

## AGENDA

### Representative Council Meeting 1/2023

**Time:** 2 February 2023 at 5 p.m.

**Place:** Joensuu: M100  
Kuopio: SN200

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!

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### §1 Opening the meeting

Jimi Viita-aho, Chairperson of the Representative Council, 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 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 26 January 2023 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 changes are made to the composition of the Representative Council:

- Pauliina Ryökäs (FaBio) has announced her resignation from the Representative Council.
- Julia Lautala (ISYYn Demariopiskelijat) is a member of ISYY's Executive Board and cannot therefore be a member of the Representative Council. Lautala will be replaced by Annika Juurikka (ISYYn Demariopiskelijat).
- Lassi Oikkonen (Keskeiset) is a member of ISYY's Executive Board and cannot therefore be a member of the Representative Council. Oikkonen will be replaced by Eero Ellilä.
- Miro Helminen (Kylterit) is a member of ISYY's Executive Board and cannot therefore be a member of the Representative Council. Helminen will be replaced by Saara Myllynen (Kylterit).
- Eetu Hyvönen (Kylterit) is a member of ISYY's Executive Board and cannot therefore be a deputy member of the Representative Council.
- Otto Korkalainen (Opiskelevat kokoomuslaiset) is a member of ISYY's Executive Board and cannot therefore be a deputy member of the Representative Council.
- Mirka Nieminen (Savilahden Sivistyneet) is a member of ISYY's Executive Board and cannot therefore be a member of the Representative Council. Nieminen will be replaced by Jimi Viita-aho (Savilahden Sivistyneet).
- Niklas Leinonen (Keskeiset) is an employee of ISYY and cannot therefore be a member of the Representative Council during the employment relationship.
- Kaj Koivunen (DeeKu), Kaisla Niemelä (ISYYn Demariopiskelijat), Siiri Pelttonen (ISYYn Demariopiskelijat), Virve Mikkonen (ISYYn Demariopiskelijat), Antti Saarelainen (Itä-Suomen Vihreä Vasemmisto), Anja Studer (Keskeiset), Ella Veteläinen (Keskeiset), Janina Gallén (Opiskelevat Kokoomuslaiset) and Anssi Turunen (Vihreä lista) are not members of ISYY and cannot therefore be deputy members of the Representative Council.



- Päivikki Ojalehto (Keskeiset) and Pavel Kipriianov (Keskeiset) have registered as non-attending and cannot therefore be deputy members 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 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.

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.

Examiners of the minutes:

Matias Pelkonen (Vihreä lista) and Emilia Honkanen (Kylterit)

Tellers:

Samir Moniruzzaman (Deeku) and Inka Rantamäki (FaBio)

Marko Koskelo (Opiskelijoiden Etu) and Reuben Amedalor (Keskeiset)

**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:** Miika Hiltunen (Kylterit) and Helmi Vanhanen (Vihreä Lista) are nominated as equality observers.

**Decision:**

## **§7 Notices, appendices 7.1 and 7.2**

**Matter:**

1. Greetings from the alumni
2. Events and important dates
3. News from the offices
4. News from committees
5. The Executive Board set up a parliamentary elections working group. The persons chosen to this working group by the Executive Board are board members Otto Korkalainen, Julia Lautala, Eetu Hyvönen and Niina-Hannele Nuutinen, and Specialists for Interest Advocacy Pekka Koivaara and Mikko Aaltonen. The Executive Board also decided to find three Representative Council members to join the working group via the mailing list.
6. Annual report of the Kuopio Council for Chairpersons, appendix 7.1
7. Council groups' operating budget guidelines, appendix 7.2
8. 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 Recruitment process of the next Secretary General, appendix 8

**Matter:** In its meeting 35-2022 on 4 November 2022, the Executive Board opened the application period for the Secretary General's position from 4 November 2022 to 4 December 2022. Five applications were received by this deadline.

The Executive Board decided in its meeting 41-2022 on 8 December 2022 to extend the application period until 8 January 2023, 11.59 p.m., and decided that applications submitted by the earlier deadline would also be taken into consideration. Two new applications were received by the extended deadline. The recruitment team consisted of the chairpersons of the Executive Board, three board members, the Chair of the Representative Council, the acting Secretary General, and a staff representative.

In its meeting 1-2023 on 12 January 2023, the Executive Board decided to invite four persons to an interview:

Aaltonen Mikko, TM, HTM, Tradenomi  
Hiltunen Tuomas, FM  
Kansanen Helena, MSc in International Relations of the European Union, BBA  
Partanen Ella, YTM

The interviews were held on 21 January 2023 in Joensuu.

**Motion:** The Executive Board proposes to the Representative Council that Helena Kansanen, MSc in International Relations of the European Union, BBA, be chosen for the Secretary General's position and that Ella Partanen, YTM, be chosen as the second-choice candidate.

