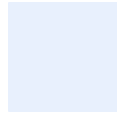




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# Election Announcement

**by the Electoral Board for the conduct of the  
Elections for the Senate and the Faculty  
Boards in the Student Status Group of  
Paderborn University**

**from Wednesday, 17 June 2026 / 9.30 am  
to Wednesday, 24 June 2026 / 12.00 pm**



Date: 20 April 2026



## Eligibility to Vote, Eligibility to Stand for Election, and Exercise of the Right to Vote

According to section 9 subsection 1 of the higher education act of North Rhine-Westphalia (Hochschulgesetz NRW, HG NRW), enrolled students are eligible to vote as members of the University.

Members of the University who are on leave from the University for the purpose of working at a non-university research institution may continue to participate in elections and votes. Authorisation for this is to be granted by the Executive Board on a case-by-case basis. The right to vote may only be exercised by those who are eligible members of Paderborn University on the thirty-eighth working day before the first day of voting and who have been entered in the register of eligible voters pursuant to section 8 of the election regulations (Wahlordnung, WahlO) for the election to the Senate and the election regulations (Wahlordnungen, WahlOen) for the election to the Faculty Boards of the faculties.

According to section 3 subsection 3 WahlO for the election to the Senate and WahlOen for the election to the Faculty Boards of the faculties: "Each eligible voter may vote and stand for election in the elections to the Senate / Faculty Board only in one group, and only in the group to which they belong. Eligible voters who belong to more than one status group or faculty shall be assigned ex officio by the Electoral Board to one status group and/or faculty on a final basis (assigned eligible voters), taking into account the order in which these are listed in the higher education act and the University constitution of Paderborn University. If assigned eligible voters submit a declaration in text form to the Electoral Board no later than the end of the inspection period pursuant to section 8, stating in which status group or faculty the right to vote is to be exercised contrary to the determination under sentence 2, the assignment and the register of voters will be corrected accordingly. Assignment to status groups or faculties in which no membership existed on the cut-off date is excluded. Eligibility to vote in student elections taking place at the same time remains unaffected by this."

By resolution of the Electoral Board, the elections are to be conducted as **electronic elections**. Electronic voting is permissible only where the applicable principles of direct, free, equal, and secret elections, as well as the public nature of elections, are safeguarded in its conduct to the extent allowed by the technical requirements of electronic voting. If it is not possible to conduct the elections electronically for serious reasons, the Electoral Board reserves the right to switch to in-person voting, with the option of postal voting, during the stipulated voting period from 17 to 24 June 2026 or at a later date.

## Composition, Allocation of Seats, and Constituencies

The **Senate** consists of the following voting members:

- twelve representatives from the group of professors and junior professors,
- six representatives from the group of academic staff,
- four representatives from the group of technical and administrative staff,
- **six representatives from the group of students. One constituency.**

The **Faculty Board of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities** consists of the following voting members:

- eight representatives from the group of professors and junior professors,
- three representatives from the group of academic staff,
- one representative from the group of technical and administrative staff,
- **three representatives from the group of students. One constituency.**



The **Faculty Board of the Faculty of Business Administration and Economics** consists of the following voting members:

- eight representatives from the group of professors and junior professors,
- three representatives from the group of academic staff,
- one representative from the group of technical and administrative staff,
- **three representatives from the group of students. One constituency.**

The **Faculty Board of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering** consists of the following voting members:

- eight representatives from the group of professors and junior professors,
- three representatives from the group of academic staff,
- one representative from the group of technical and administrative staff,
- **three representatives from the group of students. One constituency.**

The **Faculty Board of the Faculty of Science** consists of the following voting members:

- eight representatives from the group of professors and junior professors,
- three representatives from the group of academic staff,
- one representative from the group of technical and administrative staff,
- **three representatives from the group of students. One constituency.**

The **Faculty Board of the Faculty of Computer Science, Electrical Engineering and Mathematics** consists of the following voting members:

- six representatives from the group of professors and junior professors,
- three representatives from the group of academic staff,
- one representative from the group of technical and administrative staff,
- **three representatives from the group of students. One constituency.**

## Electoral Principles and Voting Procedure

The members of the student status group in the **Senate** must be elected on the basis of nominations by direct, free, equal, and secret vote in accordance with the principles of personalised proportional representation. If only one nomination is submitted for a constituency, or if only nominations each containing a single candidacy are submitted, the election in that constituency is to be conducted according to the principles of majority voting. In personalised proportional representation, voting is to take place by lists drawn up on the basis of valid nominations. The lists must contain the names of the candidates.

