

## AGENDA

### Representative Council Meeting 3/2022

**Date:** 19 May 2022 at 5 p.m.

**Place:** Joensuu: room M100  
Kuopio: room SN201

In accordance with subsection 1 of section 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Representative Council: *'A Representative Council member, who is unable to participate in a Representative Council meeting, shall invite a deputy member from the same electoral alliance where they have been elected to the Representative Council, to participate instead. Attendance of deputy members shall be stated at the beginning of each meeting.'*

Welcome!

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### **§1 Opening the meeting**

The Representative Council's Chairperson Emilia Honkanen opens the meeting.

### **§2 Stating legitimacy and quorum**

**Matter:** In accordance with section 11 of the Rules of the Student Union, *'The notice of Representative Council meeting shall be sent or delivered otherwise in writing or electronically at least seven (7) days before the meeting, for all ordinary members and for the number of deputy members, which the Representative Council has decided in its organisational meeting. In addition, on the official bulletin boards of the Student Union shall be informed about the meeting.'*

In accordance with section 12 of the Rules of the Student Union, *'The Representative Council shall have a quorum when half of the Representative Council 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 subsection 2 of section 11 of these Rules.'*



The notice of meeting was published on 12 May 2022 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:** The following change was made to the composition of the Representative Council:

Joonas Pänkäläinen has submitted his resignation from the Representative Council due to graduating. He will be replaced by Matias Rapo.

**Motion:** The item is noted down for information.

**Decision:**

### §4 Electing examiners of the minutes and tellers

**Matter:** In accordance with section 19 of the Rules of the Student Union, *'Minutes shall be kept at the Representative Council meetings. The minutes shall be examined and accepted by two (2) examiners of the minutes who are elected by the meeting and who must be Representative Council members. Minutes shall be verified by the Chairperson and the Secretary of the Meeting.'*

In accordance with section 20 of the Rules of the Student Union, *'In a Representative Council meeting, every Representative Council member entitled to vote shall have one vote, and the right to vote is personal. Votes of the Representative Council meeting shall be counted by two (2) tellers who are elected amongst and by the Representative Council.'*

**Motion:** Two examiners of the minutes and four tellers are elected.

Persons nominated as examiners of the minutes:  
Inka Rantamäki (Fabio) and Maija Kuivalainen (Itä-Suomen vihreä vasemmisto)

Persons nominated as tellers:  
Lassi Oikkonen (Keskeiset) and Marko Koskelo (Opiskelijoiden etu)  
Arttu Leppäkynnäs (DeeKu) and Tomi Saviluoto (Kylterit)

**Decision:**



## §5 Accepting the agenda as the rules of procedure

**Matter:** In accordance with section 15 of the Rules of the Student Union, *The Chairperson of the Representative Council shall prepare the agenda of the Representative Council meeting and may use assistance of the Secretary General in this task. The motions of the Chairperson of the Representative Council, the Executive Board and Committees operating under the Representative Council are being considered in the Representative Council meeting, in addition to matters which have been demanded on the agenda on the grounds of subsection 2 of section 15.*

*The Representative Council may take a matter that was not included in the notice of the meeting into consideration by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote. However, this is not possible if the decision requires a qualified majority in order to be legitimate.'*

**Motion:** The agenda is accepted as the rules of procedure of the meeting.

**Decision:**

## §6 Electing observers to monitor equality

**Matter:** In the Student Union's Action Plan for 2021, the Representative Council ruled that there must be equality observers present in the Representative Council's meetings.

**Motion:** Wilma Poutanen and Roosa Ylikoski are nominated as equality observers.

**Decision:**

## §7 Notices

**Matter:**

1. Upcoming events and important dates
2. News from the offices
3. ISYY's investment report, appendix 7
4. News from committees
5. News and updates 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 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, to the Representative Council'*.

**Motion:** The informational items are noted down for information.

**Decision:**



**§8 Financial review, appendices 8.1 and 8.2**

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

**Motion:** The Representative Council notes down the financial review for information.

**Decision:**

**§9 Preliminary debate about establishing the foundation**

**Matter:** In ISYY's 2022 Action Plan, the Representative Council decided the following:

ISYY will establish a foundation for the university students of Eastern Finland. The Representative Council will make a decision in principle to establish the foundation (see ISYY's rules, Section 18, subsection 1, paragraph 22) by 31 May 2022. In spring 2022, the Finance Committee and the Rules Committee will make preparations for starting the foundation and writing the foundation's rules, which will be approved in the council meeting that follows the decision in principle. The practical measures will be made in autumn 2022. These measures include registration of the foundation with the Finnish Patent and Registration Office, planning of the activities of the foundation, and the payment of the foundation's initial capital to allow the foundation to become operational by 1 January 2023. The operational implementation of setting up the foundation is the responsibility of the 2022 Executive Board, which reports to the Representative Council.