Justifications: The person to best match the criteria was Helena Kansanen, thanks to her relevant education, excellent communication skills, and extensive job experience of administrative and financial tasks. 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:**

**§9 Council's preliminary debate on the purchase of new facilities for ISYY, appendices 9.1 and 9.2**

**Matter:** A housing company in central Joensuu has shares no. 679-978 for sale, which give the shareholder the right to the possession of a 250 m<sup>2</sup> space located on Sepänkatu 33 A.

**Motion:** The Executive Board proposes that the Representative Council have a preliminary debate on the potential purchase of new facilities and decide whether to proceed with this matter.

**Decision:**

**§10 Inspecting the condition of the facilities for sale in Asunto Oy Joensuun Sepänmökki (this item will be discussed if the council decided to proceed with this matter)**

**Matter:** Before making any decision on purchasing new facilities, it would be reasonable to assess the condition of these facilities. No funds have been allocated for this purpose in the budget.

**Motion:** The Executive Board proposes to the Representative Council that a facility condition assessment be conducted and that the Representative Council approve the allocation of up to EUR 2,000 for this purpose.

**Decision:**

**§11 Remuneration paid to the chairpersons of the Representative Council in 2023**

**Matter:** In the past, the chairpersons of the Representative Council of the Student Union have received remuneration. In accordance with section 51 of the Rules of the Student Union, elected officials of the Student Union may receive remuneration for performing their duties. The Representative Council decides on the remuneration paid to the Representative Council's chairpersons. The remuneration of members of other bodies and persons in positions of trust is determined by the Executive Board. However, since the Chairperson of the Representative Council is incompetent to make a proposal on the matter due to the likelihood of bias, the proposal should be made by the Executive Board to the Representative Council.



**Motion:** The Executive Board proposes to the Representative Council that the Chairperson be paid EUR 1,000 per annum for performing their duties, and that the Vice Chairpersons be paid EUR 500 per annum each for performing their duties.

**Decision:**

## §12 Changes to the composition of the Rules Committee

**Matter:** Section 24 of the Rules of the Student Union states that the Representative Council elects the Rules Committee from among its members. Into the Rules Committee must be elected representatives from as many Representative Council groups as possible. Into the Committee are elected at least six (6) and up to eight (8) members and, if necessary, up to four (4) deputy members in order. The Representative Council elects the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson from among the members of the Committee. The Rules Committee may invite and consult experts.

Rules Committee deputy member Mirka Nieminen is a member of ISYY's Executive Board, which means that Nieminen is not a Representative Council member and is therefore unable to work in the Rules Committee.

**Motion:** The Representative Council states that Mirka Nieminen is no longer a deputy member of the Rules Committee and decides on the election of a new deputy member.

**Decision:**

## §13 Changes to the composition of the Finance Committee

**Matter:** According to section 24a of the Rules of the Student Union, the Student Union has a Finance Committee for handling special financial matters. At the beginning of its term of office, the Representative Council elects at least four (4) and no more than six (6) members and up to four (4) deputy members to the Committee. The Executive Board also elects at least one (1) and no more than three (3) specialists as full members of the Finance Committee. The Representative Council will elect the Chairperson of the Finance Committee from among the members of the Committee. The Finance Committee elects a Vice Chairperson from among its members. The members of the Finance Committee must be familiar with and interested in financial matters.

Finance Committee deputy member Lassi Oikkonen has announced his resignation from the Finance Committee.

**Motion:** The Representative Council states that Lassi Oikkonen is no longer a deputy member of the Finance Committee and decides on the election of a new deputy member.



**Decision:**

**§14 Electing the Representative Council's representatives to working groups established by the Executive Board**

**Matter:** According to section 38 of the Rules of the Student Union, the Executive Board may establish and disband working groups as needed. The Executive Board defines the duties, scope and members of the working groups when establishing them. The Executive Board elects the members and, if necessary, the deputy members, of the working groups. If necessary, the Executive Board may change members of the working group in the middle of the term. Working groups can make proposals to the Executive Board on matters within their scope. The term of office of a working group can be indefinite.

1. The Executive Board set up a foundation working group and appointed the following persons as members: board members Eetu Hyvönen, Otto Korkalainen, Lassi Oikkonen and Mirka Nieminen. Other persons appointed to the working group are the Secretary General and Pekka Koivaara as the staff's representative. The Executive Board also invited Vesa Janhunen, Aleksi Kinnunen and Emilia Honkanen to join the working group as members.

**Motion:** The Executive Board proposes that the Representative Council choose two persons to join the foundation working group.

**Decision:**

**§15 Motion to amend the Rules of the Student Union, second discussion, appendix 15**

**Matter:** The Representative Council approved the proposed amendments to the Rules of the Student Union shown in appendix 15 for the first time in its meeting 8-2022.

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 15 are approved for the second time and submitted to the Rector for confirmation.

**Decision:**





## §16 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:**

## §17 Closing the meeting

The Chairperson closed the meeting at

**Jimi Viita-aho**  
Chairperson of the Representative Council

**Hannele Mirola**  
Secretary General