



Taufiq and his officers observing the nomination session.

## UMS holds online poll to elect Student Rep Council

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) holds an online campus election (PRK) on Friday 18 to elect the Student Representative Council (MPP) for the 2020/2021 session.

These include the nomination session, a three-day election campaign starting Dec 15, a voting session on Dec 18 and the announcement of results on Dec 19.

According to a source from the UMS election committee, a total of 15 candidates will contest for seven general seats at the mother campus, while three candidates will contest for two seats at UMS Labuan International Campus.

For a seat at UMS Sandakan Campus, Sustainable Agriculture Faculty Student Yaslan Yadoh was declared the winner without contesting.

For the Faculty seats, a total of 31 candidates have been confirmed eligible to contest for the 22 seats allocated.

Of that number, nine candidates were declared unopposed in their respective faculties, involving two Postgraduate School seats, two Engineering Faculty seats, two Medicine and Health Sciences Faculty seats, two Food and Nutrition Science Faculty seats, and one Computer and Informatics Faculty (Kota Kinabalu Campus) seat.

Election campaign sessions for the contesting candidates also allocate a public speech slot for each candidate according

to the schedule set on the official Facebook page of the university's Election Committee.

Meanwhile, UMS Vice Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Taufiq Yap Yun Hin said apart from the election being conducted online, it also the first time that it is handled by the students themselves.

He said it is part of the university's effort to empower its students.

He added the Campus Election is an important process in selecting new UMS Student Representative Leaders, while the students also have a duty to fulfil in the election itself.

"This election can create the spirit of student democracy to elect competent student leaders.

"It is an important process and needs to be implemented in every institute of higher learning as it is a platform sustaining the leadership spirit on campus," he said this when addressing the UMS election candidate announcement session at the Chancellery Building, here, Thursday.

According to Taufiq, although a student's priority is academic progress, they are however encouraged to be active in the field of leadership before venturing into the outside world which is more challenging.

The formation of the MPP Cabinet Session 2020/2021 is expected to be finalised on Dec 20.