



Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland

Representative Council Meeting 6/2023

Agenda

17 October 2023

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Time: 24 October 2023 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!

AGENDA

§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 has been delivered in accordance with section 11, subsection 2 of these Rules.

The notice of meeting was published on 26 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.

Emilia Honkanen (Kylterit) has announced that she will resign from the Representative Council due to graduation. Honkanen will be replaced by Hermanni Kokkonen (Kylterit).

Sami Tanskanen (Vihreä lista) has announced his resignation from the Representative Council.

The chairperson of Savilahden Sivistyneet has changed and is now Simo Heikkinen, with Tinja Toikka as the vice chairperson.

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. News from the offices
3. News from committees
4. In its meeting on 9 October 2023, the Central Election Committee decided to extend the advance voting period of the Representative Council Elections until 7 November 2023 for technical reasons. Originally, the advance voting period would have been 31 October 2023–3 November 2023.
5. The Executive Board will start accepting applications for the position of the service planner on 23 October 2023. The application period is 14 days and ends on 5 November 2023. The Executive Board has set up working groups to process the applications and arrange interviews. The decision will be made in the Executive Board's meeting on 23 November 2023.
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.

Decision:

§8 Preliminary debate on the 2024 budget, appendix 8

Matter: A preliminary debate on the budget for 2024.

Motion: The preliminary debate on the budget for 2024 is noted down.

Decision:

§9 ISYY's membership fees for academic year 2024–2025

Matter: Section 48 of the Rules of the Student Union states the following:

The Representative Council decides on the membership fees by a simple majority vote before accepting the budget for the next financial year. The Rector of the University of Eastern Finland confirms the membership fee. The Representative Council decides on



changing the membership fee for the coming academic year by a two-thirds (2/3) majority. If the majority cannot be obtained, the old membership fee will stay in force.

The Executive Board decides on the method and time of collecting the membership fee.

The Student Union's membership fee for the next academic year, 2024–2025, must be confirmed before the budget is approved.

In academic year 2023–2024, the Student Union's membership fee for bachelor's and master's degree students is €75/academic year. If paid per semester, the autumn semester fee is €39 and the spring semester fee is €40, with a €2 surcharge per payment.

In academic year 2023–2024, the postgraduate student membership fee is €58/academic year.

The membership fee for postgraduate students is €58, or if paid by semester, €30.50 for the autumn semester and €31.50 for the spring semester.

The postgraduate students' membership fee also applies to students who have a continued study right and want to join the Student Union.

The membership fee proposal is based on ISYY's draft budget for 2024 (see appendix 8).

Motion: In view of the past years' surplus and the draft budget, it would not be appropriate to keep the membership fees at the current level.

The following proposal is made to the Representative Council regarding the Student Union's membership fees for academic year 2024–2025:

Membership fee for bachelor's and master's degree students: €73 (autumn semester €36, spring semester €37)

If paid in two instalments: autumn semester €38, spring semester €39 (with a surcharge of €2/payment)

Membership fee for postgraduate students: €56 (autumn semester €27.50, spring semester €28.50)

If paid in two instalments: €29.50 and €30.50

Decision:



§10 Purchasing shares in Asunto Oy Joensuun Sepänmökki, appendix 10

Matter: The Chairperson of the Executive Board and the Secretary General have negotiated the acquisition of shares no. 679–978 in housing company 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 in question will undergo a condition inspection (see appendix 10), conducted by a firm selected by ISYY at the seller's expense.

Motion: The Executive Board makes the following proposition 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 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 be moved 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:

§11 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 on committee membership so that Executive Board members could no longer be members of a committee and 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 the 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 make 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 not eligible for the Rules Committee.

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

Additions are marked in [blue](#), deleted passages in [red](#).

Section 24a, subsection 1 of the Rules of the Student Union:

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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. [ISYYn hallituksen jäsen ei voi toimia valiokunnan jäsenenä.](#)

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 make motions to the Representative Council or the Executive Board regarding matters within its domain. [Members of the Student Union's Executive Board may not act as members of a committee.](#)

Decision:

§12 Electing student members to the UEF Board

Matter: Section 46 of the Universities Act states that the duties of a student union include nominating student representatives to the university's administrative bodies, as specified in chapter 3 of said Act. At the University of Eastern Finland, these bodies are the Board of the University, the University Collegiate Body, and the Faculty Councils. Nominating student representatives to the University's administrative bodies falls within the exercise of public authority, which is specified in section 56 of the Rules of the Student Union.

