

## Agenda

### Representative Council Meeting 1/2021

**Date:** 25th of February, 2021 at 5pm

**Place:** Joensuu: AU111 & AU102, Kuopio: SN200 & 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 into the Representative Council, to participate instead. Attendance of deputy members shall be stated at the beginning of each meeting.'*

Welcome!

#### AGENDA

**1. § Item 1 Opening the meeting**

Chairperson Ella Partanen opens the meeting at

**2. § Item 2 Stating legality 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 the meeting was given on the 18th of February, 2021, via the official bulletin board of the Student Union and it was sent to everyone via the mailing list.

**Motion:** The meeting is stated legally convened and to have a quorum.

**Decision:**

### 3. § **Item 3 Changes in the composition of the Representative Council**

**Matter:** There are following changes in the composition of the Representative Council:

- Jimi Viita-aho (Savilahden Sivistyneet), who is a member of the Executive Board of ISYY, is replaced by Hanna Saarelainen (Savilahden Sivistyneet).
- Sami Tanskanen (Opiskelijoiden etu - The Students' Interest) who is a member of the Executive Board of ISYY, is replaced by Kalle Kangasmäki (Opiskelijoiden etu - The Students' Interest).
- Pauliina Ryökäs (FaBio) is a member of the Executive Board of ISYY and therefore cannot act as a deputy member of the Representative Council.
- Ada Hyytiäinen is currently employed by ISYY and hence prevented from having a position within the Representative Council during their period of employment. Aino Olander (Puolueettomat) will replace Ada Hyytiäinen as an ordinary member of the Representative Council.
- Joel Leppinen (Kylterit) has announced their resignation from the Representative Council. Julius Gran (Kylterit) will replace Joel Leppinen as an ordinary member of the Representative Council.
- Sara Peltola (Keskeiset) has announced their resignation from the Representative Council. Vilja Männistö (Keskeiset) will replace Sara Peltola as an ordinary member of the Representative Council.
- Julius Viita (FaBio) has announced their resignation from the Representative Council. Maria Ilola will replace Julius Viita as an ordinary member of the Representative Council.
- Saara Tenhovuori (Puolueettomat) has announced their resignation as a deputy member of the Representative Council.
- Matias Uski (Vihreä Lista) has announced their resignation as a deputy member of the Representative Council.
- Riku Rajasuu (Vihreä Lista) has registered as absent from the University, and therefore is disqualified to act in the Representative Council.
- Toni Viljamaa (Keskeiset) has registered as absent from the University, and therefore is disqualified to act in the Representative Council.
- Kingsley Aliche (Opiskelijoiden etu - The Students' Interest) is not enrolled at the University of Eastern Finland, and therefore they no longer are eligible to be a member of the Representative Council.

**Motion:** Changes in the composition of the Representative Council are entered in the minutes for information.

**Decision:**



#### 4. § Item 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.

The proposed examiners of the minutes:

- Ayyoubi, Yasmin (Vihreä Lista)
- Aino Hassinen (Savilahden Sivistyneet)

The proposed tellers::

- Paavo Koivistoinen (Puolueettomat, Joensuu)
- Marko Koskelo (Opiskelijoiden Etu – The Students' Interest, Joensuu)
- Sami Gabbouj (Kylterit, Kuopio)
- Maria Ilola (FaBio, Kuopio)

**Decision:**

#### 5. § Item 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. § Item 6 Electing parity observers

**Matter:** In their action plan for the year 2021, the Representative Council have decided that designated parity observers shall be present during the Representative Council meetings.

**Motion:** It is stated that the Chairperson of the Representative Council shall act as a parity observer during the meeting, in accordance with the action plan. The other parity observers are elected, if deemed necessary.

Riku Kiviluoto and Salli Kosonen are elected as parity observers.

**Decision:**

## 7. § Item 7 Notices, APPENDIX 7

**Matter:**

1. Upcoming events and dates to take into consideration
  - The meeting schedule of the Representative Council during spring 2021: On the 8th of April and, if necessary, in May (May the 20th / May the 25th) (physical meetings)
  - Evening schools: The 2nd of March at 5pm, the 30th of March at 5pm (remotely)
2. The following people have been elected as the Chairpersons of the Sections for the transition period from the old rules to the new ones from the 1st of January until the 31st of March, 2021:
  - The Chairperson of the Section for Advocacy in Joensuu: Marko Koskelo
  - The Chairperson of the Section for Recreation in Joensuu: Laura Tolppa.
  - The Chairperson of the Section for Student Organisations in Kuopio: Jimi Virkkala.
  - The Chairperson of the Section for Student Organisations in Joensuu: Eeva Schavik.
  - The Chairperson of the Section for Recreation in Kuopio: Aino Peltonen.
  - The Chairperson of the Section for Advocacy in Kuopio Miika Hiltunen.
3. In accordance with the new rules, the Executive Board have declared a call for applications for the following teams:
  - The Mayday Teams in Joensuu and Kuopio
  - Interest Advocacy Teams in Joensuu and Kuopio
  - Savo-Karjala Excursion Team
  - Working Life Team



