



Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland

Representative Council Meeting 8/2022

Agenda

2 December 2022

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Time: 13 December 2022 at 5 p.m.

Place: Joensuu: AU100
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 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**

The meeting is opened by Emilia Honkanen, 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.

Section 12 of the Rules of the Student Union states: *'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 2 December 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: No known changes at the time of sending the notice of meeting.

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 must be kept at Representative Council meetings. The minutes are 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 are verified by the Chairperson and the Secretary of the Meeting.

Section 20 of the Rules of the Student Union states: *'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:

Persons nominated as tellers:

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, appendix 7

Matter:

1. Corporate cooperation policy, appendix 7
2. Events and important dates
3. News from the offices
4. News from committees
5. 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 regarding its activities 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:

§8 Selecting the auditors

Matter: According to section 54 of the Rules of the Student Union, *'The Representative Council shall elect an audit corporate body or two (2) auditors and for them, personal deputy auditors, to inspect accounts and administration of the accounting period'*. KPMG Oy Ab has been the Student Union's audit company for several years. Cooperation with KPMG has gone well.

Motion: The Executive Board proposes to the Representative Council that KPMG Oy Ab/Jere Niskanen be chosen as the Student Union's auditor for the accounting period 2023.

Decision:

§9 Motion to amend the Rules of the Student Union, appendix 9

Matter: In board meeting 30/2022, ISYY's Executive Board requested the Rules Committee to draft amendments to sections 26, 28, 33, 36 and 52 of the Rules of the Student Union. The Rules also have some ambiguous and outdated formulations that should be reviewed.

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'.



The Rules Committee reviewed the Rules of the Student Union in meeting 3/2022 and has drafted amendments for the Council (see appendix 9).

Motion: The draft amendments in appendix 9 are approved and sent to the second hearing of the Representative Council.

Decision:

§10 Proposal for the schedule and preliminary arrangements for establishing the foundation, appendix 10

Matter: Over the course of 2022, ISYY's Foundation Working Group has written a draft outlining the purpose and principles of the foundation. A preliminary debate about the matter was held in the Representative Council's meeting 3/2022. The working group and ISYY's Executive Board have also had discussions about the foundation with ISYY's audit firm and a representative of UEF. In accordance with the Action Plan that was approved in the Representative Council's meeting 7/2022, ISYY will make a decision regarding the foundation in 2023. In order to establish the foundation, it would be relevant to make more detailed decisions on schedules and practicalities.

Motion: The Executive Board approved the schedule and preliminary arrangements for establishing the foundation (appendix 10) in its meeting 40-2022 and will present these plans to the Representative Council for approval.

Decision:

§11 Selecting the Secretary General

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, the duties of the Representative Council are '5) to elect and relieve of their duties the Secretary General of the Student Union'.

The application period for the Secretary General's post was from 4 November 2022 to 4 December 2022. The interviews will be held in Joensuu on 10 December 2022. The Executive Board will propose a person for the Secretary General's post to the Representative Council in its meeting on 13 December 2022.



Motion: The Executive Board proposes that the Representative Council make a decision on the next Secretary General. The Executive Board presents its proposal at the Representative Council's meeting.

Decision:

§12 Electing the person responsible for forming the Executive Board

Matter: Section 18 of the Rules of the Student Union states that it is the duty of the Representative Council to elect the person who forms the Executive Board.

According to section 27 of ISYY's Rules, the Representative Council elects the person responsible for forming the Executive Board in the constitutive meeting held before the beginning of its term of office in accordance with paragraph 1 of subsection 1 of section 11 of the Rules, as well as in the last meeting of its first operating year or in a meeting in which the Executive Board receives a motion of no confidence from the Representative Council in accordance with section 22 of the Rules.

A member of the Student Union who is eligible for membership in the Executive Board is also eligible for the role of the person responsible for forming the Executive Board. If there is only one candidate for the role of the person responsible for forming the Executive Board, that person shall be considered elected to the role. If there is more than one candidate, the person responsible for forming the Executive Board shall be elected by a closed ballot.

In case none of the candidates receives more than half of the votes cast in the first round of votes, a second ballot shall be held between the two candidates who received the most votes. The person who gets the majority of the votes on the second ballot shall be elected. In the event of a tie, the matter shall be resolved by lot.

Motion: The person responsible for forming the Executive Board is elected.

Decision:

§13 Proposal for the composition of the Executive Board in 2023 by the person responsible for forming the board

Matter: According to section 18 of the Rules of the Student Union, it is the Representative Council's duty to elect the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Executive Board



and the rest of the Executive Board members based on a proposal from the person responsible for forming the Executive Board.

Section 26 of the Rules of the Student Union also states that the Executive Board of the Student Union shall have a Chairperson and two Vice-Chairpersons so that both campuses are represented, as well as at least four (4) and at the most eight (8) board members. The Executive Board shall be elected for one calendar year. A Representative Council member elected to the Executive Board will be unable to act as a Representative Council member during their time in the Executive Board.

According to section 28 of the Rules of the Student Union, once the Representative Council has elected the person responsible for forming the Executive Board, this person must make a motion regarding the Chairpersons of the Executive Board and the number and names of the Executive Board members in the same meeting. When the Representative Council has accepted this motion, the persons nominated by the person responsible for forming the Executive Board shall be elected as the Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and members of the Executive Board. If the Representative Council does not accept the motion from the person responsible for forming the Executive Board, another vote for the person responsible for forming the Executive Board will be organised in accordance with section 28. The same person may be elected again as the person responsible for forming the Executive Board. The election procedure shall be continued until the Executive Board has been elected. The Chairperson and the Vice-Chairpersons of the Executive Board shall act as the Chairs of the Campus Boards, which are appointed in the constitutive meeting of the Executive Board, each at one campus.

Motion: The Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons, and other members of the Executive Board are elected for 2023.

Decision:

§14 Electing the Chairperson of the Representative Council for 2023

Matter: Section 18 of the Rules of the Student Union states that it is the duty of the Representative Council to elect the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Representative Council.

Section 13 of the Rules of the Student Union states that the Representative Council elects the Chairperson and the first and second Vice-Chairperson of the Representative Council from amongst its members in the constitutive meeting. The oldest ordinary member of the Representative Council will preside over the Representative Council until the Chairperson is elected. The Chairperson and Vice-



Chairpersons are elected for one calendar year. The Chairperson of the Representative Council is referred to as the Chairperson of the Student Union.

Subsection 3 of section 13 of the Rules of the Student Union states that notwithstanding the provisions on relieving Representative Council members from their duties on the grounds of membership in the Executive Board, a member of the outgoing Executive Board may be elected as one of the Chairpersons of the Representative Council for the following year.

Motion: The Chairperson of the Representative Council is elected for 2023.

Decision:

§15 Electing the first Vice-Chairperson of the Representative Council for 2023

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Motion: The first Vice-Chairperson of the Representative Council is elected for 2023.

Decision:

§16 Electing the second Vice-Chairperson of the Representative Council for 2023

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Motion: The second Vice-Chairperson of the Representative Council is elected for 2023.

Decision:

§17 **Other business**

Matter: Section 16 of the Rules of the Student Union states: *'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:

§18 **Closing the meeting**

Emilia Honkanen
Chairperson of the Representative Council

Hannele Mirola
Secretary General (acting)