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OFFICIAL NOTICE

UPDATE ON THE VUT 2026 SRC ELECTIONS: FINAL LIST OF CANDIDATES

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Vaal University of Technology (VUT), The Vaal University of Technology (VUT) wishes to inform students that all objections and appeals arising from the Provisional Candidate List have now been concluded. Following the completion of these processes, including the decisions of the SRC Elections Appeals Tribunal, the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) has confirmed the Final Candidate List for the 2026/27 SRC Elections.

On 3 September 2026, the Appeals Tribunal, chaired by Mr Herman van Wyk, dismissed the appeal lodged by Ms Nyakallo Mphela against IEC Ruling IEC/VUT/RULING/2026/05 and the appeal lodged by the Economic Freedom Fighters Youth Command (EFFYC) against IEC Ruling IEC/VUT/RULING/2026/03, thereby upholding the decisions of the IEC. The parties affected by the Tribunal's decision remain entitled to pursue any further remedies available to them in law, including approaching a court of competent jurisdiction should they elect to do so.

The final field comprises twenty (20) candidates: eleven (11) from SASCO, six (6) from SCO and (3) independent candidates. The full Final Candidate List is available on the official election platform: <https://forms.kdbs.co.za/app/262246629269972>

Election snapshot

Organisation	Number of candidates
SASCO	11
SCO	6
Independent	3
Total	20

Key dates

Activity	Date
Voting period	8 to 10 September 2026
Inaugural SRC constituting meeting	15 September 2026

What students need to know

- **Voting access:** At the start of voting, each student will receive a unique online Voting Access Key by SMS and email from the IEC. The key, together with the student number, will be used to access the voting platform.
- **Keep your access key secure:** The Voting Access Key must not be shared. Students are encouraged to ensure that their email accounts are secure and that passwords are up to date.
- **Turnout matters:** In terms of the SRC Constitution, a valid election requires a minimum voter turnout of 25%. VUT encourages all eligible students to participate and make their voices count.
- **Campaign responsibly:** Candidates and contesting organisations are expected to campaign fairly, respect the election rules and uphold the integrity of the process.

IEC readiness

The IEC has confirmed that preparations are in place for voting to open on 8 September 2026. This includes testing of the online voting platform, technical support arrangements, voting-day briefings, real-time monitoring and data-protection safeguards.

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