

## **ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Representative Council Elections of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland will be held in accordance with the Universities Act (558/2009), the Government Decree on Universities (770/2009), and the Election Regulations of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland on 8 November 2023 as stated below:

### **INFORMATION FOR VOTERS**

Advance voting takes place online between 31 October 2023–3 November 2023. Advance voting starts at 8 a.m. on 31 October 2023 and ends at 11.59 p.m. on 3 November 2023.

On the election day, 8 November 2023, voters can vote online from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Voters can access support services during voting. More information about these services is given in the notice of your right to vote.

Only those members of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland who have registered as attending at the University of Eastern Finland by 24 October 2023 have the right to vote in the Student Union's Representative Council Elections. Proxy voting is not possible.

### **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

All members of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland who are entitled to vote and who have registered as attending for autumn semester 2023 by 5 October 2023 are eligible to stand as candidates in the Representative Council Elections. The persons who are not eligible for the Representative Council are the Secretary General of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland, managerial employees of companies owned or majority-owned by the Student Union, and members of the Central Election Committee.

A member of the Student Union who is entitled to vote, or a group of the Student Union's members who are entitled to vote, has the right to nominate a maximum of fifty-eight (58) candidates and to have their list of candidates published on the combined list of candidates. Two or more lists of candidates can join to form an electoral alliance. The maximum number of candidates per one electoral alliance is fifty-eight (58). The same person may not be a candidate on more than one (1) candidate list.

Each list of candidates must have a spokesperson. The spokesperson must notify the Central Election Committee that they are the spokesperson of their list of candidates. The spokesperson must be a member of the Student Union. The spokesperson can be a candidate on the same electoral list which they represent.

The proposed list of candidates must include a statement on the list's spokesperson and candidate consent forms from all nominated candidates on the list. The spokespersons of the candidate lists participating in an electoral alliance must submit a joint, signed electoral alliance announcement form to the Central Election Committee with the names of the candidate lists participating in the electoral alliance. Each candidate list and electoral alliance must have a name that is appropriate and distinct from the other names, and, where applicable, an abbreviation of the name. The name of an electoral alliance must include the word *vaaliliitto* (electoral alliance).

Online forms are the primary method for nominating candidates. The online forms are available on the Student Union's website. The online forms can be used to submit candidate consent forms, names of spokespersons, and proposals for lists of candidates. Paper forms, which are identical to the online forms, are available at the Student Union's offices and can also be printed from the Student Union's website. Notifications of the formation of an electoral alliance must be submitted to the Central Election Committee or the Secretary General either electronically or to the Student Union's office.

Candidate consent forms, names of spokespersons, proposals for a list of candidates, and notifications of the formation of an electoral alliance must be submitted to the Central Election Committee or the Secretary General online or in paper form to either of the Student Union's offices (Yliopistonkatu 7, 80100 Joensuu or Yliopistonranta 3, 70210 Kuopio) by 3 p.m. on 5 October 2023.

The spokesperson of the list of candidates will be notified in writing if the application is incomplete or inaccurate. Any corrections to candidate lists must be submitted by noon on 9 October 2023 in the manner specified in the previous paragraph.

If an incomplete or inaccurate application is not revised at the Central Election Committee's request, the inaccurate sections of the candidate application will be rejected. If a candidate has provided inaccurate or incomplete information or is a candidate on more than one list of candidates, the candidacy will be rejected. If the candidate's consent for the candidacy cannot be established, their candidacy will be rejected.

The definitive, combined list of candidates will be published on the official bulletin board of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland on 11 October 2023. The Student Union's official bulletin board is the Student Union's website.

The Central Election Committee will provide separate instructions regarding online and campus election campaigning.

The election results will be published on the official bulletin board of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland within 24 hours after voting has ended. Any complaints regarding the election results must be submitted to the Central Election Committee in writing within 30 days of the publication of the election results.

If the number of positions to be filled is equal to the number of candidates, no vote will be held, and all candidates will be elected.

If you have any questions about the elections, the contact persons are:

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In Kuopio and Joensuu on 7 August 2023

Central Election Committee of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland

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