Application for the position of a Board Member on the ISYY Executive Board 2027

Dear Committee,

My aim in writing this letter is to express my interest in becoming a Board Member of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland (ISYY) for the term of 2027. I believe that this is a valuable opportunity for me to play a role in the University of Eastern Finland community as a postgraduate student, represent the interests of the students, and be involved in the overall efforts to improve the quality of the students' experience.

I have a Bachelor's degree in Medical Radiography and Radiological Sciences and ongoing postgraduate studies in Medical Physics at the University of Eastern Finland. Being in the academic environment has enhanced my problem-solving, analytical, and communication skills, as well as my understanding of working collaboratively across academic and cultural differences.

Being an international student with the first-hand experience of studying and adjusting to the new academic and social culture in Finland, I have gained the practical knowledge of some of the challenges students face, especially international students. These include university systems navigation, integration into society, language barriers, access to opportunities and feeling at home in the university community.

I think an effective Student Union should be accessible, inclusive and responsive to the needs of its diverse student body. I would be dedicated to facilitating positive communication between the student body and the University, ensuring student engagement, and actively supporting wellbeing initiatives and communication between ISYY and the broader student body, if made one of the members.

I would be interested especially in working in the fields of International Affairs, Academic Affairs, and Social Policy; and would welcome sector and responsibilities assignment as deemed most fit by the Board.

In addition to my academic qualifications, I possess a strong desire to learn, a teamwork approach, flexibility, and a passion for students' representation. I recognize that Board membership is a commitment, accountability, attendance at meetings and events, and the willingness to collaborate in a positive manner with other Board members and University stakeholders. I am ready to do my duty to these responsibilities.

I am not looking to be in this role just to get it done; I'm looking to do it well as a part of the community that I belong to. I would enjoy being a part of the ISYY Executive Board in 2027, bringing my perspective, commitment and enthusiasm.

I appreciate your consideration of my application. I will be thrilled to have the chance to work together to enhance student life further in this University of Eastern Finland.

Yours sincerely,

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