

RULES OF ELECTION TO A RESIDENTS' COUNCIL AT A UNIVERSITY OF LODZ DORMITORY

1. The Residents' Council is an organ of the University of Lodz Student Self-Government,
2. Members of the Residents' Council (hereinafter referred to as RM) of a particular dormitory (hereinafter referred to as DS) shall be elected by residents of this dormitory in the following number:
6 members, for Dormitories no. 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13
10 members, for Dormitories no. 2, 3, 10, 14.
3. The election shall be held by universal, equal, direct, and anonymous ballot.
4. The election shall be conducted by the Campus Electoral Commission (hereinafter referred to as OKW). The OKW shall consist of two members of the outgoing University Campus Council (Polish: Rada Osiedla Akademickiego, ROA). The rules for election of the OKW shall be set by the provisions of the Rules for the UL Campus Council. The Head of the Campus Electoral Commission shall be elected from among the members of the OKW, by open ballot, with ordinary majority of votes. Minutes should be drawn up of the voting.
5. The election to the RM shall be held between 20 October and 20 November.
6. Not later than 14 October, individual RM's are obliged to announce to the OKW the planned date of election in their DS. Final election dates in individual Dormitories shall be defined by the OKW in consultation with the outgoing RM of a particular DS.
7. On 15 October, the OKW shall announce the complete list of dates of election held at particular DS's. The OKW makes the list publicly known in the form of a written announcement displayed at reception desk in each DS.
8. The right to stand for election and the voting right shall pertain to residents of a particular DS who are able to prove their identity by a valid Dormitory ID, and hold the UL student status, with the exception of students punished with suspension in the right to stand for election and the voting right by the Disciplinary Board, or by the Peer Tribunal.
9. The number of candidates to the RM is unlimited. Each candidate may appoint the so-called person of trust. The person of trust shall be appointed by the OKW on the motion of the candidate. The motion should contain the declaration of consent for the appointment of the person of trust, made by both parties, as well as signatures of persons concerned. The persons of trust may be appointed not later than one hour before the end of the voting. A person of trust shall take the role of the observer. He or she will present their proposals concerning the vote counting to the OKW after this action finishes. The OKW shall confirm the proposal in writing.
10. Candidates may be proposed to the Head of the OKW, not later than 72 hours before the start of the voting.
11. The candidates to the RM shall, together with their candidature, submit to the OKW a list of at least 20 voter's signatures consisting of full names and handwritten signatures of residents of a particular DS.
12. An alphabetical list of valid candidatures shall be made publicly known in a particular DS not later than 48 hours before the voting. The way the list shall be announced is stipulated in Part 7.
13. All candidates shall, according to the principle of equality, have the right to announce their policies and manifestoes to the voters.
14. The basis for admitting a voter to the voting shall be their presence in the residents' list of a particular DS, and presenting a valid Student ID. The residents' list should be arranged as a chart, and contain such information as: name, surname, room number, and empty cells for the signatures. The residents' list of a particular DS (fulfilling the requirements set by the privacy laws), shall be delivered by the Head of the outgoing RM to the OKW, not later than 24 hours before the start of the election. The list shall fulfill the requirements of the privacy laws, if it does not reveal ethnic or racial identity, political views, philosophical or religious convictions, membership in denominations, political parties, or trade unions, as well as the data concerning health, genetic code, addictions, or sexual life, as well as the data concerning convictions, judgments imposing penalties, fines, or other judgments issued in court proceedings or administrative proceedings.
15. The election shall last for one day between 10am and 10pm, on weekdays except Saturday and Sunday. During the same day, only one election to only one particular DS may be held.
16. An Election Committee in a particular DS shall be formed by: two persons appointed by the outgoing RM, and at least two OKW members from outside this DS. The presence of at least one OKW member during the entire voting time shall be obligatory.
17. The voting shall take place with ballot papers stamped by the RM, by means of indicating a cross in the box adjacent to full names of candidates chosen from the list of candidates referred to in Part 12, in the number stipulated in Part 2.G