ISYY's Executive Board set up a working group to make preparations for starting the foundation in accordance with the Action Plan.

**Motion:** The Executive Board proposes that the Representative Council hold a preliminary debate about starting the foundation.

Regarding the purpose of the foundation:

The purpose of the foundation is to support the activities of associations that support the members of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland (ISYY) and the purpose of ISYY (hereafter referred to as 'beneficiaries').

The purpose of the foundation is also to promote the academic and artistic education of the beneficiaries, liaise between the beneficiaries and promote their social and intellectual aspirations.

The foundation can support health, culture and sports activities of its beneficiaries and provide them financial support. The foundation can also award grants to ISYY's members to promote their studies.



The Finance Committee is appointed by the Executive Board to make a suggestion regarding the amount of the foundation's initial capital. The initial capital must be large enough to secure the foundation's operating conditions.

The Executive Board requests the Rules Committee to draft and make a proposal regarding the rules of the foundation to the Representative Council.

Before the approval of the decision in principle, the Representative Council will request expert opinions from ISYY's accountant, the University's legal department and other relevant sources.

**Decision:**

**§10 Preliminary debate about the SYL 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 part of the SYL can make suggestions to be included in the 2023 action plan or to amend the current action plan. The student union can also make suggestions to the Board of SYL regarding the drafting of documents for the General Assembly. The round of motions will end on 22 May at 11.59 p.m.

**Motion:** The Executive Board makes the following propositions to the Representative Council:

The Representative Council holds a debate on the possibility of putting forward a suggestion regarding the 2022 General Assembly documents during the round of motions.

If the Representative Council deems necessary, the Representative Council authorises the Executive Board to put forward a motion for a subject or subjects that it sees important regarding the 2022 General Assembly documents.

**Decision:**

**§11 Selection of the Secretary General, appendix 11**

**Matter:** In its meeting 1/2022, the Representative Council opened the application period for the Secretary General's position from 17 February to 20 March 2022. Seven applications were received by this deadline.

In its meeting 2/2022, the Representative Council decided to extend the deadline for applications for the Secretary General's position until 18 April 2022, 11:59 p.m.,



after which the applications were made available to the recruitment team for assessment. The applications submitted by the earlier deadline were also taken into consideration. Two new applications were submitted by the extended deadline. The recruitment team consisted of the Executive Board, the Chair of the Representative Council, the acting Secretary General, and a staff representative.

The Executive Board decided in its meeting 14/2022 on 21 April to invite three persons for an interview:

Marttinen Larisa, agrologist, Bachelor of Business Administration  
Natunen Antti, Master of Science in Engineering  
Partanen Ella, Bachelor of Social Sciences

The interviews were held on 7 May in Joensuu.

According to section 20 of the Rules of the Student Union, a closed ballot shall always be used in the election of personnel. Unless otherwise stated in the Rules, the Representative Council shall make the decisions by a simple majority vote. In the event of a tie, the Chairperson shall make the decision, but electoral ties shall be resolved by lot. In case there is only one position to be filled in the elections and none of the candidates receives over half of the votes cast, a second vote shall be performed between the two candidates who received the most votes in the first election. The person who receives the most votes in the second vote shall be elected. In case the second vote results in a tie, the result shall be determined by drawing lots.

**Motion:** The Executive Board proposes to the Representative Council to choose Antti Natunen for the position of Secretary General without a deputy. Justifications: Antti Natunen was the only person who met the qualification criteria, thanks to his strong supervisory experience, appropriate education, and broad experience of administrative and financial duties. The Executive Board assessed different factors based on the overall selection criteria during the interview and decided that they were in favour of choosing this applicant.

**Decision:**

## **§12 Other business**

**Matter:** According to section 16 of the Rules of the Student Union, *'Representative Council members may make requested motions for action in a Representative Council meeting. The Representative Council accepting a requested motion for action, the Executive*



*Board shall take measures, in the limits of its jurisdiction, required by the requested motion for action, within 30 days. The Executive Board shall inform, in reasonable time, the Representative Council about the measures made in consequence of the requested motion for action.'*

**Motion:** Any other business is discussed.

**Decision:**

**§13 Closing the meeting**

The Chairperson closed the meeting at

**Emilia Honkanen**

Chairperson of the Representative Council

**Hannele Mirola**

Secretary General (acting)