

AGENDA

Representative Council Meeting 1/2024

Date: 4 February 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Place: Spa Hotel Kunnonpaikka, Jokiharjuntie 3, 70910 Vuorela

In accordance with section 2, subsection 1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Representative Council, a Representative Council member who is unable to participate in a Representative Council meeting must invite a deputy member from the same electoral alliance to participate instead. Attendance of deputy members must be stated at the beginning of each meeting.

§1 Opening the meeting

Chairperson of the Representative Council Julia Lautala opens the meeting at

§2 Stating legitimacy and quorum

Matter: Section 11 of the Rules of the Student Union states: *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 boards.*

Section 12 of the Rules of the Student Union states: *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 has been delivered in accordance with section 11, subsection 2 of these Rules.*

The notice of meeting was published on 25 January 2024 on the Student Union's official bulletin board and sent to all Representative Council members via the mailing list.

Motion: The meeting is stated to have been legally convened and to have a quorum.

The composition of the Representative Council has changed as follows:

Ruska Itkonen (ISYYn vihreä vasemmisto) is a member of ISYY's Executive Board and cannot therefore act as a member of the Representative Council. Itkonen will be replaced by Anni Kivistö.

Eero Terävä (ISYYn vihreä vasemmisto) has registered as non-attending and is replaced in the Representative Council by Aada Kohonen.

Noora Saramäki (Keskeiset) is a member of ISYY's Executive Board and cannot therefore act as a member of the Representative Council. Saramäki will be replaced by Kristiina Oinonen.

Niklas Leinonen (Keskeiset) is an employee of ISYY and is therefore ineligible for the Representative Council for the duration of the employment contract.

Miika Hiltunen (Kylterit) is a member of ISYY's Executive Board and cannot therefore act as a deputy member in the Representative Council.

Emmi Vetikko (Kylterit) is a member of ISYY's Executive Board and cannot therefore act as a deputy member in the Representative Council.

Mirka Nieminen (Savilahden Sivistyneet) is a member of ISYY's Executive Board and cannot therefore act as a member of the Representative Council. Nieminen will be replaced by Jimi Viita-aho.

Jaana Sivula-Wesselhoft (Vihreä lista) is a member of ISYY's Executive Board and cannot therefore act as a deputy member in the Representative Council.

Jasmin Tuomi (Vihreä lista) is a member of ISYY's Executive Board and cannot therefore act as a deputy member in the Representative Council.

Decision:

§3 Electing examiners of the minutes and tellers

Matter: Section 19 of the Rules of the Student Union states: *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.*

Section 20 of the Rules of the Student Union states: *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.*

Motion: Two examiners of the minutes and four tellers are elected.

Decision:

§4 **Accepting the agenda as the rules of procedure**

Matter: Section 15 of the Rules of the Student Union states: *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.

Motion: The agenda is accepted as the rules of procedure of the meeting.

Decision:

§5 **Electing equality observers**

Matter: In its Action Plan for 2020, the Representative Council ruled that the Representative Council must appoint persons who monitor equality at its meetings. The equality observers monitor how speaking turns are distributed and the overall atmosphere of Representative Council meetings. The persons who monitor equality in Representative Council meetings are the Chairperson and other Representative Council members appointed at the meeting.

Motion: The Chairperson of the Representative Council acts as the equality observer in accordance with the Action Plan. Other possible equality observers are appointed.

Decision:

§6 **Notices**

Matter:

1. Report from the Executive Board

Section 31 of the Rules of the Student Union states that it is the duty of the Executive Board to 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. The Student Union's anniversary celebration will be held in Joensuu on 15 March 2024.
3. The guide for Representative Council members has been updated and will be uploaded to ISYY's document bank.
4. The University's sports afternoon event will be on Shrove Tuesday, 13 February.

Motion: The informational items are noted down.

Decision:

§7 Appointing members to the environmental working group

Matter: In its meeting 3/2024, ISYY's Executive Board decided to establish an environmental working group to prepare for the update of the Environment Programme during 2024 and propose a new Environment Programme to the Executive Board.

The following board members were appointed to the working group: Julia Tenhunen, Ruska Itkonen and Jasmin Tuomi.

The chairperson of the working group is Julia Tenhunen.

The Executive Board decided that it can add members to the working group by appointing up to three Representative Council members and up to one ISYY employee to the working group.

Motion: The Representative Council can nominate members to the working group.

Decision:

§8 Appointing members to the Rules Committee for the term 2024–2025

Matter: Section 24 of the Rules of the Student Union states: *The Representative Council elects the Rules Committee from among 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.*

Motion: We will appoint a minimum of six (6) and a maximum of eight (8) members, and, if necessary, a maximum of four (4) deputy members to the Rules Committee from among the members and deputy members of the Representative Council.

The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Rules Committee will be elected from among the members of the Rules Committee.

