

UNISA SRC ELECTIONS 2025/6



**IEC SRC ELECTIONS
MANIFESTO LAUNCH &
VOTER EDUCATION**

Define tomorrow.

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of south africa

Objective

- To provide voter education in support of the electoral process.
- To introduce the EISA voting platform.
- EISA to provide step-by-step processes.

VOTER EDUCATION

- Voter education means providing students with basic information about participating in SRC elections.
- It is designed to ensure that voters are ready, willing, and able to participate in the electoral process.
- Aims to create a climate of knowledgeable participation by all potential voters in a forthcoming election and seeks to enable potential voters to cast their votes with confidence.
- The focus is on **how** to vote rather than **who** to vote for.

What is SRC?

- The Student Representative Council (SRC) is the highest decision-making body for student governance at universities.
- SRC act as the official voice to represent student interests, well-being, and rights in university structures.

Why SRC is important?

- **Student Representation and Voice** - Serves as the highest decision-making structure of student governance, representing student interests, concerns, and needs to university committees.
- **Improving Student Life and Welfare** - They actively work to enhance the study environment and promote overall well-being.
- **Effective Communication Channel** - The SRC provides a formal, reliable channel of communication between students and administration, ensuring that student feedback is used for decision-making.
- **Fostering Democracy and Community** - The SRC promotes a culture of democracy and tolerance and creates a sense of belonging and community among students.

The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and the SRC Policies

- The Constitution of South Africa, 1996 is the supreme law of the Republic and
 - conduct inconsistent with it is invalid and
 - the obligations imposed by the constitution must be fulfilled.
- The founding values of the democratic South Africa are inter alia human rights, which include human dignity, equality, freedom, non-racialism, non-sexism and the rule of law.
- In addition, the Constitution positions regular elections and a multi-party system of democratic government to ensure accountability, responsiveness and openness as a founding value.
- The SRC and its governance policies draws its existence from the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa; therefore, it must promote democratic governance to ensure accountability, responsiveness and openness.

Rule of Law and Legality

- The principle of legality is an essence of all democratic processes.
- This principle entails that every exercise of power should be subject to or ruled by law.
- Every exercise of power must be independently measured against standards of rationality and reasonableness.

Rule of Law and Legality

- The World Justice Project Rule of Law Index 2010 defines the rule of law as rules-based system in which four universal principles are upheld, i.e. –
- The government and its officials and agents are accountable under law;
- The laws are clear, publicized, stable and fair and protect fundamental rights, including security of persons and property;
- The process by which the laws are enacted, administered and enforced is accessible, fair and efficient;
- Access to justice is provided by competent, independent and ethical people and/or institutions to the satisfaction of constituencies that they serve.
- ***The reason for biannual SRC elections is to ensure that the rule of law is preserved and also to allow students to mandate new leaders who will fairly represent their needs.***

Elections

- Elections impacts on democracy.
- **Democracy** can be realized through elections.
- Students are afforded an opportunity to vote for **whomever they believe can deliver.**

Why You Should Vote?

- It is **your right.**
- Elections have **consequences and voting gives you the power to decide.**
- **Not voting is giving up your voice.**
- Democracy only **works if people participate.**
- Voting is an opportunity for **change**
- Our generation knows best.
 - The best informed and equipped to vote in South Africa's history.

Eligibility to vote

- All students registered at the university for
 - Any formal undergraduate or postgraduate qualification are eligible to vote.
- **Exclusions**
 - students registered for short learning programmes.
 - Students whose rights have been limited owing to disciplinary action taken against them by a duly authorized body of the university are ineligible to vote

Background CAMPAIGNING

- Clause 13, **VOTING AND CAMPAIGNING** of the *ELECTORAL POLICY FOR A STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL*.

13.3 *Student organisations are free to campaign to obtain support for their election, however such campaigning may not in any manner be prejudicial or infringing on the rights of other persons and student organisations.*

13.4 *The IEC shall endeavor to create platforms for student organisations participating in the elections to present their objectives to the student population.*

13.5 *All participating students and student organisations are subject to the electoral code and student disciplinary code.*

Background VOTING

- Clause 13, **VOTING AND CAMPAIGNING** of the *ELECTORAL POLICY FOR A STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL* states as follows:

13.1 Voting is by **secret ballot**, the principle of **one student one vote on each** tier and category of elections applies.

13.2 Voting may be conducted through **an online platform** or a **manual method which shall be a special vote that shall be arranged with IEC in advance.** A student may only use one mode of voting.

