

## **Management Committee Elections (2019) Regulations**

In accordance to the powers vested in the Management Committee as per the NUS Students' Sports Club (NUSSSC) Constitution Articles 16 Clause (b) and 34, be it enacted as follows:

### **Citation**

1. This Regulation may be cited as the NUSSSC Management Committee Elections (2019) Regulations.

### **Interpretation**

2. In this Regulation, unless it is otherwise provided or the context otherwise require –  
  
“Election” means an election or elections selecting or ratifying Management Committee members and its plural form shall have the same meaning with the necessary modification(s);  
  
“Outgoing” means the Management Committee that will be stepping down from their positions in the NUSSSC after the end of the Election,  
  
“Incoming” means that Management Committee that will be taking over the NUSSSC after the end of the Election;
3. All words shall have the meanings given in order of supremacy:
  - (1) The NUSSU Constitution;
  - (2) The NUSSU Management Committee Elections Regulations;
  - (3) Other valid written sources of laws stipulated by the Union;
  - (4) The NUSSSC Constitution; and
  - (5) The NUSSSC Management Committee Elections Regulations.

### **Amendment**

4. The Management Committee may propose amendments to this Regulation, including the revocation of part or the whole of this Regulation, provided that, notwithstanding any provision of the National University of Singapore Students' Sports Club Constitution, any proposed amendment to this Regulation shall not take effect unless at least two-thirds of the total Management Committee votes in favour of the proposed amendment.

### **Sources of Law for Elections**

5. The sources of law for Elections shall be found in the following sources in descending order of supremacy:
  - (1) The NUSSU Constitution;

- (2) The NUSSU Elections Regulations;
  - (3) Other valid written sources of laws stipulated by the Union;
  - (4) The NUS Students' Sports Club Constitution;
  - (5) The NUS Students' Sports Club Election Regulations; and
  - (6) Other valid written sources of laws stipulated by the Club.
6. A source of law for Elections which is inconsistent with a more supreme source of law shall, to the extent of the inconsistency, be void.
- (1) The Constitution, regulations, rules and procedures stipulated by NUSSSC and/or its Election Committee for Elections shall be binding on the Club.
  - (2) The Club may prescribe additional rules, regulations or procedures on Elections under sections 5(4), 5(5) or 5(6). However, they shall be deemed inconsistent if such rules, regulations or procedures contravene or derogate from the provisions of more supreme sources of law.

### **Scope**

7. This Regulation shall apply to both annual Elections and by-Elections.

### **Division of Regulations**

8. This Regulation shall be divided into the following parts:
- (1) Part I – The Election Committee
  - (2) Part II – Electoral Process
  - (3) Part III – Physical Voting Procedures and Formats
  - (4) Part IV – Online Voting Procedures and Formats

## **Part I – The NUSSSC Election Committee**

9. The NUSSSC shall form a NUSSSC Election Committee to supervise and conduct the elections of its Management Committee members.
  - (1) A new NUSSSC Election Committee shall be convened if the date of the election is more than one (1) calendar month after the previous election.
  - (2) During a by-election, the NUSSSC Election Committee shall be formed from among the Management Committee.
10. An individual shall be eligible to be a member of Election Committee if he/she fulfils one of the criteria:
  - (1) He/she is member of the outgoing NUSSSC Management Committee; or
  - (2) He/she is a Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of NUSSSC Member Clubs.
11. An individual shall be eligible to be a member of the NUSSSC Election Committee even if he/she has graduated if he/she fulfills the provisions outlined in section 10.
12. The NUSSSC Election Committee shall comprise of one (1) Returning Officer and two (2) Election Officers.
  - (1) The Returning Officer shall be the Chairperson of the NUSSSC Election Committee and the Election Officers shall assist the Returning Officer.
  - (2) They shall not stand for election to the Management Committee.
  - (3) They shall not be a proposer or seconder for any candidate's nomination forms for the Management Committee.

