



The Electoral Commission

2023-2024

Re: Correspondence to Student Council

13.03.2024

Dear **Student Council**,

The following correspondence is being provided on behalf of the Electoral Commission, for the immediate attention of all Student Councillors:

*The Electoral Commission wish to remind members of the Student Council of regulation 20 of the Electoral Regulations, this regulation clearly states that:*

*“Any form of verbal, physical, online, or other forms of attack or intimidation used against other candidates, members of the Electoral Commission, or any student or staff member, will be considered a serious offence by the Electoral Commission and may result in a candidate’s name being immediately struck off the ballot. Furthermore, candidates or their supporters making unsupported attacks, particularly of a personal nature against other candidates, will not be allowed. Finally, candidates are expected to treat all other candidates with dignity and respect, and abide by the basic rules of fair play, as well as all election regulations; candidates must behave in a way that does not bring TU Dublin Students’ Union into disrepute.”*

*A breach of this regulation has come to the attention of the Electoral Commission, regarding an ‘anonymous’ email sent to an unverified number of people, this action has the potential to influence some or the entire Electorate of Part-Time Officer Elections, due to the anonymity of the sender(s) and the manner in which it was sent. The Electoral Commission would therefore like to warn all Student Councillors that whether intended or not, their actions can unduly influence the decision-making of the Electorate.*

*Finally, the Electoral Commission, upon seeking legal advice, is assured that this breach therefore grants the Electoral Commission the ability to investigate further. On that note, should you have any information regarding the breach, the Electoral Commission may take leniency if the person comes forward before the investigation concludes. Please submit all correspondence to [‘Elections@tudublinsu.ie’](mailto:Elections@tudublinsu.ie) and do not respond directly to this email.*

Regards,

The Electoral Commission

**TU Dublin Students’ Union**

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