

AGENDA

Representative Council Meeting 4/2023

Time: 21 September 2023 at 5 p.m.

Place: Joensuu: M101
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 14 September 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: Saija Kalliomäki (Savilahden Sivistyneet) has announced that she will resign from the Representative Council due to graduation. Kalliomäki will be replaced by Ville Miettinen (Savilahden Sivistyneet).

Riku Kiviluoto (Savilahden Sivistyneet) has announced that he will resign from the Representative Council due to graduation.

Jimi Virkkala (FaBio) has announced that he will resign from the Representative Council due to graduation.

Carita Korhonen (Opiskelevat kokoomuslaiset) has announced that she will resign from the Representative Council due to graduation. Korhonen will be replaced by Sini Juuti (Opiskelevat kokoomuslaiset).

Laura Kangasoja (Opiskelevat kokoomuslaiset) has announced her resignation from 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 Ville Miettinen (Savilahden Sivistyneet)

Tuomas Karikorpi (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 schedules
3. News from the offices
4. News from committees
5. In accordance with decision 1/2023, item 14 of the Representative Council, council groups must give the names of the persons who will be attending the General Assembly on 17–18 November by 30 September (see appendix 7.5).
6. The decision regarding the foundation will be postponed until Representative Council meeting 5-2023 to ensure that all necessary documentation is available to the Representative Council comprehensively enough and transparently and that the facility situation has been clarified in accordance with the original plan.
7. The Executive Board has been preparing the budget and action plan for 2024.
8. The Executive Board has made a statement on the General Assembly documents.
9. Report from the Executive Board



In accordance with section 31 of the Rules of the Student Union, it is the duty of the Executive Board to give the Representative Council a report regarding its activities during the time between meetings of the Representative Council and annually a report regarding the activities of the Student Union.

Motion: The informational items are noted down.

Decision:

§8 Purchasing shares in Asunto Oy Joensuun Sepänmökki, appendix 8

Matter: The Chairperson of the Executive Board and the Secretary General have negotiated the purchase of shares no. 679–978 in Asunto Oy Joensuun Sepänmökki. After a negotiation with the shareholder, the seller is willing to sell the shares for EUR 230,000. It is part of the agreement that the property to which the shares are linked will undergo a condition inspection (see appendix), conducted at the seller's expense by a company selected by ISYY.

Motion: The Executive Board proposes the following to the Representative Council:

1. ISYY will buy the shares no. 679–978 in Asunto Oy Joensuun Sepänmökki, which will confer the right to the possession of the office premises located at Sepänkatu 33a. The Representative Council will authorise the Executive Board to purchase these shares for EUR 230,000.
2. Once the office premises are in ISYY's possession, ISYY's office, customer service, club facilities, and other functions will move to these premises.
3. The Representative Council will authorise ISYY's Executive Board to terminate the lease on the office premises in the Haltia building with the University of Eastern Finland.
4. The Representative Council will authorise the Executive Board to spend no more than EUR 3,000 on moving the current office to the new location.
5. The Representative Council will authorise the Executive Board to spend no more than EUR 5,000 on the renovation of the new office. We will need to install one partition wall and door, rekey all locks, and install a couple of new locks.
6. The Representative Council will authorise the Executive Board to spend no more than EUR 5,000 on furniture for the new office.

Decision:

§9 Motion to amend the Rules of the Student Union – Committee memberships

First discussion

Matter: In its meeting 16/2023, ISYY's Executive Board asked the Rules Committee to draft an amendment to the rules regarding committee membership so that Executive Board



members could no longer be members of a committee and that the criteria would be symmetrical with respect to the Rules Committee.

Section 24, subsection 1 of the Rules of the Student Union regarding membership in the Rules Committee:

Edustajisto valitsee jäsentensä keskuudesta sääntövaliokunnan. Sääntövaliokuntaan tulee valita edustajia mahdollisimman monesta edustajistoryhmästä. Valiokuntaan valitaan vähintään kuusi (6) ja enintään kahdeksan (8) jäsentä sekä tarvittaessa enintään neljä (4) varajäsentä järjestyksessä. Edustajisto valitsee valiokunnan puheenjohtajan ja varapuheenjohtajan valiokunnan jäsenten keskuudesta. Sääntövaliokunta voi kutsua kuultavaksi asiantuntijoita.