### **Duties and Powers of the NUSSSC Election Committee**

13. The NUSSSC Election Committee shall:
  - (1) Supervise and conduct the elections according to the sources of law stipulated in sections 5(4), 5(5) or 5(6);
  - (2) Give notice of elections no less than seven (7) days before the start of the nomination period;
  - (3) Announce, through reasonable means of communication of the Club, to its members the date, time, place and method of receiving nomination forms. Such date and time shall be the end of the nomination period;
  - (4) Conduct interviews and/or meeting for/with the nominees from the start of the nomination period to no less than two (2) days after the nomination period;
  - (5) Announce, through reasonable means of communication of the Club, to its

members the results of the External Elections no later than two (2) days after its conclusion;

(6) Announce, through reasonable means of communication of the Club, to its members the results of the Internal Elections no later than two (2) days after its conclusion; and

(7) Keep a register of voters and all voting ballots, whether valid or invalid, and deposit them for safekeeping and inspection when necessary.

14. The NUSSSC Election Committee shall have the power to:

(1) Accept the withdrawal of any candidate at any point in time from the start of the nomination period to the conclusion of the entire election process;

(2) Declare the election of any candidate invalid due to procedural irregularities according to the sources of law stipulated in section 5;

(3) Reject the nomination of any candidate if the NUSSSC Election Committee deems the candidate to have entered the nomination in bad faith and contrary to the spirit of the Club; and

(4) Make decisions that encourage, and/or not contrary to, the spirit of ensuring a fair and transparent election. Such decisions shall only be made on exceptional circumstances that arise during the entire election process and are not provided for in the sources of law stipulated in sections 5(4), 5(5) or 5(6).

### **Dispute Resolution**

15. All disputes between any Management Committee candidate and the NUSSSC Election Committee shall be adjudicated by the Union Election Committee.

(1) The Union Election Committee shall review the dispute raised by any Management Committee candidate according to procedures prescribed by the sources of law stipulated in section 5 upon appeal by a candidate whose election has been declared invalid by the NUSSSC Election Committee.

(2) Such adjudication shall not involve disputes involving determination of validity of that candidate's election according to the procedures prescribed by the sources of law stipulated in section 5.

(3) The decision(s) of the Union Election Committee in such adjudication shall be final and binding on all parties involved. There shall be no appeal, nor the right to appeal, on such decision(s).

16. The decision(s) of the NUSSSC Election Committee made according to section 14(2) shall be final and binding on all parties involved.

(1) There shall be no appeal, nor the right to appeal, to the Union Election

Committee on such decision(s);

17. Any decision(s) of the Union Election Committee, other than those under sections 15 and 16, shall be binding and final on all parties. There shall be no appeal, nor the right of appeal, on such decisions(s).

## **Part II - Election Process**

### **Components of the Election Process**

18. The Club will employ External-Internal Elections.
19. The election process shall consist of the following main components:
  - (1) Election publicity
  - (2) Nomination period
  - (3) External-Internal Elections
20. The total duration of the nomination period, the campaigning period and the External Elections shall not exceed twenty-one (21) days.

### **Election Publicity**

21. The Club shall publicise, using reasonable means, to the Club's members the following:
  - (1) The personnel of the Election Committee;
  - (2) Start and end of the nomination period;
  - (3) The External Elections date(s);
  - (4) The results of the External Elections;
  - (5) The Internal Elections date; and
  - (6) The results of the Internal Elections

### **Nomination Period**

22. There shall be a nomination period when interested candidates may be nominated for elections. The nomination period shall last no less than three (3) days and no more than fourteen (14) days.
23. The date, time, place and method of receiving nomination forms shall be made known to the members. Such date and time shall be the end of the nomination period for the NUSSSC Management Committee Elections.
24. Each candidate nominated for elections shall have to submit the nomination forms, according to the requirements laid down by the NUSSSC Election Committee and the sources of law stipulated in sections 5(4), 5(5) or 5(6), by the end of the nomination period.
25. Each set of nomination forms shall have a proposer and a seconder. The proposer and seconder for each set of forms shall not be the same person. Each Member may propose or second more than one (1) set of nomination forms.