EISA Online Voting System

- The voting system / platform is aligned to clause 13.1 and 13.2 of the *ELECTORAL POLICY*.

BES Online Voting System Contact Help Desk



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Online voting close at 16h00 (CAT) on
Friday, 17 April 2026

The online platform is open for 24 hours during
this period.

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Should you require any assistance regarding the UNISA SRC e-voting process kindly
contact the EISA on:

**toll free number 0800 11 43 73 (free from landline
numbers only)**

WhatsApp: 062 302 6969

Email: UNISASRC@eisa.org

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Please note no queries will be received after 15h30 on Friday, 17 April 2026.





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STRUCTURE ELECTIONS

SRC
Election
Menu

Countdown to Closing of elections

85d 23h 46m 1s

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for the SRC election process.

ed	Total % Participation	Abstention (included in total)	Total of Incomplete Votes
	14.4%	465	5547





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SRC Election -
Voting Phase

Sign In

Student Number:

A000302

RSA ID Number:

(for non-RSA residents, please enter your passport number)

000916007608d

Login

Opening &
Closing Times

Enter Student
number
&
ID/Passport
Number





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VOTING RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS

- Structures have been placed in alphabetical order starting from the letter "A".
- There are TWO (2) ballot papers.
- - Ballot A: National Student Representative Council **You may vote for ONE (1) structure or less.**
- - Ballot B: Regional Student Representative Council **You may vote for ONE (1) structure or less.**
- It is not possible to vote for more than ONE (1) structure.
- Voting for ZERO (0) structures will result in an abstained vote.
- Vote by clicking the blank box to the right of the structure of your choice.
- "Confirm" your selection.
- Once completed click "SUBMIT" to complete voting.

Voting Rules and
Instructions

Continue



BES Online SRC Election System – OTP



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Capture One-Time-Password

Enter OTP

Enter the OTP:

**OTP has been sent to student email address 123456@mylife.unisa.ac.za
and /or cell number ****1234**

**Your OTP may have been delivered to your junk/spam folder.
Kindly check your junk/spam folder in your inbox before contacting EISA for support.**

Resend OTP

Submit OTP

Submit OTP



BES Online SRC Election System National Ballot



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**You may vote for only ONE structure.
Please make your mark in the box next to
the structure of your choice.**

NATIONAL

Make your
selection

STRUCTURE			X
STRUCTURE W	W	W	<input type="checkbox"/>
STRUCTURE X	X	X	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
STRUCTURE Y	Y	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>
STRUCTURE Z	Z	Z	<input type="checkbox"/>

Submit your selection

Confirm



BES Online SRC Election System

Regional Ballot



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Welcome Beeps K5! [[Log Out](#)]

Ballot Paper will
show for the
region a student
belongs to

You may vote for only ONE structure.
Please make your mark in the box next to
the structure of your choice.

Kwazulu-Natal

Make your
local selection

STRUCTURE			X
STRUCTURE E	E	E	<input type="checkbox"/>
STRUCTURE F	F	F	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Submit your selection

Confirm



BES Online SRC Election System Regional Ballot



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the structure of your choice.

Ballot paper for
LIMPOPO Region

LIMPOPO

STRUCTURE			X
STRUCTURE I	I	I	<input type="checkbox"/>
STRUCTURE J	J	J	<input type="checkbox"/>
STRUCTURE U	U	U	<input type="checkbox"/>
STRUCTURE V	V	V	<input type="checkbox"/>

Different Structures

Confirm

BES Online SRC Election System National & Regional Ballot Selection



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Welcome Beeps K3 ! [[Log Out](#)]

Confirmation of your selection(s)

NATIONAL

	STRUCTURE X
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KWA-ZULU NATAL

	STRUCTURE F
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You can still
change your
selection if you
made a mistake

Change Selection

Submit

Final submission of
selection



BES Online SRC Election System End of Process



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Thank you for your participation in the UNISA 2026 SRC Election Process

You ballot has been successfully submitted and received.

You are now logged out.

Confirmation that your
ballot has been captured
successfully



BES Online SRC Election System NO DUPLICATES ALLOWED



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No duplicate Votes
allowed - Displays the
following message

Sign In

Student Number:

RSA ID Number:

(for non-RSA residents, please enter your passport number)

Login

You have already cast your vote.



BES Online SRC Election System COUNTDOWN TO CLOSE



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Overall Stats

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Questions



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