

Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland

Representative Council Meeting 7/2024

Agenda 27 Nov. 2024

## AGENDA

Representative Council Meeting 7/2024

**Time:** 4 December 2024 at 5 p.m.

**Place:** Joensuu: M100  
Kuopio: SN200

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!

## AGENDA

### §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 27 November 2024 on the Student Union's official bulletin board and sent to all Representative Council members on the mailing list.

**Motion:** The meeting has been legally convened and there is a quorum.

**Decision:**

### §3 Changes to the composition of the Representative Council

**Matter:**

**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. Kristiina Oinonen (Keskeiset)
2. Taija Miettinen (Itä-Suomen Vihreä Vasemmisto)

Persons nominated as tellers:

1. Akseli Haverinen (Opiskelevat kokoomuslaiset) – Joensuu
2. Leo White (Kylterit) – Joensuu
3. Samu Honkakoski (Savilahden sivistyneet) – Kuopio
4. Shadi Fahandezh (DeeKu) – Kuopio

**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 Representative Council meetings must have persons who monitor equality.

**Motion:** The persons nominated as equality observers are Jimi Viita-aho (Savilahden Sivistyneet) and Ville-Pekka Timonen (Itä-Suomen Vihreä Vasemmisto).

**Decision:**

## **§7 Notices**

**Matter:**

1. Events
2. News from the offices
3. News from committees
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 recorded.

**Decision:**

## **§8 ISYY's Strategy for 2025–2028 Appendix 8**

**Matter:** In meeting 5/2024, ISYY's Executive Board decided to establish a strategy team to prepare for updating the next three-year strategy in 2024 and to propose a new strategy to the Executive Board. The strategy team has drafted the next three-year strategy, and the Executive Board and staff had the chance to comment on it between 30 September and 14 October 2024. The strategy team made the necessary changes after receiving the comments.

**Motion:** The Executive Board presents ISYY's Strategy for 2025–2028 to the Representative Council for approval.

**Decision:**

**§9 Decision on the entry into force of the Representative Council's decision on §12 'Rules Committee's motion to amend the rules regarding council groups' in council meeting 6/2024**

**Matter:** In council meeting 6/2024, item 12, the Representative Council decided to amend the Student Union's Rules and Election Regulations regarding council groups.

Amending the rules in the middle of the Representative Council term has been brought into question.

**Motion:** The Chairperson of the Representative Council proposes that the rule amendments approved in council meeting 6/2024, item 12, enter into force on 1 January 2026 if the Rector confirms them.

**Decision:**

**§10 Electing the Central Election Committee**

**Matter:** Section 18 of the Rules of the Student Union states that it is the Representative Council's duty 11) to elect the Student Union's Central Election Committee (KVL) and its chairpersons in accordance with the Election Regulations. According to section 1 of the Election Regulations, *The Representative Council Elections of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland (ISYY) are prepared and supervised by the Central Election Committee (KVL), which consists of at least six (6) and at the most eight (8) ordinary members and at the most four (4) deputy members in order.* Section 2 of the Election Regulation states: *The Representative Council elects the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson of the KVL from amongst the members of the KVL.*

In meeting 6/2024, the Representative Council decided to elect six ordinary members to the Central Election Committee. It was decided that deputy members would be elected in council meeting 7/2024.

**Motion:** The meeting elects the deputy members of the Central Election Committee.

**Decision:**

## §11 Electing the person responsible for forming the board

**Matter:** Section 18 of the Rules of the Student Union states that it is the duty of the Representative Council to elect the person who forms the Executive Board.

*Section 27 of ISYY's Rules states: The Representative Council elects the person responsible for forming the Executive Board in the constitutive meeting held before the beginning of its term of office in accordance with section 11, subsection 1, paragraph 1 of the Rules, as well as in the last meeting of its first operating year or in a meeting in which the Executive Board receives a motion of no confidence from the Representative Council in accordance with section 22 of the Rules.*

*A member of the Student Union who is eligible for membership in the Executive Board is also eligible for the role of the person responsible for forming the Executive Board. If there is only one candidate for the role of the person responsible for forming the Executive Board, that person will be considered elected to the role. If there is more than one candidate, the person responsible for forming the Executive Board will be elected by a closed ballot.*

*In case none of the candidates receives more than half of the votes cast in the first round of votes, a second ballot will be held between the two candidates who received the most votes. The person who gets the majority of the votes on the second ballot will be elected. In the event of a tie, the matter will be resolved by lot.*

**Motion:** The meeting elects the person responsible for forming the Executive Board.

**Decision:**

## §12 Proposal for the composition of the 2025 Executive Board by the person responsible for forming the board

**Matter:** According to section 18, subsection 3 of the Rules of the Student Union, it is the Representative Council's duty to elect the Chairperson and Vice Chairpersons of the Executive Board and the rest of the Executive Board members based on a proposal from the person responsible for forming the Executive Board.