26. Any candidate whose nomination forms are rejected by the NUSSSC Election Committee may request a review by the Union Election Committee.

- (1) The rejection of the candidate's nomination forms shall be made known to the candidate no more than one (1) day after the end of the nomination period. The request to review such decision shall be made by the candidate no more than two (2) days after the end of the nomination period.
- (2) The decision of the Union Election Committee (and, if applicable, the NUSSSC Election Committee) on the matter shall be made no more than three (3) days after the end of the nomination period.
- (3) The decision of such review(s) shall be binding and final on all parties. The External Elections shall be held on the stipulated date(s), notwithstanding the review(s).
- (4) For the avoidance of doubt, the validity or invalidity of nomination form(s) is a question of procedural regularity/irregularity.

## **Type of Elections**

### **External-Internal Elections**

27. The NUS Students' Sports Club Management Committee shall adopt the usage of the External-Internal Elections.
28. The External-Internal Elections shall be conducted by the NUSSSC Election Committee and presided over by the NUSSSC Election Committee's Returning Officer.
29. The NUS Students' Sports Club Management Committee shall conduct the Internal Elections in the form of an Election Meeting of the Club.

### **External Elections**

30. The election that chooses or ratifies the nominated candidates as members of the NUSSSC's incoming Management Committee shall be known as the External Elections of the NUSSSC.
31. At the end of the nomination period, the NUSSSC Election Committee shall hold a Vote of Confidence for the incoming Management Committee during the External Elections.
  - (1) However, if the total number of candidates nominated for the Management Committee is more than the number of vacancies for the Management Committee (as stipulated in Article 11(e) of the NUSSSC Constitution), a Contested Vote shall be held for the Management Committee.
  - (2) For the avoidance of doubt, the number of candidates refers to the number of individual candidates, not the number of groups of candidates.

32. The duration of the External Elections shall be no less than one (1) day and no more than three (3) days. The External Elections shall be held on consecutive working days.
33. The first day of External Elections shall be held no less than three (3) days and no more than seven (7) days after the end of the entire nomination period. This intervening period between the end of the nomination period and the opening of the online polls shall be the campaigning period for the candidates. There shall be no duration set aside for cooling-off during the campaigning period.
34. For External Elections, the NUSSSC shall have the option to conduct either online voting or physical voting.

### **Voting Thresholds for External Elections**

35. In order to pass a Vote of Confidence for the Management Committee, each candidate shall secure the approval of no less than half (1/2) of all valid votes cast. The candidates who fail to secure such approval shall be deemed to have been failed to be elected.
36. For a Contested Vote for the Management Committee, the valid votes cast for each Management Committee candidate shall be totalled. The vacancies shall be filled by candidates in decreasing order of the total valid votes cast until all vacancies have been filled up. The candidates who did not fill up the vacancies shall be deemed to have failed to be elected.

- (1) During the process of filling up, if two or more candidates have the same number of votes, and the number of vacancies left is less than this number of candidates, an additional Election shall be held for these candidates to determine which candidate(s) fill the remaining vacancy/vacancies.

*Example 1: If there is only 1 slot left, the highest number of votes amongst the remaining candidates is 4 votes each and 2 candidates got 4 votes each, there shall be an additional Election held for both candidates to determine which candidate is elected into that slot*

- (2) This additional Election, if necessary, shall be held within three (3) working days after the end of the External Elections and shall be held over the duration of not more than one (1) working day.

### **Internal Elections**

37. The election that chooses or ratifies the Executive Committee from among the Management Committee candidates, having been chosen or ratified into the Management Committee during External Elections, shall be known as the Internal Elections.
38. The Internal Elections shall be conducted in the form of an Election Meeting of the Club.