In the election to the Senate, eligible voters must have as many votes as there are seats allocated to their group in the constituency. In personalised proportional representation, eligible voters may vote for candidates from different lists. Cumulation of votes, i.e. casting more than one vote for one candidate, is not permitted.

The representatives of the status group on the **Faculty Board**

- **of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities,**
- **of the Faculty of Business Administration and Economics,**
- **of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,**



must be elected on the basis of nominations by direct, free, equal, and secret vote in **accordance with the principles of personalised proportional representation**. If only one nomination is submitted for a constituency, or if only nominations each containing a single candidacy are submitted, the election in that constituency is to be conducted according to the principles of majority voting.

In personalised proportional representation, voting is to take place by lists drawn up on the basis of valid nominations. The lists must contain the names of the candidates.

In the election to the Faculty Board, each eligible voter must have as many votes as there are seats allocated to their group in the constituency. Eligible voters may vote for candidates from different lists. Cumulation of votes, i.e. casting more than one vote for one candidate, is not permitted.

The representatives of the status group on the **Faculty Board**

- **of the Faculty of Science,**
- **of the Faculty of Computer Science, Electrical Engineering and Mathematics,**

must be elected separately on the basis of nominations by direct, free, equal, and secret vote. In the student group, the election is to be **conducted according to the principles of majority voting**. If only one nomination is submitted for a constituency, or if only nominations each containing a single candidacy are submitted, the election in that constituency is to be conducted according to the principles of majority voting.

In the election to the Faculty Board, each eligible voter must have as many votes as there are seats allocated to their group in the constituency. Eligible voters may vote for candidates from different lists. Cumulation of votes, i.e. casting more than one vote for one candidate, is not permitted.

**The following applies to all elections:**

Where voting was to be conducted in accordance with the principles of personalised proportional representation, seats are to be allocated using the Hare-Niemeyer method (number of votes for a list multiplied by the number of seats on the Faculty Board: total number of votes cast for all lists). Each electoral list first receives as many seats as correspond to the whole numbers resulting from this calculation. Seats that remain unallocated must then be assigned to the electoral lists with the largest fractional remainders. In the event of equal fractions, the decision is to be made by lot. (Section 18 subsection 1 WahlO for the election to the Senate and WahlOen for the election to the Faculty Boards of the faculties)

Where the election was conducted according to the principles of majority voting, the candidates must be elected in descending order of the number of votes cast for them. In the event of a tie, the decision is to be made by lot. (Section 18 subsection 4 WahlO for the election to the Senate and WahlOen for the election to the Faculty Boards of the faculties)

## Register of Voters

The register of voters will be available digitally **from 20 April 2026** in the office of the Electoral Board (B3.246) and may be inspected during the stated opening hours. The election regulations may be viewed on Paderborn University's website (<https://www.uni-paderborn.de/zv/2-4/wahlen>). Every student of Paderborn University who is entitled to vote may check the accuracy and completeness of the information concerning them in the register of eligible voters by requesting information by telephone or electronically from the electoral office.

The register of voters will be closed by the Electoral Board on **7 May 2026 / 12.00 pm**. Once the register of voters has been closed, it is no longer possible to change the data stored there. The opportunity to inspect the register will also end upon its closure. After 7 May 2026, inaccuracies in the register of eligible voters may no longer be asserted, including by way of an election challenge.



Until **7 May 2026 / 12.00 pm**, eligible voters may lodge an objection to the accuracy and completeness of the register of voters in writing or have it recorded by the Electoral Board. Entry in the register of voters, and any amendment to it, requires the applicant to be an eligible member of Paderborn University at the relevant time, as set out in section 3 subsection 1 WahlO for the election to the Senate and WahlOen for the election to the Faculty Boards of the faculties. The decision of the Electoral Board must be communicated in writing to the person lodging the objection without delay. If an objection received within the deadline is justified, the Electoral Board must correct the register of voters without delay. The correction must be made before the register is closed. If the Electoral Board is unable to remedy the objection, the Executive Board will take the decision.

All eligible voters are responsible for checking their own entry in the register of voters. This is particularly recommended if there has been a change in status group or faculty affiliation. Until 7 May 2026 / 11.59 pm, it is possible to have voting rights changed independently in PAUL, provided that the eligible person has voting rights in more than one faculty.

