

AGENDA

Representative Council Meeting 3/2023

Time: 11 May 2023 at 5 p.m.

Place: Joensuu: AU100
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 Jimi Viita-aho (Savilahden Sivistyneet) 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 board.*

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 was delivered in accordance with section 11, subsection 2 of these Rules.*

The notice of meeting was published on 4 May 2023 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: There are 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:

Maija Kuivalainen (Itä-Suomen Vihreä Vasemmisto) and Julia Tenhunen (Savilahden Sivistyneet)

Persons nominated as tellers:

Martti Paldanius (Opiskelevat kokoomuslaiset) and Nico Virtanen (FaBio)

Alma Laukkanen (Vihreä lista) and Tomi Saviluoto (Kylterit)

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: Miika Hiltunen (Kylterit) and Helmi Vanhanen (Vihreä Lista) are nominated as equality observers.

Decision:

§7 Notices

Matter:

1. Events and important dates
2. Autumn meeting schedule
3. News from the offices
4. News from committees
5. Electing the applicant for the SYL Board
6. 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.

Motion: The informational items are noted down for information.

Decision:

§8 ISYY's quarterly financial review, appendices 8.1-8.3

Matter: ISYY's quarterly accounts are ready. The Secretary General talks about the budgetary outcome of the quarter.

Motion: The Executive Board notifies the Representative Council of the quarterly financial review.

Decision:

§9 Report by the Savilahti Working Group, appendices 9.1-9.2

Matter: The Savilahti Working Group in Kuopio has prepared a summary with user comments and a report on the current situation of facilities and the future needs for facilities in Kuopio.

Motion: The Executive Board presents the report on the current situation and future needs for facilities in Kuopio to the Representative Council.

Decision:



§10 Facility needs assessment in Joensuu

Matter: With the Joensuu facility needs assessment complete, the Executive Board has decided to continue looking into other options for facilities in Joensuu in addition to the Sepänkatu 33 property.

Motion: The Executive Board proposes that the Representative Council decide whether to proceed with the plan to acquire the office premises located on Sepänkatu 33.

Decision:

§11 Inspecting the condition of the office premises on Sepänkatu 33

Matter: The agenda for Representative Council meeting 1–2023 included a motion on a facility condition assessment, but the matter was not discussed then as it was decided that a facility needs assessment would be carried out first. Once the facility needs assessment is complete and discussed, a decision should be made on carrying out a facility condition assessment. (This item will be discussed if a decision is made to proceed with the plan to acquire Sepänkatu 33.)

Motion: The Executive Board proposes to the Representative Council that a facility condition assessment be conducted for the premises in question and that the Representative Council approve the allocation of up to EUR 2,000 for this purpose.

Decision:

§12 Foundation of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland, appendix 12

Matter: The decision regarding the foundation will be postponed until autumn to ensure that all necessary documents are available to the Representative Council comprehensively enough and transparently.

Motion: The Executive Board informs the Representative Council of the current status of the preparation process of the foundation.

Decision:

§13 Preliminary debate about the SYL's General Assembly documents

Matter: The National Union of University Students in Finland (SYL), whose member ISYY is, has launched a round of motions before the publication of the General Assembly documents. During this round of motions, student unions that are members of the SYL can submit proposals for the 2023 action plan or amend the current action plan. Student unions can also submit motions to inform the Board of SYL about things that should be taken into account in the drafting of the General Assembly documents.

Motion: The Executive Board proposes that the Representative Council have a preliminary debate about the possibility of submitting a motion regarding the 2023 General Assembly documents during the round of motions, and, if the Representative Council deems it



necessary, authorise the Executive Board to put forward a motion on a subject/subjects which it finds important regarding the 2023 General Assembly documents.

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 Electing a student member to the Board of the University – Preliminary debate

Matter: Section 46 of the Universities Act (558/2009) states that the duties of a student union include nominating student representatives to the administrative bodies of the university referred to in chapter 3 of said Act. In the University of Eastern Finland, these administrative bodies are the Board of the University, the University Collegiate Body, and the Faculty Councils.

The term of office of the current student representatives in the above-mentioned administrative bodies will end on 31 December 2023. The term of office of the next student representatives will begin on 1 January 2024 and end on 31 December 2025. ISYY must nominate 2 student representatives to the Board, 8+8 to the University Collegiate Body, and 5+5 to the Faculty Councils.

Since the student members of the Board of the University exercise considerable financial and administrative steering power over the University, it is reasonable to use a more extensive and parliamentary preparatory process in the election of student members. Section 18 of ISYY's Rules states that it is the duty of the Representative Council to nominate student representatives to the Board of the University and fill any vacant seats based on a proposal from the Student Union's Executive Board.

Section 22 of the Universities Act states that the University Collegiate Body must confirm the election of the board members nominated by the university community. Given that the autumn schedule of the University Collegiate Body is not yet known, we must wait until the University Collegiate Body announces its meeting schedule for autumn 2023 to be able to confirm the election schedule.

Motion: The Executive Board proposes that the Representative Council hold a preliminary debate about the election of student members to the Board of the University and the election



process and criteria. If it so wishes, the Representative Council will appoint 1 or 2 members to the preparatory working group. A person who has been elected to this working group may not apply for the Board of the University under the Rules of the Student Union.

Decision:

§16 Closing the meeting

Chairperson of the Representative Council Jimi Viita-aho (Savilahden Sivistyneet) closes the meeting.

Jimi Viita-aho
Chairperson of the Representative Council

Helena Kansanen
Secretary General