

# **UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI**

## **PROCEDURE FOR VIRTUAL ELECTIONS OF DEANS**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

#### **1.1 Background**

The Senate closed the University with effect from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020 as per the Presidential directive due to COVID-19 pandemic. Consequently, the Senate approved mainstreaming of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) in conducting university business through virtual/online-based teaching, learning, and examinations. This is the basis of the procedure to conduct online Elections of Deans.

#### **1.2 Legal Framework**

University Statutes govern elections of Deans pursuant to the provisions of Statute XVIII section 6 and 7 of the University of Nairobi Statutes.

#### **1.3 Election Process**

The purpose of conducting the online election of Deans is to ensure Faculties and Schools can elect and replace Deans when their terms expire and usher in new leadership despite the Covid 19 pandemic.

### **2. CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS**

2.1 Election of Dean shall be conducted virtually and follow provisions of Statute XVIII Section 6 and 7.

2.2 The online voting will take place from 8.00am to 5.00 pm

2.3 The Returning Officer shall announce the election results upon conclusion of the voting exercise.

2.4 Director, ICT shall oversee the adoption of technology in the electoral process and implement the use of such technology.

### **3. MONITORING AND AUDIT**

3.1 Candidates shall identify their agents to monitor the electoral process

3.2 The Senate shall establish mechanisms for monitoring and auditing of electronic elections.

4. **POST ELECTION PETITIONS**

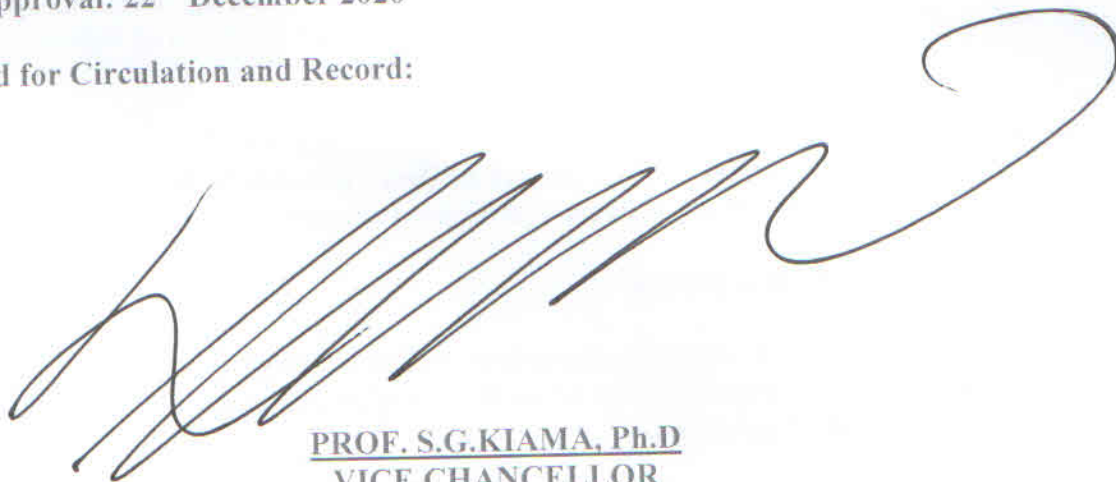
Any election petition shall be submitted to the Vice Chancellor within 48 hours after the elections.

5. **RECOMMENDATION TO SENATE**

- a) The Election of Deans be conducted electronically/virtually
- b) Provisions of Statute XVIII section 6 and 7 shall apply.

Senate Approval: 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020

Approved for Circulation and Record:

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