

AGENDA

Meeting of the Representative Council 1/2026

Time: 01/03/2026 at 9.00

Place: Rauhalahdi, Kuopio

Welcome!

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1. § Opening of the meeting

Chairperson of the Executive Board Janina Gunnar (DeeKu) opens the meeting.

2. § Verification of legality and quorum

Item: According to Section 11 of the Rules of the Student Union: *“The notice and agenda of a Representative Council meeting must be sent or otherwise delivered in writing or electronically at least seven (7) days before the meeting to all ordinary members of the Representative Council and the number of deputy members determined by the Representative Council in its constitutive meeting. The meeting must also be announced on the Student Union’s official bulletin board.”*

According to Section 12 of the Rules of the Student Union: *“The Representative Council has a quorum when half of the Representative Council’s members, including the Chairperson of the Representative Council or either of the Vice Chairpersons, are attending, and the notice of meeting was delivered in accordance with section 11, subsection 2 of these Rules.”*

The meeting notice was provided on 20/02/2026 and placed on the bulletin board of the Student Union and sent through a mailing list to all members of the Representative Council.

Proposal: The meeting is verified to be legally convened and to have reached the quorum.

The following changes in the composition of the Representative Council are noted:

Maija Rossi (DeeKu) is a member of the Executive Board and cannot serve as a deputy member of the Representative Council.

Emilia Kivikoski (ISYYn Demariopiskelijat) is the Chairperson of the Executive Board and cannot serve as a deputy member of the Representative Council.

Anttu Kudjoi (Keskeiset) is absent and cannot serve as a deputy member of the Representative Council.

Reetta Venäläinen (Keskeiset) is a member of the Executive Board and cannot serve as a deputy member of the Representative Council.

Antton Gustafsson (Kylterit) is a member of the Executive Board and cannot serve as a member of the Representative Council. Sonja Hämäläinen will replace him.

Lassi Valli (Kylterit) is the Chairperson of the Executive Board and cannot serve as a deputy member of the Representative Council.

Asta Nieminen and Benjamin Vaneekhout (Opiskelevat kokoomuslaiset) are absent and cannot serve as deputy members of the Representative Council.

Bharath Kannan (Spektri) is a member of the Executive Board and cannot serve as a member of the Representative Council. Mikko Sipola will replace him.

Eeva Ylikoski (Vihreä lista) is a member of the Executive Board and cannot serve as a deputy member of the Representative Council.

Decision:

3§ Election of the examiners of the minutes and tellers

Item: According to Section 19 of the Rules of the Student Union: *Representative Council meetings are minuted. The minutes are examined and accepted by two (2) examiners of the minutes, who are elected by the meeting and who must be members of the Representative Council. The minutes are verified by the chairperson and secretary of the meeting.*

According to Section 20 of the Rules of the Student Union: *In a meeting of the Representative Council, each Representative Council member entitled to vote has one vote, and the right to vote is personal. Votes cast in a Representative Council meeting are counted by two (2) tellers who are elected by the Representative Council from amongst its members.*

Proposal: Two examiners of the minutes and two tellers are elected.

Proposal for examiners of the minutes:

- 1.
- 2.

Proposal for tellers:

- 1.
- 2.

Decision:

4. § Adoption of the agenda

Item: According to Section 15 of the Rules of the Student Union: *The agendas of Representative Council meetings are prepared by the Chairperson of the Representative Council. The Chairperson may be assisted by the Secretary General in this task. The Representative Council meeting discusses motions submitted by the Chairperson of the Representative Council, the Executive Board, and the committees operating under the Representative Council, as well as any matters added on the agenda pursuant to section 15, subsection 2.*

The Representative Council may take up a matter which was not included in the notice of meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote but not, however, a matter which would require a qualified majority.

Proposal: The agenda is adopted.

Decision:

5. § Election of equality observers

Item: In its Plan of Action 2024, the Representative Council has decided: *“Meetings of the Representative Council shall have appointed equality observers.”* The practice has also been continued after 2024.

Proposal: Idamaria “Nox” Herranen (itä-Suomen Vihreä Vasemmisto) and Ilmari Mäkelä (Kylterit) are proposed as equality observers.

Decision:

6. § Announcements

Item:

1. Executive Board report on activities
According to Section 31 of the Rules of the Student Union, the duties of the Executive Board are to: *11. give a report to the Representative Council on the Executive Board’s activities between the Representative Council’s meetings, and annually a report on the activities of the Student Union.*
2. Events
3. News from the offices
4. News from the committees

Proposal: Announcements noted.

Decision:

7. § Remuneration of the Chairpersons of the Representative Council in 2026

Item: Remuneration has been previously paid to the Chairpersons of the Representative Council. According to Section 51 of the Rules of the Student Union: *Persons who hold positions of trust in the Student Union may be remunerated for performing their duties. The Representative Council decides on the remuneration paid to the Representative Council's Chairpersons. The Executive Board decides on the remuneration paid to members of other administrative bodies and other persons in positions of trust.* Due to their position, the Chairperson of the Representative Council is disqualified from making a proposal to the Representative Council. In its meeting 2-2026, the Executive Board of ISYY has made a proposal on the remuneration.

Proposal: The Executive Board proposes that the Representative Council decides on the remuneration paid to the Representative Council's Chairpersons. The Executive Board proposes that the Chairperson is paid 1,000 EUR per year for performing their duty. Both Vice-Chairpersons are proposed to receive 500 EUR per year for performing their duties.

