

## AGENDA

### Representative Council Meeting 4/2024

**Time:** 26 September 2024 at 5 p.m.

**Place:** Joensuu: AU100  
Kuopio: SN 200

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 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 19 September 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:** Fabio:

Vaaranmäki, Aino (deputy member): graduated

Itä-Suomen Vihreä Vasemmisto:

Terävä, Eero (absent): still absent

Keskeiset:

Yusuf, Abdulgafar: not enrolled. Will be replaced by Koskelo, Marko

Imran, Md Al (deputy member): absent

Ikott, Precious (deputy member): not enrolled

Hossain, Mohammad (deputy member): graduated

Kylterit:

Kokkonen, Jonne-Hermann: graduated. Will be replaced by Komulainen, Tatu

Savilahden sivistyneet:

Heikkinen, Simo (deputy member): graduated

Vihreä lista:

Pelkonen, Matias (deputy member): graduated

Rules Committee members:

Yusuf, Abdulgafar: not enrolled

One new member can be elected to the Rules Committee.

**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. Mäkelä, Ilmari (Kylterit)
2. Timonen, Ville-Pekka (Itä-Suomen Vihreä Vasemmisto)

Persons nominated as tellers:

1. Kuosmanen, Aino (Fabio), Kuopio
2. Honkakoski, Samu (Savilahden Sivistyneet), Kuopio
3. Lahtinen, Matilda (Vihreä lista), Joensuu
4. Haverinen, Akseli (Opiskelevat kokoomuslaiset), Joensuu

**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 2024, the Representative Council ruled that there must be persons who monitor equality present during the Representative Council's meetings.

**Motion:** The persons nominated as equality observers are Jimi Viita-aho (Savilahden Sivistyneet) and Kangaskolkka Emilia (ISYYn Demariopiskelijat).

**Decision:**

**§7 Notices**

**Matter:**

1. Events and important dates
2. Changes to autumn meeting schedules
3. News from the offices
4. News from committees
5. 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 8-month financial review, appendix 8**

**Matter:** ISYY's accounts for the past 8 months are ready. The Secretary General goes over the outturn of the past 8 months.

**Motion:** The financial review is noted down for information.

**Decision:**

## §9 Creating a permanent position for the Community Coordinator, appendix 9

**Matter:** ISYY's SILLAT/BRIDGES project ended at the end of 2023. It was considered important to continue organising the beneficial and community-promoting BRIDGES project events, so ISYY decided to hire a community coordinator on a one-year fixed-term contract. The community coordinator was to continue the BRIDGES events that were considered good and take charge of ISYY's traditional events and the planning of new recreational events. During the first year (2024), the plan was to assess whether the concept worked and whether the community coordinator's position should be made permanent.

The community coordinator's role has proven necessary for increasing the sense of community among students and for promoting students' integration into the student community. The community coordinator also makes ISYY better known to students and brings continuity to ISYY's traditional and new events.

The community coordinator has also helped balance ISYY's staff shortage and the workload of employees.

Section 44 of the Rules of the Student Union states: *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.*

**Motion:** The Executive Board proposes to the Representative Council that a permanent community coordinator position be established.

Jaana Sivula expressed a dissenting opinion on establishing the community coordinator's position.

**Decision:**

## §10 SYL's General Assembly documents, appendix 10

**Matter:** The National Union of University Students in Finland (SYL), whose member ISYY is, is taking comments from its members before the publication of the General Assembly documents. During this round of comments, student unions that are members of the SYL can submit proposals for the 2025 action plan or suggest amendments to the current action plan. Student unions can also submit motions about things that the Board of SYL should take into account when drafting the General Assembly documents.

ISYY's Representative Council, Executive Board, and personnel have had the chance to comment on the General Assembly documents.

In its meeting on 17 September 2024, the Executive Board decided to present its comments to the Representative Council (see appendix 9).

**Motion:** Comments on the SYL's General Assembly documents are noted down for information.

**Decision:**

**§11 Proposal to the Representative Council regarding the selection of delegates to the SYL's General Assembly, appendix 11**

**Matter:** The SYL's General Assembly is held annually. In 2024, ISYY is entitled to 15 delegates on the basis of the number of members it has. ISYY may also appoint up to 15 deputy delegates. The number of delegates for 2025 has not yet been confirmed.

A General Assembly training session will be held remotely on 6 November from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. The training session will go over the schedule, practical matters, and rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

General Assembly in Otaniemi, Espoo, on 15–16 November. Departure possibly on 14 November.

**Motion:** The Executive Board proposes that the Representative Council approve the distribution of delegate seats in the General Assemblies of 2024 and 2025 in accordance with appendix 11.

The Executive Board proposes to the Representative Council that council groups should nominate their representatives for the 2024 General Assembly by 22 October 2024. If council groups do not nominate their representatives, the remaining representatives can be appointed by the Executive Board.

The Executive Board proposes to the Representative Council that council groups should nominate their representatives for the 2025 General Assembly by 30 September 2025. If council groups do not nominate their representatives, the remaining representatives can be appointed by the Executive Board.

**Decision:**

**§12 Nominating ISYY's candidate for the Board of the National Union of University Students in Finland (SYL) for 2025**

**Matter:** ISYY's Executive Board can submit a motion to the Representative Council to nominate ISYY's candidate for the Board of the National Union of University Students in Finland (SYL). The last chance to nominate a candidate is at the Representative Council meeting on 26 September 2024. The Board of SYL will be elected during the General Assembly on 15–16 November 2024.

**Motion:** The Executive Board proposes that the Representative Council nominate ISYY's candidate for the Board of the SYL.

**Decision:**

### §13 Rules Committee's motion on updating the regulations on emblems and awards

**Matter:** ISYY's Executive Board has asked the Rules Committee to draft an amendment to the regulations on emblems and awards. The Executive Board considers that the regulations should be updated, and outdated references, such as campus committees and sections, should be deleted.

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#### **5c § Ylioppilaskunnan kunniakirja**

*Ylioppilaskunnan kunniakirja voidaan myöntää henkilölle, joka on toiminnallaan ainejärjestössä, kampusjärjestössä, kerhossa tai muussa ylioppilaskunnan kanssa läheistä yhteistyötä tekevässä tahossa edistänyt ylioppilaskunnan näkyvyyttä, poikkitieteellistä yhteistyötä tai muuten tehnyt esimerkillistä edunvalvontatyötä ylioppilaskunnan jäsenten hyväksi.*

*Ylioppilaskunnan kunniakirjan myöntämisestä päättää ylioppilaskunnan hallitus, kampusvaliokunnan tai järjestöjaoston puheenjohtajaneuvoston tai kerhon johtokunnan esityksestä. Järjestöjaosto tai kampusvaliokunta Puheenjohtajaneuvosto tai kerhon johtokunta ei voi esittää kunniakirjaa omalle jäsenelleen.*

#### **§5c Student Union's honorary diploma**

*The Student Union's honorary diploma can be awarded to a person who has promoted the Student Union's visibility or cross-disciplinary cooperation or who has otherwise done exemplary work to promote the interests of the Student Union's members by working in a student association, campus association, club, or other organisation cooperating closely with the Student Union.*

*Decisions to award the Student Union's honorary diploma are made by the Student Union's Executive Board based on a proposal from a campus committee or a section for student organisations the Council for Chairpersons or a club board. A campus committee or section for student organisations The Council for Chairpersons and club boards may not nominate their own members for the Student Union's honorary diploma.*

*The Student Union's honorary diploma is awarded together with the Student Union sash.*

**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

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

**Julia Lautala**  
Chairperson of the Representative Council

**Helena Kansanen**  
Secretary General