



To: University Community (Students and Staff)

From: Mr. Nkuntse – Director: Student Affairs

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Subject: Update on SRC and School Council Elections – Transition to Online Voting

Dear SMU Students,

Following my previous communique dated **21 May 2025** regarding the transition to an online voting system for the Student Representative Council (SRC) elections, I am pleased to provide an important update on the upcoming **2025/2026 SRC and School Council elections**.

At its meeting held on **12 May 2025**, the Executive Management Committee (EMC) formally approved the adoption of an online voting system. This significant development is aligned with SMU's digital transformation agenda and seeks to enhance the efficiency, inclusivity, transparency, and overall participation in student governance, particularly for students based off-campus or on clinical placements in various provinces.

I am pleased to announce that the **SRC and School Council elections will take place on:**

Tuesday, 18 September 2025

The elections will be managed by **KDBS**, the officially appointed **External Electoral Scrutinizer (EES)** in accordance with the SRC Constitution. All registered SMU students and recognised political structures are invited and encouraged to participate fully, in line with the Electoral Rules and Procedures.

The Student Affairs Department, in collaboration with key stakeholders, is spearheading the implementation of the online system and has undertaken the following:

- Conducted extensive consultations and benchmarking with internal and external stakeholders.
- Partnered with a reputable online voting service provider to ensure a **secure, efficient, and user-friendly platform**.

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- Rolled out plans for **intensive awareness and training campaigns**, including demonstrations, to prepare and empower students to participate confidently in the new online system.

We are confident that this transition will advance student democracy at SMU by expanding access, promoting equitable representation, and fostering greater engagement across the student body.

Further details on the electoral process, including candidate nominations, campaigning protocols, and step-by-step voting procedures, will be communicated shortly by the appointed service provider.

We look forward to a successful, free, and fair election process, and thank all stakeholders for their continued support in strengthening student governance at SMU.

Kind regards,



Mr. Nkuntse

Director: Student Affairs

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