

AGENDA

Representative Council Meeting 2/2023

Time: 13 April 2023 at 5 p.m.

Place: Joensuu: AU100
Kuopio: SN201

In accordance with section 2, subsection 1 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

Chairperson of the Representative Council Jimi Viita-aho (Savilahden Sivistyneet) opens the meeting.

§2 Stating legitimacy and quorum

Matter: Section 11 of the Rules of the Student Union states: *The notice and agenda of a Representative Council meeting must be sent or otherwise delivered in writing or electronically at least seven (7) days before the meeting to all ordinary members of the Representative Council 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 board.*

Section 12 of the Rules of the Student Union states: *The Representative Council has a quorum when half of the Representative Council's members, including the Chairperson of the Representative Council or either of the Vice Chairpersons, are attending, and the notice of meeting was delivered in accordance with section 11, subsection 2 of these Rules.*

The notice of meeting was published on 6 April 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: No changes to the composition of the Representative Council.

Motion: The item is noted down for information.

Decision:

§4 Electing examiners of the minutes and tellers

Matter: Section 19 of the Rules of the Student Union states: *Representative Council meetings are minuted. The minutes are examined and accepted by two (2) examiners of the minutes, who are elected by the meeting and who must be members of the Representative Council. The minutes are verified by the chairperson and secretary of the meeting.*

Section 20 of the Rules of the Student Union states: *In a meeting of the Representative Council, each Representative Council member entitled to vote has one vote, and the right to vote is personal. Votes cast in a Representative Council meeting are counted by two (2) tellers who are elected by the Representative Council from amongst its members.*

Motion: Two examiners of the minutes and four tellers are elected.

Persons nominated as examiners of the minutes:

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

Persons nominated as tellers:

Martti Paldanius (Opiskelevat kokoomuslaiset) and Nico Virtanen (FaBio)

Alma Laukkanen (Vihreä lista) and Tomi Saviluoto (Kylterit)

Decision:

§5 Accepting the agenda as the rules of procedure

Matter: Section 15 of the Rules of the Student Union states: *The agendas of Representative Council meetings are prepared by the Chairperson of the Representative Council. The Chairperson may be assisted by 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 added on the agenda pursuant to section 15, subsection 2.*

The Representative Council may take up a matter which was not included in the notice of meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote but not, however, a matter which would require 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

Matter:

1. Local pay settlement passed
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 on the Executive Board's activities between the Representative Council's meetings, and annually a report on the activities of the Student Union.

Motion: The informational items are noted down for information.

Decision:

§8 Facility needs assessment, Joensuu, appendices 8.1-8.3

Matter: In meeting 1/2023, the Representative Council decided to carry out a facility needs assessment as a prerequisite for continuing the investigation into the suitability of Sepänkatu 33a as office space for ISYY.

Motion: The Executive Board presents the facility needs assessment team's report to the Representative Council. The report is noted down for information.

Decision:



§9 ISYY's annual report 2022, appendix 9

Matter: ISYY's annual report for the financial year 1 January 2022–31 December 2022 is in appendix 8.

In accordance with section 31 of the Rules of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland, it is the duty of the Executive Board to give a report to the Representative Council on the Executive Board's activities between the Representative Council's meetings, and annually a report on the activities of the Student Union.

Motion: The Executive Board presents the annual report for the financial year 1 January 2022–31 December 2022 to the Representative Council. The annual report is provided for information. Appendix 8.

Decision:

§10 Approving the Student Union's financial statements for the financial year 1 Jan. 2022–31 Dec. 2022, appendix 9

Matter: The financial statements of 2022 of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland are ready. According to section 31 of the Rules of the Student Union, it is the Executive Board's duty to 'prepare the budget, action plan, and financial statements for the Representative Council'. See appendix 9 for the financial statements.

Motion: The Executive Board presents the financial statements for the period 1 Jan. 2022–31 Dec. 2022 to the Representative Council for approval. Appendix 9.

Decision:

§11 Auditor's report and granting discharge from liability for the accounts, appendix 10

Matter: According to section 18, subsection 9 of the Rules of the Student Union, it is the duty of the Representative Council to 'decide on approving the Student Union's financial statements and granting discharge from liability for the accounts'. Provided that the Representative Council approves the financial statements, the financial statements can be declared audited and approved. See appendix 10 for the auditor's report.

Motion: Granting discharge from liability for the accounts for the period 1 Jan. 2022–31 Dec. 2022.

Decision:

§12 Changes to the composition of the Rules Committee

Matter: Section 24 of the Rules of the Student Union states: *The Representative Council elects the Rules Committee from amongst its members. The Representative Council must elect representatives to the Rules Committee from as many Representative Council groups as possible. At least six (6) and up to eight (8) members and, if necessary, up to four (4) deputy*



members in order are elected to the committee. The Representative Council elects the chairperson and vice chairperson of the committee from among the members of the committee. The Rules Committee may invite experts for consultation.

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. In meeting 1/2023, the Representative Council decided to postpone the election of the deputy member until the next meeting, which is this meeting.

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 Representative Council elections

Matter: Section 14 of the Election Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland state that the elections are conducted on the date proposed by the KVL and decided by the Representative Council.

The National Union of University Students in Finland (SYL) recommends 8 November 2023 as the election day. In 2021, our election day was 3 November 2021, and the preliminary voting took place between 25–29 October 2021. The Representative Council elections have previously used an electronic voting system in 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019 and 2021, so it would be natural to use electronic voting again this year.

Motion: The Central Election Committee proposes that the Representative Council confirm 8 November 2023 as the election day. Secondly, the Central Election Committee proposes that the Representative Council confirm 31 October–3 November as this year's preliminary voting period.

The Central Election Committee proposes that electronic voting be used under section 17 of ISYY's Election Regulations.

Decision:

§14 Other business

Matter: Section 16 of the Rules of the Student Union states: *Members of the Representative Council may make petitionary motions in the Representative Council's meetings. If the Representative Council accepts the petitionary motion, the Executive Board must, within the limits of its authority, take the measures required by the petitionary motion within 30 days. The Executive Board must inform the Representative Council within a reasonable time about the measures taken in response to the petitionary motion.*

Motion: Any other business is discussed.

Decision:



§15 Closing the meeting

The Chairperson closed the meeting at

Jimi Viita-aho
Chairperson of the Representative Council

Helena Kansanen
Secretary General