- (1) An Election Meeting is a meeting of the Club that the following members of the Club are eligible to attend and vote in:
    - a) The Incoming Management Committee;
    - b) The Outgoing Management Committee;
    - c) The Chairpersons of the Member Clubs; and
    - d) Project Directors of NUSSSC Special Projects.
  - (2) For clauses (c) and (d) above, the list of Chairpersons and Project Directors to be granted Special Voting Rights shall be submitted to the Union Election Committee for approval.
  - (3) There shall be no quorum requirements for an Election Meeting.
  - (4) In the event that any person is concurrently a member of the incoming and/or outgoing Management Committee, a Chairperson of a Member Club and/or a Project Director/Chairperson of a projects committee, he/she shall only be allowed to exercise one vote when electing each position of the Management Committee. He/she shall delegate his/her second, third and/or fourth vote(s) from his/her other appointment(s) to the Vice-Chairperson/Vice-Project Director.
  - (5) In the event of the absence of the Chairperson/Project Director of a subsidiary club or projects committee, he/she shall delegate a Vice-Chairperson/Vice-Project Director from his/her subsidiary club/projects committee as his/her replacement. If both appointment holders are unable to attend the Internal Election, their voting privileges shall be revoked for that Internal Election.
  - (6) For the purpose of Paragraph 38, a Member Club is defined as a subsidiary club established under the NUSSSC which has been ratified.
39. The first session of the Election Meeting shall be held no more than seven (7) days after the release of the results of the External Elections.
  40. The Election Meeting may held in one (1) or more sessions, provided that all sessions shall be held within one (1) week.
  41. As the Internal Elections are conducted during an Election Meeting, the Internal Elections and Election Meeting shall proceed according to the meeting procedures prescribed by the sources of law stipulated in sections 5(4), 5(5) or 5(6).
    - (1) Absent such provisions, the Election Committee shall use the NUSSU Standing Orders of Meetings under the First Schedule of the NUSSU Meetings regulations.
    - (2) If any provision of the NUSSU Standing Orders of Meetings is inconsistent with

the meeting procedures prescribed by the sources of law stipulated in sections 5(4), 5(5) or 5(6), the provision of the NUSSU Standing Orders of Meetings shall be void to the extent of the inconsistency.

42. Each position of the Management Committee shall be elected in the order stipulated in the sources of law stated in sections 5(4), 5(5) or 5(6).

43. For each Executive Committee position to be filled up, the following shall be done:

(1) Only Management Committee candidates which have been validly chosen or ratified during the External Elections are eligible for nomination during the Election Meeting.

(2) The Returning Officer shall open the floor up to nomination of candidates. Each nomination shall be proposed and seconded.

a) A candidate may propose, but not second, his own nomination.

b) No single person may propose and second the same candidate. However, a person may propose or second more than one (1) candidate.

c) The nominations shall be subject to the consent of the respective candidates if the candidate did not propose his own nomination.

(3) If there is more than one (1) candidate for the position, a Contested Vote shall be held. If there is only one (1) candidate for the position, a Vote of Confidence shall be held.

a) If there are no candidates for the position, the Returning Officer shall reopen the floor to nomination of candidates.

b) If the second round of nomination fails to produce any candidates, the election of the position shall be adjourned to the next meeting of the Management Committee.

(4) Each candidate shall have thirty (30) minutes to present followed by thirty (30) minutes of question-and-answer session by the floor. The candidates will appear in the order that they are nominated. During the presentation and question-and-answer session by a candidate, the other candidates shall excuse themselves to another physical venue.

a) The time for presentation and question-and-answer for each candidate may be extended and such extension shall be approved by the floor.

(5) After each candidate has presented and finished their respective question-and-answer session, the Contested Vote or Vote of Confidence shall be held for the candidate(s). The candidate(s) shall not have voting rights in these votes.