Section 26 of the Rules of the Student Union states that the Executive Board of the Student Union has a Chairperson and two Vice Chairpersons, representing both campuses, and at least four (4) and up to eight (8) board members. The Executive Board is elected for one calendar year. A Representative Council member elected to the Executive Board will be ineligible for the Representative Council during their time in the Executive Board.

Section 28 of the Rules of the Student Union states: *Once the Representative Council has elected the person responsible for forming the Executive Board, this person must make a proposal on the chairpersons of the Executive Board and the number and names of the Executive Board members in the same meeting. If the Representative Council accepts this*

*proposal, the persons nominated by the person in charge of forming the board will be elected as the Chairperson, Vice Chairpersons, and members of the Executive Board. If the Representative Council does not accept the proposal of the person in charge of forming the board, another vote to elect the person in charge of forming the board will be organised in accordance with section 28. The same person may be elected again as the person in charge of forming the board. The procedure is continued until the Executive Board has been appointed. The Chairperson and the Vice Chairpersons of the Executive Board will act as the chairpersons of the Campus Boards, which are appointed in the constitutive meeting of the Executive Board, each on one campus.*

**Motion:** The meeting elects the Chairperson, Vice Chairpersons, and other members of the Student Union's Executive Board for 2025.

**Decision:**

### **§13 Electing the Chairperson of the Representative Council for 2025**

**Matter:** Section 18 of the Rules of the Student Union states that it is the duty of the Representative Council to elect the Chairperson and Vice Chairpersons of the Representative Council.

*Section 13 of the Rules of the Student Union states: The Representative Council elects the Chairperson and the first and second Vice Chairpersons of the Representative Council from amongst its members in the constitutive meeting. The oldest ordinary member of the Representative Council will preside over the Representative Council until the Chairperson is elected. The Chairperson and Vice Chairpersons are elected for one calendar year. The Chairperson of the Representative Council is referred to as the Chairperson of the Student Union.*

Subsection 3 of section 13 of the Rules of the Student Union states that notwithstanding the provisions on relieving Representative Council members from their duties on the grounds of membership in the Executive Board, a member of the outgoing Executive Board may be elected as one of the Chairpersons of the Representative Council for the following year.

**Motion:** The meeting elects the Chairperson of the Representative Council for 2025.

**Decision:**

### **§14 Electing the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson of the Representative Council for 2025**

**Matter:** Section 18 of the Rules of the Student Union states that it is the duty of the Representative Council to elect the Chairperson and Vice Chairpersons of the Representative Council.

*Section 13 of the Rules of the Student Union states: The Representative Council elects the Chairperson and the first and second Vice Chairpersons of the Representative Council from*

*amongst its members in the constitutive meeting. The oldest ordinary member of the Representative Council will preside over the Representative Council until the Chairperson is elected. The Chairperson and Vice Chairpersons are elected for one calendar year. The Chairperson of the Representative Council is referred to as the Chairperson of the Student Union.*

Subsection 3 of section 13 of the Rules of the Student Union states that notwithstanding the provisions on relieving Representative Council members from their duties on the grounds of membership in the Executive Board, a member of the outgoing Executive Board may be elected as one of the Chairpersons of the Representative Council for the following year.

**Motion:** The meeting elects the first Vice Chairperson of the Representative Council for 2025.

**Decision:**

#### **§15 Electing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson of the Representative Council for 2025**

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Subsection 3 of section 13 of the Rules of the Student Union states that notwithstanding the provisions on relieving Representative Council members from their duties on the grounds of membership in the Executive Board, a member of the outgoing Executive Board may be elected as one of the Chairpersons of the Representative Council for the following year.

**Motion:** The meeting elects the second Vice Chairperson of the Representative Council for 2025.

**Decision:**

#### **§16 Electing the chairpersons of the Councils for Chairpersons for 2025**

**Matter:** Section 40 of the Rules of the Student Union states: *All campuses on which the Student Union operates have a Council for Chairpersons. The members of a Council for Chairpersons are the chairpersons of all the student associations on that campus, and their deputy members are representatives appointed by the student associations. If no deputy member*

*has been appointed, the vice chairperson of the student association will act as the deputy member. Members of the Student Union's Executive Board and the Chairpersons of the Representative Council have the right to attend and speak in the meetings of the Council for Chairpersons.*

*The Council for Chairpersons is chaired by a person appointed by the Representative Council based on a proposal from the Council for Chairpersons. The Council for Chairpersons must submit their proposal no later than in November of the previous calendar year. The Council for Chairpersons elects a vice chairperson from among its members.*

**Motion:** The Councils for Chairpersons will nominate chairpersons for the Councils for Chairpersons for 2025. The nominations must be presented at the Representative Council meeting at the latest.

**Decision:**

#### **§17 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:**

#### **§18 Closing the meeting**

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

**Julia Lautala**  
Chairperson of the Representative Council

**Helena Kansanen**  
Secretary General