18. A vote shall be considered spoiled in the cases when: in the ballot paper, referred to in Part 17, no cross has been indicated at a name of either of the candidates, the cross has been indicated illegibly, or a sign different from a cross has been indicated, or the number of crosses indicated exceeds the number stipulated in Part 2.
19. Following the end of the voting, the Election Committee, with the exclusion of the presence of any third persons, shall count the votes and draw up minutes of the number of votes. The minutes shall be signed by the head of the Election Committee. The new RM shall be formed of persons who obtained the largest number of votes. The OKW shall announce the outcomes of the voting not later than the end of the election day, in writing, on the information board of a particular DS.
20. The minutes stipulated in Part 19 shall, together with the list of voters, be transferred to the OKW.
21. In the case that candidates obtain an equal number of votes, thus preventing the appointment of the appropriate number of RM members, an additional voting should be held in order to appoint the required number of RM members. On the ballot paper for additional voting, the voters may put name(s) of candidate(s) who obtained the equal number of votes in the first voting, and the number of name(s) put thereon shall equal the number of vacant seats in the RM. The additional voting shall be held within 3 days from the announcement of the outcomes of the first voting. The principles for election stipulated in Parts 17-20 shall apply as appropriate. The additional voting may be repeated until the required number of the RM members, as stipulated in Part 2, is appointed.
22. Votes recorded during the election should be kept by the OKW for not shorter than 14 calendar days from the day of the end of the election, so that any protests can be handled impartially.
23. Protest may be lodged either by a candidate, or a voter, within 7 calendar days from the day of announcement of election outcomes. It should be submitted in writing, including reasons, to the head of the OKW. The information on the time and place of the duty hours of the head of the OKW shall be announced in the way stipulated in Part 7.
24. The OKW is to, within 7 calendar days, assume an attitude to the protest against the outcomes of the election – i.e. either admit the validity of the protest or not. In the case of missing the deadline, the protest shall be considered valid.
25. In case the OKW admits the validity of the protest, they may declare void the entire election, or the election of one, or a number of candidates. In the case they declare an election void, the OKW is obliged to reconduct the election within 14 calendar days of such declaration. The provisions of Parts 9-24 shall apply as appropriate. Because of the Residents' Council being an organ of the UL Students Self-Government, any disputes should be referred for resolution by the Institutional Electoral Commission, whose appointment is stipulated in the Rules of the UL Students' Self-Government.
26. The OKW shall announce to appropriate organs of the UL the summarized outcomes of the election held at the UL Campus not later than 30 days of the end date of the latest voting.
27. The date of the first meeting of a newly appointed RM shall be determined by its members, as they pass the information to the head of the OKW. During the first meeting, a newly appointed RM shall elect, from among its members, a chairperson, his/her deputy, a treasurer, and a secretary, by ordinary majority of votes in a secret ballot. The minutes of the RM's constitution should be submitted to the head of the OKW not later than 7 days of the end day of election at a particular DS. Failure to observe the deadline shall result in a repeated election to the particular RM.
28. The term of an RM shall last two years, and it begins with its first meeting, while it shall end upon the lapse of the day preceding the meeting of the newly elected RM.
29. A chairman of an RM shall automatically become a member of the ROA. The term of an RM shall correspond with the term of the ROA. The principles of election to the ROA shall be determined by provisions of a separate rules.
30. In the event of resignation of an RM member from their post, a supplementary election shall be held, in accord with the rules stipulated in Parts 10-25, with reservation that the term of the post elected in the hereby case shall end upon the same date as the term of the entire RM of a particular DS. A supplementary election shall also be held in the event of dissolution of a RM.
31. In any matters not regulated by the provisions of the present rules, the provisions of the Rules of the UL Students' Self-Government, the Rules of the UL Campus Council, and the UL Statute shall apply.
32. Whenever, in the present rules, there is reference to an „UL student”, this shall denote both a (under-) graduate student, and a doctoral student of the University of Lodz.