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## **ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Representative Council Elections of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland will be held in accordance with the Universities Act (558/2009), the Government Decree on Universities (770/2009), and the Election Regulations of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland on Thursday, 6 November 2025, as specified below.

### **INFORMATION FOR VOTERS:**

Advance voting will take place online 27–31 October 2025. Advance voting starts at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 27 October 2025, and ends at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, 31 October 2025.

On the election day, 6 November 2025, voters can vote online from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Only those members of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland who have registered as attending at the University of Eastern Finland by Monday 20 October 2025 have the right to vote in the Student Union's Representative Council Elections. Proxy voting is not possible.

### **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES:**

All members of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland who are entitled to vote and who have registered as attending for the autumn semester 2025 by Wednesday 1 October 2025 are eligible to stand as candidates in the Representative Council Elections. The following persons cannot run for the Representative Council: the Secretary General of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland, managerial employees

of companies owned or majority-owned by the Student Union, and members of the Central Election Committee.

A member of the Student Union who is entitled to vote, or a group of the Student Union's members who are entitled to vote, has the right to nominate a maximum of fifty-eight (58) candidates and to have their list of candidates published on the combined list of candidates. Two or more candidate lists can join to form an electoral alliance. The maximum number of candidates per one electoral alliance is 58. The same person may not be a candidate on more than one (1) candidate list.

Each candidate list must have a spokesperson, and the spokesperson must notify the Central Election Committee that they are the spokesperson of their candidate list. The spokesperson must be a member of the Student Union. The spokesperson can be a candidate on the same electoral list they represent.

The proposed list of candidates must include a statement on the list's spokesperson and candidate consent forms from all nominated candidates on the list. The spokespersons of the candidate lists participating in an electoral alliance must submit a joint, signed electoral alliance announcement form to the Central Election Committee with the names of the candidate lists participating in the electoral alliance. Each candidate list and electoral alliance must have a name that is appropriate and distinct from the other names, and, where applicable, an abbreviation of the name. The name of an electoral alliance must include the word *vaaliliitto* (electoral alliance).

The online election system is the main channel for nominating candidates. Paper forms, which are identical to the online election system's forms, are available at the Student Union's offices and can also be printed from the Student Union's website. Notifications of forming an electoral alliance must be submitted to the Central Election Committee or the Secretary General either electronically or to the Student Union's office.

Candidate consent forms, names of spokespersons, proposals for a list of candidates, and notifications of the formation of an electoral alliance must be submitted to the Central Election Committee electronically or in paper form to either of the Student Union's offices (Suvantokatu 6, 80100 Joensuu or Yliopistoranta 15, 70210 Kuopio) by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 1 October 2025.

The spokesperson of the candidate list will be notified in writing if the application is incomplete or inaccurate. Any corrections to candidate lists must be submitted by noon on 5 October 2025 as specified in the previous paragraph.

If an incomplete or inaccurate application is not revised at the Central Election Committee's request, the inaccurate sections of the candidate application will be rejected. If a candidate has provided inaccurate or incomplete information or is a candidate on more than one candidate list, the candidacy will be cancelled. If a candidate's consent for the candidacy cannot be verified, their candidacy will be cancelled. The definitive combined list of candidates will be published on the official bulletin board of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland on Tuesday, 7 October 2025. The Student Union's official bulletin board is the Student Union's website.

The Central Election Committee will provide specific instructions on online and campus campaigning.

The election results will be published on the official bulletin board of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland within 24 hours after voting has ended. Any appeals regarding the election results must be submitted to the Central Election Committee in writing within 30 days of the publication of the election results.

If the number of seats to be filled is equal to the number of candidates, no vote will be held, and all candidates will be elected.

If you have any questions about the elections, the contact persons are:

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In Kuopio and Joensuu on 9 September 2025

Central Election Committee of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland

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