- (6) For a Contested Vote, the candidate with the most number of valid votes cast shall be deemed elected into that position. For a Vote of Confidence, the candidate shall only be deemed elected if the candidate obtains the approval of no less than half (1/2) of the valid votes cast.
  - (7) If the candidate, having faced a Vote of Confidence, fails to secure the necessary approval, the Returning Officer shall restart the process pursuant to sections 43(1).
    - a) The candidate who previously failed to secure approval shall be eligible to be nominated again.
    - b) If the new process results in the candidate(s) failing to secure a Vote of Confidence, the election of the position shall be adjourned to the next meeting of the Management Committee.
  - (8) The first position to be filled up shall be that of the President.
44. A Management Committee candidate's failure to be elected at the External Elections shall not preclude him from being co-opted into the Management Committee at a subsequent date.
45. The Elections Officer of the outgoing MC, or a member of the outgoing MC, shall act as the Secretary of the Election Meeting
46. The appointment of the MC into separate cells shall be held not later than two weeks after the Election Meeting.
47. Any provision under section 43 that is inconsistent with the provisions of the sources of law stipulated in section 5(4), 5(5) and 5(6) shall, to the extent of the inconsistency, be void.

### Part III – Physical Voting Procedures and Formats

#### Formats of Physical Ballots

48. There shall be separate ballots for Management Committee candidates and Executive Committee Representatives candidates, if applicable. They shall be issued separately to every eligible voter.
49. Each voter shall produce his/her matriculation card before being issued his/her ballots.
50. For both Contested Votes and Votes of Confidence, each ballot shall consist of a title, clear instructions, a table with two (2) columns and an appropriate number of rows.
51. The title shall be in the following format: NUS Students' Sports Club, the type of candidates and the type of ballot

- (1) The type of candidates shall be "Management Committee Candidates".

- (2) The type of ballot shall be either "Contested Vote" or "Vote of Confidence"

*Example 1: The title for a ballot of Contested Vote for NUS Students' Sports Club's Management Committee candidates shall be "NUS Students' Sports Club's Management Committee Candidates – Contested Vote"*

*Example 2: The title for a ballot of Vote of Confidence for NUS Students' Sports Club Management Committee candidates shall be "NUS Students' Sports Club Management Committee Candidates – Vote of Confidence"*

52. The instructions shall tell the voter the nature of the ballot, the steps he needs to produce a valid vote, the maximum number of votes he may give and the consequences of an invalid vote.

- (1) The nature of the ballot shall tell the voter the type of candidates he is voting for and the nature of the vote.

*Example – "This is a Vote of Confidence for the Management Committee candidates."*

- (2) The steps needed for the voter to produce a valid vote shall include the type(s) of accepted marking in the voting column.

*Example – "To cast a vote for a candidate, you may mark the box on the right side of the candidate's name. Any markings made outside any boxes may render the entire ballot invalid."*

- (3) The maximum number of votes shall tell the voter the maximum number of votes he may cast. There shall be no minimum number of votes the voter may cast.

*Example 1 – “As this is a Contested Vote, you may only vote up to a maximum of X candidates. If you vote for more than X candidates, the entire ballot may be rendered invalid. There is no minimum number of votes that you have to cast.” where X is the number of vacancies available in this Example.*

*Example 2 – “As this is a Vote of Confidence, there is no maximum or minimum number of votes that you may cast. A blank box shall be interpreted as a ‘No’ vote for that particular candidate. However, any invalid markings may render the entire ballot invalid.”*

- (4) The consequences of an invalid vote shall be made known to the voter.

*Example – “Any invalid markings and other infringing actions made may render the entire ballot invalid even though such markings or actions are only confined to one or a few of the candidates’ voting box.”*

53. The first row of both columns shall be the header row. The left cell of the header row shall contain the heading “Candidates” while the right cell of the header row shall contain the heading “Yes”.