Decision:

8. § Remuneration for the committees under the Representative Council in 2026

Item: The Representative Council has two regular committees, Rules Committee and Finance Committee. In addition, according to Section 25 of the Rules of the Student Union: "The Representative Council can establish committees for the duration of its term of office at the longest. The Representative Council decides the committee's duties, scope, and members when establishing the committee. A committee may make motions to the Representative Council or the Executive Board regarding matters within its domain. In the 2026 budget, a total of 1,500 EUR has been reserved for the remuneration for the Chairpersons of the committees.

Proposal: The Executive Board proposes that the Representative Council decides on the remuneration paid to the Committees' Chairpersons in 2026. The Executive Board proposes that the Chairpersons of the Rules Committee and Finance Committee are paid 500 EUR per year for performing their duties and that if the Representative Council decides to establish other committees, it shall also decide on the remuneration of the Chairpersons of the committees.

Decision:

9. § Appointing the members of the Rules Committee for the term 2026-2027

Item: According to Section 24 of the Rules of the Student Union: "The Representative Council elects the Rules Committee from amongst its members. The Representative Council must elect representatives to the Rules Committee from as many Representative Council groups as possible. At least six (6) and up to eight (8) members and, if necessary, up to four (4) deputy members in order are elected to the committee. The Representative Council elects the chairperson and vice chairperson of the committee from among the members of the committee. The Rules Committee may invite experts for consultation.

Proposal: At least six (6) and up to eight (8) members and, if necessary, up to four (4) deputy members in order are elected to the Rules Committee from amongst the regular and deputy members of the Representative Council.

The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Rules Committee are elected amongst the members of the Committee.

Decision:

10. § Appointing the members of the Finance Committee for the term 2026-2027

Item: According to Section 24a of the Rules of the Student Union: The Student Union has a Finance Committee for preparing financial matters. At the beginning of its term of office, the Representative Council appoints at least four (4) and no more than six (6) members of the Student Union and up to four (4) deputy members to the committee. The Executive Board also appoints at least one (1) and no more than three (3) expert members as ordinary members of the Finance Committee. The Representative Council elects the Chairperson of the Finance Committee from among the members of the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee elects a Vice Chairperson from among its members. The members of the Finance Committee must be familiar with and interested in finances."

Proposal: At least four (4) and no more than six (6) members of the Student Union and up to four (4) deputy members are elected to the Finance Committee.

The Chairperson of the Finance Committee is elected amongst the members of the Committee.

Decision:

11. § Establishment of other committees needed by the Representative Council

Item: According to Section 25 of the Rules of the Student Union: "The Representative Council can establish committees for the duration of its term of office at the longest. The Representative Council decides the committee's duties, scope, and members when establishing the committee. A committee may make motions to the Representative Council or the Executive Board regarding matters within its domain.

Proposal: The Representative Council decides on establishing needed committees and decides their duties, scope and members.

Decision:

12. § Financial Regulations, Appendix 12

Item: According to Section 24a of the Rules of the Student Union: --- The particular duties of the Finance Committee are to: 2. draft amendments to the Student Union's financial regulations, investment strategy, and medium-term financial plan;

The financial regulations shall be updated, since it includes references to a Section removed from ISYY Rules. The Finance Committee discussed the matter in its meeting 2-2025 and prepared the amendments to the financial regulations and decided to propose the updated financial regulations to be approved by the Representative Council, if the staff does not provide comments or amendment proposals. The updated financial regulations were available for comments from the staff 19-23/01/2026. The staff did not provide comments or amendment proposals.

Proposal: The Finance Committee proposes that the Representative Council approves the updated financial regulations (appendix 12).

Decision:

13. § Recruitment of the Secretary General, Appendix 13

Item: In its meeting 39/2025 on 16/12/2025, the Executive Board opened a call for the position of the Secretary General from 16/12/2025-16/01/2026 at 15.00. By the deadline, six applications were received for the vacant position of the Secretary General.

In its meeting 29/2025, the Executive Board authorised a recruitment group to examine the applications after the end of the call and to make a proposal for the Executive Board on the election of interviewees.

In its meeting 3/2026 on 22/01/2026, the Executive Board decided upon the proposal of the recruitment group that the following four persons are invited for an interview: Juutilainen Teemu, Mirola Hannele, Parviainen Kalle, Pylkkänen Henna.

The interviews were conducted in Kuopio on 11/02/2026. Henna Pylkkänen did not participate in the interviews.

Proposal: The Executive Board proposes that the Representative Council elects Hannele Mirola as the Secretary General.

Decision:

14. § Appointment of a representative/s for an Executive Board working group to update the Equality Plan

Item: ISYY Equality Plan is valid 2023-2026, so it is time to update the document. The appendices of the Equality plan include the principles of safer space of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland

In its meeting 5-2026, the Executive Board established a working group to update the Equality Plan and appointed from the Executive Board Emilia Kivikoski and from the staff Mikko Aaltonen and Maiju Laukkanen in the working group.

Proposal: The Executive Board proposes that the Representative Council appoints 1-2 members to the working group from amongst its members.

Decision:

15. § Other business

Item: According to Section 16 of the Rules of the Student Union: *"Members of the Representative Council may make petitionary motions in the Representative Council's meetings. If the Representative Council accepts the petitionary motion, the Executive Board must, within the limits of its authority, take the measures required by the petitionary motion within 30 days. The Executive Board must inform the Representative Council within a reasonable time about the measures taken in response to the petitionary motion."*

Proposal: Other business is discussed.

Decision:

16. § End of the meeting

Chairperson of the Executive Board Janina Gunnar (DeeKu) closes the meeting.

Janina Gunnar

Chairperson of the Representative Council

Hannele Mirola

Acting Secretary General