

AGENDA

Meeting of the Representative Council 7/2025

Time: 27/11/2025 at 17.00

Place: Joensuu: N100
Kuopio: SN200

Welcome!

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1. § Opening of the meeting

Chairperson of the Representative Council Ville-Pekka Timonen (Itä-Suomen Vihreä Vasemmisto) 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. What is stated in this section does not apply to the procedure specified in section 13, subsection 6.*

The notice of the meeting was provided on 20/11/2025 and announced on the Student Union's bulletin board and sent to all members of the Representative Council through a mailing list.

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

Decision:

3.5 Changes in the composition of the Representative Council

Item: Possible changes in the composition of the Representative Council are stated.

Proposal: Noted.

Decision:

4.5 Election of 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 four tellers are elected.

Proposal for examiners of the minutes:

1. Kuosmanen, Aino (FaBio)
2. Terävä, Eero (Itä-Suomen Vihreä Vasemmisto)

Proposal for tellers:

1. Kitunen, Kielo (Savilahden Sivistyneet)
2. Mäkelä, Ilmari (Kylterit)
3. Miettinen, Mikko (Keskeiset)
4. Närhi, Jasmin (ISYYn Demariopiskelijat)

Decision:

5.5 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:

6. § Election of equality observers

Item: In its action plan for 2024, the Representative Council has decided: *"Meetings of the Representative Council shall have appointed equality observers."*

Proposal: Janina Gunnar (DeeKu) and Maija Kuivalainen (Itä-Suomen Vihreä Vasemmisto) are proposed as equality observers.

Decision:

7. § Announcements

Item:

1. Events
2. Notes from the offices
3. Notes from the committees
4. Report on the implementation of the Environmental Programme
5. News from the Executive Board

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"*.

Proposal: Announcements noted.

Decision:

8. § Action plan 2026, APPENDIX 8

Item: According to ISYY Rules, Section 18, the duties of the Representative Council are to: *"6. accept the Student Union's action plan, budget, and, if necessary, the supplementary budgets, and confirm business budgets"*.

According to ISYY Rules, Section 31, the duties of the Executive Board are to: *"10. prepare the budget, action plan, and financial statements for the Representative Council"*. The action plan has been available for comments from the Representative

Council on 10-31/10/2025 (no comments) and it has been presented at the evening school of the Representative Council on 20/10/2025.

Proposal: The Executive Board proposes that the Representative Council approves the action plan (APPENDIX 8) for the year 2026.

Decision:

9. § Budget 2026, APPENDICES 9.1-9.2

Item: According to ISYY Rules, Section 31, the duties of the Executive Board are to: "10. prepare the budget, action plan, and financial statements for the Representative Council;" According to ISYY Rules, Section 18, the duties of the Representative Council are to: "6. accept the Student Union's action plan, budget, and, if necessary, the supplementary budgets, and confirm business budgets".
In accordance with Section 24a of ISYY Rules: "The particular duties of the Finance Committee are to: 1. issue recommendations, statements, and motions to the Student Union's bodies regarding financial activities (such as the budget, real estate, and investments)"

The Executive Board discussed the draft budget in its meeting on 9/10 and informed it to the Representative Council as a justification for the decision on membership fees. The Finance Committee discussed the draft budget in its meeting on 04/11/2025 and provided a statement (appendix 9.2).

The draft budget and the statement of the Finance Committee were discussed at the evening school of the Representative Council on 17/11/2025.

Proposal: The Executive Board proposes the Representative Council to approve the 2026 budget (APPENDIX 9.1).

Decision:

10. § ISYY Communications Strategy 2025-2028, APPENDIX 10

Item: On the basis of ISYY Strategy, a new Communications Strategy has been prepared for ISYY for 2025-2028. Kupla Social's Saara Närä has helped with the preparation of the Communications Strategy, which has been prepared by Saara Närä in cooperation with TYY Communications Specialist and the Executive Board Member for Communications. The cooperation with Kupla Social was decided in the meeting of the Executive Board 19/2025. The draft Communications Strategy has been available for comments from the Executive Board, the staff and the Representative Council.

Proposal: The Executive Board proposes the Representative Council to approve ISYY Communications Strategy (APPENDIX 10).

Decision:

11. § Election of the auditor

Item: According to section 57 of the Rules of the Student Union, "The Representative Council must elect an auditor and a deputy auditor for the Student Union. If the auditor is an audit firm, no deputy auditor need be elected. ---".

The Executive Board decided to tender the audit and offers were requested from two local audit communities, KPMG Oy Ab and Saimaa Audit Oy.

Proposal: The Executive Board proposes to the Representative Council that audit community Saimaa Audit Oy is elected as the auditor of the financial year 2025, with KHT Jere Niskanen as the main responsible auditor.