In order to ensure authentication of eligibility to cast a vote pursuant to section 16 WahlO for the election to the Senate and WahlOen for the election to the Faculty Boards of the faculties, the technical prerequisite is that every eligible voter has a (ZIM) University account. For the conduct of the electronic elections, each eligible voter must independently ensure that a University account has been set up and that incoming e-mails are read.

## Display and Review of the Register of Voters and the Election Regulations

The register of eligible voters and the election regulations are available for inspection from

**20 April 2026 / 9.30 am to 7 May 2026 / 12.00 pm**

in the office of the Electoral Board (electoral office).

Contact for reviewing your own entry in the register of voters:

<b>Telephone:</b>	<b>By e-mail:</b>
+49 5251 60-1831	<a href="mailto:wahlamt@zv.uni-paderborn.de">wahlamt@zv.uni-paderborn.de</a>
<b>Available Monday to Friday from 9.30 am to 3.30 pm</b>	

The election regulations can be viewed at:

<https://www.uni-paderborn.de/zv/2-4/wahlen/ordnungen>

(only available in German)

## Nominations

Nominations for the elections to the Senate and the Faculty Boards in the student status group must be submitted in writing to the Electoral Board **in room B3.346** by **7 May 2026 / 12.00 pm**.

Each eligible voter may legally sign only one nomination for each election. If eligible voters sign more than one nomination for an election, their signature counts only on the nomination received first. It is deleted from any subsequent nominations. If the nominations are received at the same time, the nomination on which the signature counts is decided by lot.



The linking of nominations is not permitted. A nomination should include at least one additional candidate beyond the number of seats to be filled in the constituency according to section 1 of the election regulations. The names of the individual candidates must be listed in the nomination and numbered consecutively. This numbering is binding and determines the order in which the names appear on the ballot paper. Each candidate may be named in only one nomination for each election. If candidates are named in more than one nomination, the nomination received first applies. The candidate is deleted from all other nominations. If the nominations are received at the same time, the nomination from which the candidate is deleted is decided by lot. The candidate must be informed of the deletion without delay. If eligible voters have voting rights in more than one status group or faculty, they may sign a nomination for the Senate elections only in the status group or faculty to which they have been assigned, or which they have specified by declaration, in accordance with section 3 subsection 3, sentence 2 WahlO for the election to the Senate and WahlOen for the election to the Faculty Boards of the faculties.

Section 10 subsection 1 WahlO for the election to the Senate and WahlOen for the election to the Faculty Boards of the faculties:

Each nomination must contain the following information:

1. the designation of the election to which the nomination is to apply,
2. the group and, where required, the constituency in which the candidacy is being made,
3. candidates, including
  - a) surname, first name, and information on gender,
  - b) information on the area of the University (e.g. faculty) in which the candidate works or studies,
  - c) the candidate's handwritten signature,
4. a declaration by each candidate that they consent to being included in the nomination. With drawal of a candidacy after publication of the nominations is not permitted.

Section 10 subsection 2 WahlO for the election to the Senate:

For the election to the Senate, nominations from the group of professors and junior professors, the group of academic staff, and the group of technical and administrative staff require the **personal handwritten signatures** of at least three eligible voters, while nominations **from the group of students require at least ten**. The signatures must be accompanied by the signatories' surnames and first names in block letters

Section 10 subsection 2 WahlOen for the election to the Faculty Boards of the faculties:

For the election to the Faculty Boards, nominations from the group of professors and junior professors, the group of academic staff, and the group of technical and administrative staff require the **personal handwritten signatures** of at least three eligible voters, while nominations **from the group of students require at least two**. The signatures must be accompanied by the signatories' surnames and first names in block letters

For nominations for the **Faculty Board of the Faculty of Science**, please note section 9 subsection 7 WahlO for the election to the Faculty Board of the Faculty: "In the student group, a nomination should be submitted containing at least one candidate each from the **Department of Chemistry, the Department of Physics, and the Department of Exercise and Health**."

For nominations for the **Faculty Board of the Faculty of Computer Science, Electrical Engineering and Mathematics**, please note section 9 subsection 7 WahlO for the election to the Faculty Board of the Faculty: "In the student group, a nomination should be submitted containing at least one candidate each from the Institutes of **Electrical Engineering/Information Technology, Computer Science, and Mathematics**."

When drawing up nominations, please note the representation provisions for the Faculty Boards in the relevant election regulations under section 23 subsection 4. To implement these representation provisions, it is necessary to nominate a sufficient number of candidates.