The term of office of the student members of the UEF Board begins on 1 January 2024 and ends on 31 December 2025. According to section 18 of the Rules of the Student Union, student members of the UEF Board are nominated by the Student Union's Representative Council based on a proposal from the Student Union's Executive Board. According to section 22 of the Universities Act, the University Collegiate Body then confirms the election of board members by the university community groups.

ISYY's Executive Board discussed the election of student members to the UEF Board in its meeting 15/2023. At that meeting, the Executive Board decided to set up a working group to prepare for the election of student members to the UEF Board. Board members Lautala, Rautiainen and Nuutinen were appointed to this working group. The Executive Board also decided to propose that the Representative Council hold a preliminary debate about the election of student members to the UEF Board and, if necessary, add more people to the working group. The Representative Council had a preliminary discussion



on the matter in meeting 3/2023 and saw no need to add new members to the working group.

Mikko Aaltonen, ISYY's Specialist in Academic and Social Affairs, assisted the working group and acted as its secretary. The duties of the working group were to write a call for applications, select the top candidates and interview them, and submit a proposal to ISYY's Executive Board. The Student Union must nominate two student members to the UEF Board. There are no deputy members in the UEF Board.

The UEF Board application period began on 18 September. The application period ended on 3 October at noon. Six board applicants sent their applications by the deadline:

- Ilmari Mäkelä
- Marko Koskelo
- Lassi Oikkonen
- Eetu Hyvönen
- Maira Asif
- Hassan Raza

If you wish to see the applications, the presenter can show them upon request.

The working group held a meeting on 6 October. Based on the applications, it decided to invite applicants Hyvönen, Koskelo and Oikkonen to an interview. The interview was organised as a group interview on 9 October. After the interview, the working group convened and decided that Eetu Hyvönen and Marko Koskelo were the most suitable candidates for the UEF Board based on their interviews, CVs, and application letters.

According to section 56 of the Rules of the Student Union, the Student Union may not make decisions that fall within the exercise of public authority without a presentation procedure. When appointing people to positions, the proposal must be made based solely on the applications, or, where applicable, the applications and interviews. In its meeting 26/2023, the Executive Board delegated the Secretary General's presentation duty in this matter to Mikko Aaltonen, ISYY's Specialist in Academic and Social Affairs, in accordance with section 46 of the Rules of the Student Union.

The Executive Board discussed the working group's nominations for student members of the UEF Board in its meeting 26/2023 and saw no need to make changes to the working group's proposal.



Representative Council member Marko Koskelo is a party to the matter and is therefore disqualified from participating in the consideration of the matter under sections 27 and 28 of the Administrative Procedure Act (434/2003) and section 7 of the Rules of the Student Union.

Executive Board members Hyvönen and Oikkonen are parties to the matter and are therefore disqualified from participating in the consideration of the matter under sections 27 and 28 of the Administrative Procedure Act and section 7 of the Rules of the Student Union.

Executive Board members Lautala, Rautiainen and Nuutinen are disqualified from participating in the consideration of the matter under section 58 of the Rules of the Student Union as they have influenced the matter before the presenting official's presentation.

Motion: The Representative Council elects Eetu Hyvönen and Marko Koskelo as student members to the UEF Board and presents the matter to the University Collegiate Body for confirmation.

Decision:

§13 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 board election through two separate Representative Council meetings, and to clarify the board election process overall. 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 involving 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 rigid. This could delay the board election until the end of the year or even January next year, especially 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 elect a board, the below list is not definitive. The list is intended to start discussion on the matter.

- Abandoning the phase of electing a 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 to 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 the different options of electing 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 this discussion on the election process of the board.

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 Jimi Viita-aho (Savilahden Sivistyneet) closes the meeting.

Jimi Viita-aho
Chair of the Representative Council

Helena Kansanen
Secretary General