

AGENDA

Representative Council Meeting 2/2024

Time: 11 April 2024 at 5 p.m.

Place: Joensuu: AU205
Kuopio: SN201

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.

Welcome!

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§1 Opening the meeting

Chairperson of the Representative Council Julia Lautala (ISYYn Demariopiskelijat) opens the meeting.

§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 4 April 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.

Decision:

§3 Changes to the composition of the Representative Council

Matter: No changes to the composition of the Representative Council.

Motion: The item is noted down for information.

Decision:

§4 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.

Persons nominated as examiners of the minutes:

1. Gunnar, Janina (DeeKu)
2. Vanhanen, Helmi (Vihreä lista)

Persons nominated as tellers:

1. Zacheus, Teemu (DeeKu)
2. Kokkonen, Hermanni (Kylterit)
3. Kangaskolkka, Emilia (ISYYn Demariopiskelijat)
4. Kuivalainen, Maija (Itä-Suomen Vihreä Vasemmisto)

Decision:



§5 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:

§6 Electing observers to monitor equality

Matter: In its Action Plan for 2021, the Representative Council ruled that there must be persons who monitor equality present during the Representative Council's meetings.

Motion: The following persons are nominated as equality observers: Minerva Leinonen (ISYYn Demariopiskelijat) and Eetu Hyvönen (Kylterit).

Decision:

§7 Notices

Matter:

1. Local pay settlement passed
2. Events and important dates
3. News from the offices
4. Executive Board's report

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.



Motion: The informational items are noted down.

Decision:

§8 ISYY's annual report 2023, appendix 8

Matter: ISYY's annual report for the financial year 1/1/2023–31/12/2023 is in appendix 8. In accordance with section 31 of the Rules of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland, 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'.

Motion: The Executive Board presents the annual report for the financial year 1/1/2023–31/12/2023 to the Representative Council. The Representative Council takes note of the annual report. See appendix 8.

Decision:

§9 Approving the Student Union's financial statements for the financial year 1/1/2023–31/12/2023, appendix 9

Matter: The 2023 financial statements of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland are ready. According to section 31, subsection 10 of the Rules of the Student Union, it is the Executive Board's duty to 'prepare the budget, action plan, and financial statements for the Representative Council'. See appendix 8 for the financial statements.

Motion: The Executive Board presents the financial statements for the period 1/1/2023–31/12/2023 to the Representative Council for approval.

Decision:

§10 Auditor's report and granting discharge from liability for the accounts, appendix 10

Matter: According to section 18, subsection 9 of the Rules of the Student Union, it is the duty of the Representative Council to 'decide on approving the Student Union's financial statements and granting discharge from liability for the accounts'. Provided that the



Representative Council approves the financial statements, the financial statements can be declared audited and approved. See appendix 10 for the auditor's report.

Motion: Decision on granting discharge from liability for the accounts for the period 1/1/2023–31/12/2023.

Decision:

§11 ISYY's resignation from ESN Finland

Matter: ISYY is a member of ESN Finland and pays their annual membership fee, even though the actual local chapter organising the activities is ISYY's international club Joensuu's Exchange and International Students (JEIS). ESN International terminated the club's membership of ESN International in December 2023 due to a rule violation. Because of rule differences between the two umbrella organisations, the club is currently facing an unusual situation as it is only a member of one of the umbrella organisations (ESN Finland). This situation has become a major hindrance to the club's work as the club has been prohibited from selling overalls and ESN cards to its members. Even though ISYY still pays the full ESN Finland membership fee, the membership benefits and services have become significantly poorer after being expelled from ESN International. This, in turn, has significantly diminished the international services and benefits to which students have had access through the club.

The club's current board agrees that leaving ESN Finland would serve the interests of both the club and international students. Leaving ESN Finland will not have a substantial effect on the club's core activities or the club's ability to provide services for ISYY's international students. Moreover, having only one organisation to operate under will make the club's work significantly less complicated. In the future, ISYY can sign cooperation agreements with the service providers to ensure the club's ability to continue providing the services it currently provides.

Motion: The Executive Board proposes to the Representative Council that ISYY resign from ESN Finland.

Decision:



§12 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:

§13 Closing the meeting

Chairperson of the Representative Council Julia Lautala (ISYYn Demariopiskelijat) closes the meeting.

Julia Lautala
Chairperson of the Representative Council

Helena Kansanen
Secretary General