The following statutory requirements must be observed in relation to nominations:

According to section 12 subsection 4 of the equal opportunities act of North Rhine-Westphalia (Landesgleichstellungsgesetz, LGG), when drawing up lists and candidacies for elected bodies, the proportion of women should be at least 40 percent; according to section 11 b HG NRW, gender-parity representation should be taken into account when drawing up nominations. The grounds for exceptions to the provisions on gender-parity representation must be recorded in the files for each individual case of deviation. If the grounds for exception have not been recorded in the files, the Senate or the Faculty Board must be dissolved and reconstituted without delay, unless the grounds are duly recorded without delay at a later point. Section 11 b subsection 1, sentence 4, HG NRW remains unaffected.

Nominations must be submitted in writing using the prescribed nomination forms (see <https://www.uni-paderborn.de/zv/2-4/wahlen>, only available in German) to the electoral office in room B3.246.

After being reviewed by the Electoral Board, the nominations will be published on the website from 13 May 2026.



## Election Date, Opening Hours of the Polling Room

During the voting period, there will be a polling room open on the following days where votes may be cast in person using an appropriate device. Eligible voters who are unable to do so without assistance may make use of the help of a person they trust:

### 17 to 24 June 2026 from 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

On 24 June 2026, the polling room will be open from 9.30 am to 12.00 pm.

On 20 and 21 June 2026, the polling room will be closed.

Polling Room	Location	Eligible Voters
<b>B3.345</b> (Access details: <a href="https://www.uni-paderborn.de/zv/2-4/wahlen">https://www.uni-paderborn.de/zv/2-4/wahlen</a> )	Paderborn University Warburger Str. 100, 33098 Paderborn	Student status group

## Election Campaigning

On the election days, election campaigning in the immediate vicinity of polling room B3.345 is not permitted.

## Election Result

The Electoral Board will announce the full election result and the names of those elected without delay, and no later than **27 June 2026**.

Objections to the election result must be submitted in writing to the Electoral Board within one week of the announcement of the election result and must state the grounds on which they are based (for details, see section 25 WahlO for the election to the Senate and section 26 WahlOen for the election to the Faculty Boards of the faculties).



In all other respects, the provisions of the election regulations for the election to the Senate and the election regulations for the election to the Faculty Boards of the faculties at Paderborn University apply.

## Information on the Conduct of the Electronic Election

In From **17 June 2026 / 9.30 am to 24 June 2026 / 12.00 pm**, the election portal for electronic voting is available to students who are entitled to vote. Electronic voting may take place at any time using an internet-enabled device (connected to the election portal via the internet), or during the regular opening hours in the polling room.

In order to ensure authentication of eligibility to cast a vote pursuant to section 16 subsection 1 of the election regulations, the technical prerequisite is that each eligible voter has their own (ZIM) University account and reads e-mails sent to the address associated with that University account.

Access to the election portal will be provided in the ZIM service portal (<https://zim.uni-paderborn.de/en/>). If you already have a University account, please check your login details for the [ZIM service portal](#) by 10 June 2026. You must request a password reset by 10 June 2026, 12.00 pm. After that time, it may no longer be possible to complete the reset before the election ends. If you require assistance with your University account, please contact ZIM Support in good time at [zim@uni-paderborn.de](mailto:zim@uni-paderborn.de).

The election portal enables votes to be cast by means of an electronic ballot. Votes are cast personally in electronic form by completing the electronic ballot. Eligible voters are entitled to correct their entries or cancel the election process up until their vote is finally submitted. Upon notification of successful vote submission, the vote is deemed to have been cast. Casting a further vote is not permitted. Electronic ballots are invalid if no vote has been cast, too many votes have been cast, or the electronic ballot has been marked as invalid. Immediately after the end of the electronic election, the Electoral Board arranges for the electronically conducted, university-public count of the votes cast and determines the result on the basis of a printout of the count results. Further information on the election procedure and on the use of the electronic voting system will be sent by e-mail to all eligible voters and published on the website of Paderborn University.

Notice on the Processing of Personal Data:

Information on the processing of personal data in connection with the electronic election from 17 to 24 June 2026 to the Senate and the Faculty Boards of Paderborn University pursuant to Articles 13 and 14 GDPR is published on Paderborn University's website at <https://www.uni-paderborn.de/zv/2-4/wahlen>

**Paderborn, 20 April 2026**

**Signed Prof. Dr. Heike M. Buhl**  
**Chair of the Electoral Board**

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