- (1) The names of the candidates shall be listed in the left column and sorted, from top to bottom, in increasing order of their surname or, if they do not have a surname or two candidates have similar surnames, by their given names.
- (2) Each row shall contain the name of only one (1) candidate. No voting for a group or groups of candidates is allowed.
- (3) The right column, also known as the voting column, of each row, other than the header row, shall remain empty and free of markings.
- (4) A sequential and consecutively-running serial number shall be printed at the bottom-left hand corner of each ballot.
  - a) Such serial numbers shall run from “1” to the total number of ballots printed.

54. There shall be one (1) ballot box for voters to deposit their ballots into for Management Committee ballots. The ballot box shall be clearly labelled.

55. Each voter shall be issued with a serial-numbered ballot.

56. The Returning Officer of each Election Committee shall take note of the maximum serial number of the ballots issued.

### **Validity of Physical Ballots**

57. The validity of a particular ballot shall be determined, individually and separate from the other ballots, by the Returning Officer of the NUSSSC Election Committee.

- (1) However, if any of the Election Officers object to the Returning Officer's decision, for both validity and invalidity, a vote will be taken among the NUSSSC Election Committee on the invalidity of that ballot. The results of such a vote shall be taken only once and shall be conclusive and binding
  - (2) That ballot shall be deemed invalid only if no less than two-thirds (2/3) of the NUSSSC Election Committee support the invalidation of that ballot, excluding abstentions.
  - (3) Any member of the NUSSSC Election Committee may opt to abstain from the decision. Any abstention shall not be deemed to support invalidating that ballot.
58. The invalidity of any ballot shall render the entire ballot invalid, notwithstanding the fact that the reasons of invalidity are confined only to a particular or a few candidates' voting boxes.
59. Any ballot which has a serial number greater than the maximum serial number noted pursuant to section 54 shall be automatically invalid. The invalidity of such ballots shall not be challenged.
60. Any ballot which has its validity determined shall be marked accordingly ("Valid" or "Invalid") by the Election Committee on the top-right hand corner of the ballot. Such ballots shall be separated into two (2) piles, a pile for valid ballots and a pile for invalid ballots.

### **Counting of Physical Votes**

61. The counting of votes shall be conducted during or after the determination of validity.
62. The results of such elections shall be collated and publicised according to the provisions of the Regulation.

## Part IV – Online Voting Procedures and Formats

### Formats of Online Ballots

63. This Part shall not preclude the NUSSSC from requiring voters to be present at a predetermined physical location, or locations, to vote using electronic/online means.

64. There shall be separate ballots for Management Committee candidates and Executive Committee Representatives Candidates.

(1) The ballots may be listed on the same electronic page but the separation of the ballots shall be demarcated clearly.

65. Each voter shall be required to verify his/her matriculation number before being allowed to vote. The interface shall ensure that those who have voted shall not be allowed to vote again.

66. For both Contested Votes and Votes of Confidence, each ballot shall consist of a title, some instructions, a table with two (2) columns and an appropriate number of rows.

67. The title shall be in the following format: the Constituent Club's name, the type of candidates and the type of ballot.

(1) The type of candidates shall be "Management Committee Candidates".

(2) The type of ballot shall be either "Contested Vote" or "Vote of Confidence"

*Example 1: The title for a ballot of Contested Vote for Constituent Club X's Management Committee candidates shall be "Constituent Club X Management Committee Candidates – Contested Vote"*

*Example 2: The title for a ballot of Vote of Confidence for Constituent Club Y's Management Committee Representatives candidates shall be "Constituent Club Y Management Committee Representatives Candidates – Vote of Confidence"*

68. The instructions shall tell the voter the nature of the ballot, the steps he needs to produce a valid vote, the maximum number of votes he may give and the consequences of an invalid vote.

(1) The nature of the ballot shall tell the voter the type of candidates he is voting for and the nature of the vote.