4. The Executive Board have appointed the following working groups and members of working groups:  
The municipal election working groups in both Joensuu and Kuopio. The working groups will continue to draft the municipal policy paper of ISYY and advance the objectives that have been set for the 2021 municipal elections in Joensuu and Kuopio. The following people were elected to the municipal election working groups:
  - Joensuu: Sami Tanskanen, Anniina Peltonen, Ella Partanen and Juuso Myller.
  - Kuopio: Enni Toiviainen and Jimi Viita-aho.
5. The Executive Board's response to the proposed resolution that was submitted on the 10th of December, 2020. APPENDIX 7.
6. News and updates of the ISYY offices
7. The Ministry of Education and Culture project
8. News of the Committees
9. News and updates of the Executive Board

In accordance with section 31 of the Rules of the Student Union, duties of the Executive Board are: *'11) 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:** Entered in the minutes for information

**Decision:**

#### **8. § Item 8 Electing the Central Election Committee (KVL)**

**Matter:** In accordance with section 18 of the Rules of the Student Union it is the duty of the Representative Council to *'elect the Central Election Committee (KVL) of the Student Union and its Chairpersons, as being enacted in the Election Regulations'* and in accordance with section 1 of the Election Regulations *'The Representative Council Elections of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland (ISYY) shall be prepared and supervised by the Central Election Committee (KVL), which shall consist of at least six (6) and at the most eight (8) ordinary members and at the most four (4) deputy members in order'*. In accordance with section 2 of the Election Regulations *'the Representative Council shall elect the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson of the KVL from amongst the members of KVL'*.

**Motion:** The Central Election Committee (KVL) for ISYY Representative Council Elections of 2021 is elected. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Central Election Committee (KVL) are elected.

**Decision:**



**9. § Item 9 Deciding on the remuneration that is to be paid to the presiding officers during the 2021 term**

**Matter:** In the past, the presiding officers of the Representative Council of the Student Union (ISYY) have received remuneration for their duties.

In accordance with section 51 of the Rules of the Student Union: *'Elected officials of the Student Union may receive remuneration from their duties. The Representative Council shall decide the remunerations of the Representative Council's Chairpersons. The Executive Board shall decide on remunerations of other organs and elected officials.'*

However, the Chairperson of the Representative Council is incompetent to make a proposal on the matter due to the likelihood of bias, and therefore the Executive Board should make a proposal to the Representative Council.

**Motion:** The Executive Board propose that the Representative Council would decide on the remuneration of the presiding officers of the Representative Council for the 2021 term.

The Executive Board propose to the Representative Council that the Chairperson is paid 1,000 euros per annum and the Vice Chairpersons are paid 500 euros per annum each for their duties.

**Decision:**

**10. § Item 10 The Executive Board member Petra Peltola's notice of resignation**

**Matter:** Petra Peltola has requested to resign from their position at the Executive Board in an email dated 18 December 2020.

In accordance with section 18 of the Rules of the Student Union, it is the duty of the Representative Council: *'1) to elect the Chairperson and the Vice Chairpersons of the Representative Council; 2) to elect the formateur of the Executive Board; 3) to elect the Chairperson and the Vice Chairpersons of the Executive Board and the other Executive Board members from a motion of the formateur of the Executive Board, and to relieve them of their duties as being provided in these Rules.'*

**Motion:** The resignation of Petra Peltola is entered in the minutes for information.

**Decision:**

**11. § Item 11 Amendments to ISYY's Rules of Procedure**



**Matter:** The changes to the ISYY Rules that were approved by the Representative Council in 2020 will significantly change the administrative structure of the Student Union. It is therefore appropriate to amend the Rules of Procedure to reflect these changes.

In accordance with subsection 25 of section 18 of the Rules of the Student Union, it is the duty of the Representative Council *'to accept, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority, the Rules of Procedure, Financial Regulations, Symbol Regulations and other rules of the Student Union apart from the rules of clubs and working groups established by the Executive Board.'*

In accordance with the new rules that come into force on the 1st of April, 2021, it is the duty of the Representative Council to accept, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority, the Rules of Procedure, Financial Regulations, Symbol Regulations and other rules of the Student Union apart from the rules of clubs, teams and working groups established by the Executive Board.

In accordance with the new rules that come into force on the 1st of April, 2021:

- The Campus Boards will cease to exist → The Rules of Procedure of the Campus Boards become superfluous.
- The Sections will cease to exist → The Rules of Procedure of the Sections become superfluous.
- The Conferences of Student Chairs are established → they will require their own Rules of Procedure

In 2020 it was revealed that the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board do not specify how a dissenting opinion about a decision made by the Executive Board is submitted.

