EUROPE

REGION 5: USA AND

CANADA

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REGION 6: AFRICA

Students enrolled in a First-cycle/Bachelor's degree course, or a Second-cycle/Master's degree course, including single-cycle courses (see previous paragraph) are deemed to be **regularly enrolled** for the purposes of this election if **they have paid the first instalment of their university fees for academic year 2026 – 2027 by 5 November 2026**, and are up-to-date with those of previous years;

6. that **the passive electorate** shall meet the requirements below:

students eligible for election:

- **all adult-age students with active electorate status for the International Student Council who enrolled in the current academic year by the deadline for the submission of the candidatures;**

the following are excluded from the passive electorate:

- students who have been disciplined by the University;
- students who are more than one year behind with their degree-course examinations;

7. that the list of eligible voters (see point 4) shall be published on on the University website. To include your name on this list, email your application to affari.generali@unipd.it **no later than 10.00 am on Thursday 5 November 2026**, attaching documentation that show you fulfil the above requirements;

8. that candidatures are to be submitted via the system in the student's Uniweb profile **from 2.00 pm on Tuesday 29 September to 1.00 pm on Wednesday 28 October 2026**. *Candidates do not need to submit a list of signatures approving their candidature.*

9. that each voter may express one preference only;

10. that votes shall be cast electronically as follows:

- students shall cast their vote via a link provided in a future communication and from a device with internet access;
- students shall be provided with a voting card stating the body for which they are eligible voters on logging in with their Single Sign On (SSO) credentials;
- once students have exercised their right to vote, should they wish to vote again, they may do so until the polls have closed, with each new vote overwriting the previous one. Note that the system shall take account of the last vote only;

11. that the General Affairs Office shall enact this present decree, which will be registered in the General Register of Decrees.

Padua, date of registration

The Rector

Prof. Daniela Mapelli

Digitally signed pursuant to legislative decree no. 82/2005.

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