*Example – "This is a Vote of Confidence for the Management Committee candidates."*

(2) The steps needed for the voter to produce a valid vote shall include the type(s) of accepted marking in the voting column.

*Example – “To cast a vote for a candidate, you may check the checkbox on the right side of the candidate’s name.”*

- (3) The maximum number of votes shall tell the voter the maximum number of votes he may cast. There shall be no minimum number of votes the voter may cast.

*Example 1 – “As this is a Contested Vote, you may only vote up to a maximum of X candidates. If you vote for more than X candidates, the entire ballot may be rendered invalid. There is no minimum number of votes that you have to cast.” where X is the number of vacancies available in this Example.*

*Example 2 – “As this is a Vote of Confidence, there is no maximum or minimum number of votes that you may cast. A blank checkbox shall be interpreted as a ‘No’ vote for that particular candidate.”*

- (4) The consequences of an invalid vote shall be made known to the voter.

*Example – “Any infringing actions made may render the entire ballot invalid even though such actions are only confined to one or a few of the candidates.”*

69. The first row of both columns shall be the header row. The left cell of the header row shall contain the heading “Candidates” while the right cell of the header row shall contain the heading “Yes”.

- (1) The names of the candidates shall be listed in the left column and sorted, from top to bottom, in increasing order of their surname or, if they do not have a surname or two candidates have similar surnames, by their given names.
- (2) Each row shall contain the name of only one (1) candidate. No voting for a group, or groups, of candidates is allowed.
- (3) The right column, also known as the voting column, of each row, other than the header row, shall contain only one (1) unchecked checkbox.

70. For Contested Vote ballots, the voting interface shall prevent a Member from checking more checkboxes than the maximum number allowed.

71. There shall be a confirmation page stating the choices the Member has made with two (2) options for the Member – to confirm his voting choices or to amend his voting choices.

- (1) If he chooses to amend his voting choices, his previous choice shall not be recorded down in any manner.
- (2) The Member’s vote shall only be deemed to be made when he has confirmed



his voting choices on the confirmation page. Upon confirming his vote, the interface shall state clearly that his vote has been cast.

### **Validity of Online Ballots**

72. The validity of a particular ballot shall be determined, individually and separate from the other ballots, by the Returning Officer of the NUSSSC Election Committee.
- (1) However, if any of the Election Officers object to the Returning Officer's decision, for both validity and invalidity, a vote will be taken among the NUSSSC Election Committee on the invalidity of that ballot. The results of such a vote shall be taken only once and shall be conclusive and binding.
  - (2) That ballot shall be deemed invalid only if no less than two-thirds (2/3) of the NUSSSC Election Committee support the invalidation of that ballot, excluding abstentions.
  - (3) Any member of the NUSSSC Election Committee may opt to abstain from the decision. Any abstention shall not be deemed to support invalidating that ballot.
73. The invalidity of any ballot shall render the entire ballot invalid, notwithstanding the fact that the reasons of invalidity are confined only to a particular or a few candidates' voting checkboxes or any other reasons.
74. The interface shall be responsible for generating the full list of voting choices by the Members for the NUSSSC Election Committee's verification.

### **Counting of Votes**

75. The counting of votes shall be conducted during or after the determination of validity.
76. The final results of such elections shall be collated and publicised according to the provisions of the Regulation.
- (1) The interface may assist in the collation of the voting results but its collation shall not be in and of itself conclusive.
  - (2) The NUSSSC Election Committee reserves the right to add to, vary or amend the results collated by the interface under the provisions allowed by Parts I, II and IV of this Regulation.

### **Legislative History**

77. This regulation is first enacted by the 33<sup>rd</sup> Management Committee in NUS AY 12/13, amended by the 36<sup>th</sup> Management Committee on 11 August 2016 and by the 39<sup>th</sup> Management Committee on 27 July 2019.