Decision:

§9 Appointing members to the Finance Committee for the term 2024–2025

Matter: Section 24a of the Rules of the Student Union states that the Student Union has a Finance Committee for handling special financial matters. At the beginning of its term of office, the Representative Council appoints at least four (4) and up to six (6) members of the Student Union and up to four (4) deputy members to the Finance 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 appoints the Chairperson of the Finance Committee from among the members of the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee elects the Vice Chairperson from among its members. The members of the Finance Committee must be familiar with and interested in financial matters.

Motion: We will elect a minimum of four (4) and a maximum of six (6) members and a maximum of four (4) deputy members to the Finance Committee.

The Chairperson of the Finance Committee will be elected from among the members of the Finance Committee.

Decision:

§10 Establishing other committees deemed necessary by the Representative Council

Matter: Section 25 of the Rules of the Student Union states: *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.*

Motion: The Representative Council will make a decision on setting up any necessary committees and determine their duties, scope, and members.

Decision:

§11 Amendments to the 2024 Action Plan

Matter: Representative Council meeting 7/2023 approved ISYY's 2024 Action Plan, which had an error under the section on communication. The document approved by the Representative Council included, erroneously, copied passages from the 2022 Action Plan, and was missing the measures and actions planned for the following year.

Motion: The following motion is made to the Representative Council: The passages under the subheading Viestintä/Communication should be erased entirely and replaced with the following:

- Päivitetään ISYYn visuaalinen ilme. Päivitetään uusitun visuaalisen ilmeen pohjalta graafinen ohjeistus. / Updating ISYY's visual brand. Updating the visual style guide in line with the new visual brand.
- Luodaan ISYYlle kriisiviestintäsuunnitelma. / Creating a crisis communication plan for ISYY.
- Järjestetään ainejärjestötoimijoiden kanssa kuvauspäivät molemmilla kampuksilla. / Organising photography sessions with subject associations on both campuses.
- Järjestetään uusien opiskelijoiden lukuvuoden alkuun fuksibingo, jonka myötä opiskelijat tutustuvat yliopistoelämään ja identifioituvat ISYYläisiksi. / Organising a first year students' bingo event at the beginning of the academic year to help students become familiar with university life and identify as ISYY members.

Decision:

§12 Remuneration paid to the chairpersons of the Representative Council in 2024

Matter: In the past, the chairpersons of the Representative Council of the Student Union have received remuneration. Section 51 of the Rules of the Student Union states: *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.*

The Chairperson of the Representative Council is disqualified from submitting a motion on the matter due to their position.

Motion: In its meeting 1/2024, the Executive Board proposed that the Chairperson be paid EUR 1,000 per annum for performing their duties, and that both Vice Chairpersons be paid EUR 500 per annum each for performing their duties.

Let it be stated that the Chairperson and Vice Chairpersons of the Representative Council are disqualified from participating in the consideration of this matter.

We will elect a temporary chairperson for the Representative Council for the duration of the consideration of the matter.

Decision:

§13 Proposal by the Rules Committee

Matter: In its meeting 16/2023, ISYY's Executive Board asked the Rules Committee to draft an amendment to the rules regarding the election of ISYY's Executive Board. Below is the Executive Board's request:

'The Rules Committee should look into the possibility of promoting transparency in the board election process and discuss an amendment which could, for instance, enable the election of the person responsible for forming the board and the rest of the board members in separate Representative Council meetings, which is what some other student unions do, and which might make the board appointment process clearer overall. Emphasising the role of the Chairperson of the Representative Council in the board appointment process could also be discussed. The Rules Committee should discuss whether the task of initiating board negotiations could be assigned to, for example, the Chairperson of the Representative Council before the person responsible for forming the board has been elected.'

The Rules Committee discussed the matter of changing the board election procedure in its meeting 2/2023. The Rules Committee decided to refer the matter to the Representative Council for a preliminary debate.

In its meeting 6/2023, the Representative Council had a preliminary debate about the need to change the board election procedure. The Representative Council decided to authorise the Rules Committee to make changes to the board election procedure based on the debate.

The Rules Committee discussed the matter of changing the board election procedure in its meeting 3/2023 and decided to propose that the Representative Council of 2024–2025 have a preliminary debate between at least two of the following board election procedures:

1. The current election procedure, in which the Representative Council elects the person responsible for forming the board and approves/rejects this person's proposal.
2. The list system, which would allow any Representative Council member to nominate persons as members of the Executive Board. In the event of more than one list of board nominees, the Representative Council would hold a vote between all the proposed lists.
3. Other board election method brought up at the meeting of the Representative Council.

Motion: We will have a preliminary debate about ISYY's board election procedure and notify the Rules Committee of this debate.

We will hold a test vote on different board election procedures and notify the Rules Committee of the results of the vote.

Decision:

§14 Other business

Matter: Section 16 of the Rules of the Student Union states: *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.*

Motion: Any other business is discussed.

Decision:

§15 Closing the meeting

The Chairperson closed the meeting at

Julia Lautala

Chairperson of the Representative Council

Secretary of the meeting