Decision:

12. § Establishing an open-ended position of a Physical Activity Counsellor

Item: Joensuu's SYKETTÄ university sports is developing its activities, and a position of a full-time Physical Activity Counsellor was piloted in 2025. On the basis of the experiences and feedback from the piloting, it is considered justified and necessary for improving the well-being of the students to make the position open-ended.

The costs incurred from the position are included in the budget of Joensuu's SYKETTÄ university sports, consisting of university funding and user fees.

According to section 44 of the Rules of ISYY: "*The positions of the Student Union's employees are created by the Representative Council. The Executive Board fills a position if the necessary funds have been allocated for it in the budget.*"

Proposal: The Executive Board proposes to the Representative Council to establish an open-ended position of a Physical Activity Counsellor.

Decision:

13. § Confirmation of the result of the Representative Council Elections, APPENDIX 13

Item: ISYY Representative Council Elections were held in the turn of October-November. The absentee voting period was 27-30/10/2025 and the official election date on 06/11/2025. The voter turnout was 20.72%, and 3 134 votes were cast. The number of people eligible to vote was 15 124.

According to the Election Regulations of the Student Union, the Representative Council shall confirm the result of the Representative Council Elections. The Central Election Committee published the result of the elections on the election night on 06/11/2025 at the official bulletin board of ISYY.

According to the Election Regulations of ISYY: "*Section 25 – Membership and deputy membership of the Representative Council: Thirty-nine (39) candidates who have received the largest comparative index, counted in accordance with subsection 2 of section 20 of the Election Regulations of ISYY, are declared as members of the Representative Council. All*

candidates of the Representative Council elections, who have been on a list of candidates or an electoral alliance, from which at least one member has been elected into the Representative Council, become Representative Council deputy members. The order of the Representative Council deputy members is defined so that the first deputy member of a list of candidates or an electoral alliance is the person who is the first one not elected into the Representative Council from their own list of candidates or an electoral alliance.” The result of the Representative Council Elections is in appendix 13.

The period for rectification requests is still ongoing, due to which the result of the elections can be approved as conditional and to state that the Central Election Committee provides a report to the Representative Council, if rectification requests are submitted. The period for rectification requests ends on 06/12/2025.

The Central Election Committee provides a report for the information of the Representative Council on the elections after the ends of the period for rectification requests.

Proposal: The Representative Council approves the result of the Representative Council Elections (appendix 13) as voidable. The election result can be considered confirmed after the end of the period for rectification requests, if no rectification request has been lodged for the election result.

Decision:

14. § Investments, APPENDICES 14.1-14.3 and 9.2

Item: ISYY has fund investments. The situation of the investments on 22/10/2025, appendix 14.1.

ISYY has liquid assets incurred from the surpluses of previous financial years, worth of approximately one million EUR. The funds are held at OP Kerrostuottotili account, the interest rate of which is 1.6% p.a.

According to ISYY Rules, Section 31, the duties of the Executive Board are to: “14. oversee the Student Union’s administration, finances, property, and financial management and supervise the work of financial personnel;”

According to section 7 of the Finances Regulation of ISYY: “The Representative Council shall exercise the highest decision-making authority of the Student Union and accept the budget and possible supplementary budgets. The Executive Board shall not essentially exceed expenditure items mentioned in the budget, unless urgency in accordance with section 4 is in question. ...”

According to ISYY Investment Strategy, the Representative Council makes the decisions on investments. The actual investment decisions are made by the Executive Board on the basis of the Investment Strategy after consulting the Finance Committee.

An investment proposal has been requested from ISYY’s Osuuspankki Treasurer in accordance with ISYY’s investment profile and Investment Strategy. ISYY’s current investment profile is moderate and responsible investing. The investment profile must

be updated with the bank before making an investment. The investment proposal of the Osuuspankki Treasurer is found in appendix 14.2.

Executive Board Member Lassi Valli has made an investment proposal, appendix 14.3.

The Finance Committee has provided a statement on the investment proposals, appendix 9.2.

Proposal: The Executive Board proposes to the Representative Council that ISYY's investment profile is updated as responsible and profit-seeking.
The Executive Board proposes to the Representative Council to make a one million EUR investment as follows:
EUR 600,000 is invested in OP-World index fund, diversifying the investment temporarily for 12 months.
EUR 400,000 is invested in OP-Europe index fund, diversifying the investment temporarily for 12 months.

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 Representative Council Ville-Pekka Timonen (Itä-Suomen Vihreä Vasemmisto) closes the meeting.

Ville-Pekka Timonen
Chairperson of the Representative Council

Hannele Mirola
Acting Secretary General