



Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland

Representative Council Meeting 6/2022

Agenda

15 November 2022

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Time: 15 November 2022 at 5 p.m.

Place: Joensuu: N100
Kuopio: 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 attend a Representative Council meeting must invite a deputy member from the same electoral alliance to participate instead. Attendance of deputy members is stated at the beginning of each meeting.

Welcome!

AGENDA

§1 Opening the meeting

The meeting is opened by Emilia Honkanen, the Chairperson of the Representative Council.

§2 Stating legitimacy and quorum

Matter: In accordance with section 11 of the Rules of the Student Union, the notice of Representative Council meeting must be sent or otherwise delivered in writing or electronically at least seven (7) days before the meeting to all members 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 boards.



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 8 November 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: Sara Orava (Vihreä lista) and Emilia Karhapää (Vihreä lista) have stated their wish to resign from the Representative Council. Laura Leikoski (Vihreä lista) will become a permanent member of the Representative Council.

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 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. The 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:
Julia Tenhunen (Savilahden Sivistyneet) and Maija Kuivalainen (Itä-Suomen Vihreä Vasemmisto).



Persons nominated as tellers:

Juliana Friedrichsen (Itä-Suomen Vihreä Vasemmisto), Reuben Amedalor (Keskeiset), Carita Korhonen (Opiskelevat kokoomuslaiset) and Mirka Nieminen (Savilahden Sivistyneet).

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 prepares the agendas for Representative Council meetings and may use the assistance of 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 which have been demanded to be added on the agenda pursuant to subsection 2 of section 15.

The Representative Council may take up a matter that was not included in the notice of meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote but not, however, a matter that requires 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: The persons nominated as equality observers are Wilma Poutanen (Vihreä lista) and Roosa Ikimeri (Itä-Suomen vihreä vasemmisto).

Decision:

§7 Notices

Matter:

1. SILLAT I project has been concluded: results
2. Events and important dates



3. News from the offices
4. News from committees
5. Report from the Executive Board
- 6.

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 regarding its own activities during the time between meetings of the Representative Council, and annually a report on the activities of the Student Union.

Motion: The informational items are noted down for information.

Decision:

S8 Call for applications and recruitment process of the next Secretary General (Appendix 8)

Matter: Section 46 of the Rules of the Student Union states: *'The Student Union must have a Secretary General. If the Secretary General is permanently disqualified or unable to perform their duties, the Executive Board shall begin immediately preparations to fill the position of the Secretary General.'*

According to section 18 of the Rules of the Student Union, it is the Representative Council's duty *'to elect and relieve of their duties the Secretary General of the Student Union'*.

Application and recruitment process of the Secretary General:

1. The Representative Council opened the application period for the Secretary General's post. The application period lasts from 4 November 2022 until 11.59 p.m. on 4 December 2022.
2. The Executive Board appointed the following persons to the recruitment team: the Chairperson of the Representative Council, the Chairperson and Vice-Chair of the Executive Board, the acting Secretary General, staff representative Pekka Koivaara, and three members of the Executive Board (Pauliina Ryökäs, Laura Kangasoja and Sonja Soinne).
3. Once the application period has ended, the recruitment team will go through the applications and submit a proposal to the Executive Board regarding the candidates who should be invited for an interview.
4. The interviewees will be chosen in the Executive Board's meeting on 8 December. Three to five of the best candidates will be invited for an interview based on their applications.
5. The candidates will be interviewed by the Executive Board and the Chairperson of the Representative Council on 10 December in Joensuu. Members of the



Representative Council and the recruitment team will be allowed to observe the interviews. The applications and CVs will be made available to the members of the Representative Council at ISYY's offices on 7 December.

6. The Executive Board will propose a person for the post to the Representative Council in its meeting on 13 December.
7. The next Secretary General will be chosen in the Representative Council's meeting on 13 December.
8. The Executive Board approved the call for applications. The call for applications is in appendix 8.

Motion: The Executive Board proposes that the Representative Council take note of the call for applications (appendix 8) and the application and recruitment process of the Secretary General.

The Executive Board proposes that the Representative Council take note of the fact that the duties of the Secretary General will be performed by Hannele Mirola from 26 October 2022 until the new Secretary General has been chosen.

Decision:

§9 Preliminary debate on the 2023 budget, appendices 10 and 10.1

Matter: A preliminary debate on the budget for 2023.

Motion: The preliminary debate on the budget for 2023 is noted down.

Decision:

§10 ISYY's membership fees for academic year 2023–2024, appendices 10 and 10.1

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

The Representative Council shall decide on the membership fees by a simple majority before accepting the budget of the next accounting period. The Rector of the University of Eastern Finland shall confirm the membership fee. The Representative Council shall decide on changing the membership fee for the coming academic year by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote. In case the majority vote is not achieved, old membership fee shall stay in force.

The Executive Board shall decide on the collection method and time of the membership fee.'



The Student Union's membership fee must be confirmed for the next academic year 2023–2024 before the budget is approved.

In academic year 2022–2023, the Student Union's membership fee for bachelor's and master's degree students is €71.50/academic year. If paid per semester, the autumn semester fee is €35.50 and the spring semester fee is €36.

In academic year 2022–2023, the postgraduate students' membership fee is €56/academic year. If paid per semester, the postgraduate students' fee is €28 per autumn/spring semester.

The proposed membership fee is based on ISYY's draft budget for 2023. Appendix 10.

Motion: The Executive Board makes the following propositions to the Representative Council regarding ISYY's membership fees in 2023–2024:

Membership fee for bachelor's and master's degree students: **€75** (autumn semester 2023 €37, spring semester 2024 €38)

If paid in two instalments, the fee for autumn semester 2023 is €39 and the fee for spring semester 2024 is €40, with a surcharge of €2/instalment

Membership fee for postgraduate students: **€58** (autumn semester 2023 €28.50, spring semester 2024 €29.50)

Paid in two instalments (€30.50 and €31.50)

The bachelor's and master's degree students' membership fee also applies to the following students who join the Student Union: exchange students, students in commissioned education, and students who are doing supplementary studies for a previous degree full-time.

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

Decision:



§11 Motion to amend Section 45 of the Rules of the Student Union, second discussion, appendix 11

Matter: The Representative Council approved the proposed amendments to Section 45 of the Rules of the Student Union for the first time in its meeting 5/2022.

According to section 18(1)(19) of the Rules of the Student Union, it is the Representative Council's duty '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'.

Motion: The amendments to the Rules of the Student Union shown in appendix 11 are approved for the second time and submitted to the Rector for confirmation.

Decision:

§12 Electing the Central Election Committee

Matter: Section 18 of the Rules of the Student Union states that it is the Representative Council's duty '11) to elect the Central Election Committee (KVL) of the Student Union and its Chairpersons, as being enacted in the Election Regulations'. According to section 1 of the Election Regulations, 'The Representative Council Elections of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland (ISYY) is prepared and supervised by the Central Election Committee (KVL), which consists of at least six (6) and at the most eight (8) ordinary members and at the most four (4) deputy members in order.' According to section 2 of the Election Regulations, 'The Representative Council elects the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson of the KVL from amongst the members of KVL.'

Motion: The Central Election Committee is elected for the Student Union's Representative Council Elections in 2023. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Central Election Committee are elected.

Decision:

§13 Other business

Matter: 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:

§14 Closing the meeting

Emilia Honkanen

Chairperson of the Representative Council

Hannele Mirola

Secretary General (acting)