The Representative Council elects the Rules Committee from amongst 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.

Section 24a, subsection 1 of the Rules of the Student Union regarding membership in the Finance Committee:

Talouden erityiskysymyksiä ylioppilaskunnassa valmistelee talousvaliokunta. Edustajisto nimittää toimikautensa alussa valiokuntaan vähintään neljä (4) ja enintään kuusi (6) ylioppilaskunnan jäsentä sekä enintään neljä (4) varajäsentä. Lisäksi hallitus nimittää talousvaliokuntaan vähintään yhden (1) ja enintään kolme (3) asiantuntijajäsentä varsinaisiksi jäseniksi. Edustajisto nimittää talousvaliokunnan puheenjohtajan talousvaliokunnan jäsenistä. Talousvaliokunta valitsee keskuudestaan varapuheenjohtajan. Talousvaliokunnan jäsenten tulee olla talouteen perehtyneitä ja taloudesta kiinnostuneita.

The Student Union has a Finance Committee for preparing financial matters. At the beginning of its term of office, the Representative Council appoints at least four (4) and no more than six (6) members of the Student Union and up to four (4) deputy members to the 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 a Vice Chairperson from among its members. The members of the Finance Committee must be familiar with and interested in financial matters.



Section 25, subsection 1 of the Rules of the Student Union regarding membership in the committees needed by the Representative Council:

Edustajisto voi perustaa enintään toimikaudekseen valiokuntia. Edustajisto määrittää valiokunnan tehtävät, sen toimialan ja jäsenet valiokuntaa perustaessaan. Valiokunta koostuu vähintään viidestä (5) jäsenestä, jotka nimetään edustajiston kokouksessa. Valiokunta voi tehdä edustajistolle tai hallitukselle esityksiä toimialaansa kuuluvista asioista.

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 has at least five (5) members who are appointed in a meeting of the Representative Council. A committee may submit motions to the Representative Council or the Executive Board regarding matters within its domain.

The Rules Committee discussed the motion to amend the rules in its meeting 2/2023 and stated that in accordance with section 24 of the Rules of the Student Union, Rules Committee members must be members of the Representative Council and therefore members of the Executive Board are ineligible for the Rules Committee.

Motion: The Rules Committee proposes that Section 45 of ISYY's Rules be amended as follows:

Additions are marked in **blue**, deleted passages in **red**.

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Decision:

§10 Preliminary discussion on changing the election procedure of ISYY's Executive Board

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. The Executive Board asked the Rules Committee to look into the possibility of promoting transparency in the board election process, to discuss an amendment that would enable the Executive Board to be elected in two separate Representative Council meetings, and to clarify the overall board election process. Emphasising the role of the Chairperson of the Representative Council in the board election process could also be discussed. The Rules Committee was asked to discuss whether the task of initiating the process of forming the board could be assigned to the Chairperson of the Representative Council until the person responsible for forming the board is appointed.

The Rules Committee discussed the matter in its meeting 2/2023 and decided to hand the matter over to the Representative Council for a preliminary discussion in order to be able to draft the amendment in line with the Representative Council's wishes. The Rules Committee stated that a process with two meetings – the first of which would appoint the person responsible for forming the board and the second would appoint the board – would be slow and heavy. This could delay the board election until the end of the year or even until January of the following year, especially during the years when Representative Council Elections are held.



The Rules Committee weighed various potential ways of electing the Student Union's Executive Board. As there are countless possible ways to form a board, the below list is not definitive. The list is intended to start discussion on the matter.

- Abandoning the phase of electing the person responsible for forming the board and electing the board between the proposed lists in a Representative Council meeting.
- The Chairperson of the Representative Council leads the board negotiations and nominates the person responsible for forming the board.
- A representative from the council group with the most votes leads the negotiations and nominates a person responsible for forming the board or directly makes a proposal on the board that will be elected.
- The Representative Council elects a person responsible for forming the board, who will then make a proposal on the board that will be elected. (current method)

Motion: We will discuss different options for the election process of the Student Union's Executive Board and inform the Rules Committee of this discussion.

The Rules Committee will be authorised to write a draft amendment based on the discussion on the election process of the board.

Decision:

§11 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:

§12 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