**Motion:**

- The Rules of Procedure of the Campus Boards will be removed as of the 1st of April, 2021.
- The Rules of Procedure of the Conferences of Student Chairs are approved, APPENDIX 11.1.
- The amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board are approved, APPENDIX 11.2.

**Decision:**

**12. § Item 12 Amendments to ISYY's Rules in regards to the Anniversary Party**

**Matter:** At their meeting 3/2021, the Executive Board of ISYY requested the Rules Committee to revise the section of the ISYY rules that specifies when the Anniversary Party should be held.



In addition, the Executive Board requested that the Representative Council would treat the amendment of rules as urgent.

In accordance with section 61 of the current Rules of the Student Union:

*'The Student Union may celebrate its anniversary on Saturday of week 11, in honour of the establishment of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland.'*

On the 24th of November, 2020, the Representative Council decided to revise the rule so that the Student Union may celebrate its anniversary any time before the end of April in honour of the establishment of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland.

In accordance with subsection 19 of section 18 of the Rules of the Student Union, it is the duty of the Representative Council to decide in two consecutive meetings, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority, about changing these Rules, which will be confirmed by the Rector of the University of Eastern Finland.

In accordance with section 18 of the Rules of the Student Union, the matters provided in paragraphs 19–22 of subsection 1 may be decided in one Representative Council meeting, in case the Representative Council declares the matter urgent by a four-fifth (4/5) majority. After this, the matter may be decided in one meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) majority

**Motion:** The Rules Committee propose that the matter is dealt with as urgent in accordance with Section 18 of the Rules of the Student Union.

The Rules Committee propose that section 61 of the Rules of the Student Union is removed.

**Decision:**

**13. § Item 13 Accepting the Communication Strategy of ISYY, APPENDIX 13**

**Matter:** The Communications Planner, together with the Executive Board members responsible for communications, has drafted a Communication Strategy based on ISYY's Strategy. The draft has been made available for the Representative Council to comment on. APPENDIX 13.

**Motion:** The Executive Board will discuss the Communication Strategy and present it to the Representative Council for approval. APPENDIX 13.

**Decision:**

**14. § Muutosesitys ISYYn vaalisääntöihin, liite 14**





**Matter:** After the Representative Council elections of 2019, the Central Election Committee informed the Executive Board that ISYY's Election Regulations need to be revised. In 2020, the Executive Board of ISYY requested the Rules Committee to draft the necessary amendments to the Election Regulations.

The amendments to the Election Regulations as proposed by the Rules Committee can be found in APPENDIX 14.

In accordance with subsection 24 of section 18 of the Rules of the Student Union, it is the duty of the Representative Council to accept, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority, the Election Regulations, and in case the Election Regulations are changed, it requires the acceptance from the Rector of the University of Eastern Finland.

**Motion:** The Rules Committee propose that the amendments to the Election Regulations are approved, APPENDIX 14.

**Decision:**

#### **15. § Item 15 Renovation of the shower and sauna area of Suvas, APPENDIX 15**

**Matter:** The shower and sauna area of the Suvas rental facilities, owned by ISYY and located in Joensuu (Kiinteistö Oy Tori-Suvanto), needs to be renovated due to normal wear and tear. The renovation process will include at least the following: the shower pillar is removed, the showers are repositioned against the walls, the wall tiles, floor tiles and ceiling panels of the shower room are replaced, and the floor tiles and wooden structures inside the sauna are replaced. The renovation of the shower and sauna area is justified as it will allow the rental facilities to be used in their full capacity. The estimated cost of the renovation is 21,000-23,000 euros, depending on whether the underfloor heating has to be replaced or not. Based on inquiries into the matter, this is a standard price for a project of this scale. The quote can be found in APPENDIX 15.

The matter has also been introduced to the Finance Committee in a meeting that took place on the 11th of February, 2021.

**Motion:** The Executive Board propose that the Representative Council authorise the Executive Board to commission and oversee the renovation of the shower and sauna area of Suvas, and reserve an extra 30,000 euros in the budget for any unexpected additional costs that might be accrued during the renovation, such as asbestos removal costs.

**Decision:**

#### **16. § Item 16 Any other business**



**Matter:** In accordance with section 16 of the Rules of the Student Union: 'Representative Council members may present proposed resolutions in Representative Council meetings. If the Representative Council approves the proposed resolution, the Executive Board shall take action within its authority in response to the proposed resolution within 30 days. The Executive Board is obliged to inform the Representative Council of the actions that were taken in response to the proposed resolution within a reasonable timeframe.'

**Motion:** Any other business is dealt with.

**Decision:**

**17. § Item 17 Closing the meeting**

Chairperson closed the meeting at

**Ella Partanen**

Chairperson

**Sanna Heinonen**

Secretary General