

## **ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **TO VOTERS:**

Elections for the Representative Council of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland will be held in accordance with the Finnish Universities Act (558/2009) and the Election Rules of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland from 29 October to 6 November 2019 as follows:

### **VOTING**

Early electronic voting will take place between 29 October and 1 November 2019 from 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. (midnight).

On the actual election day, 6 November 2019, electronic voting will take place from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

There will be a support service available to voters providing further details during the voting period.

Only those Student Union (ISYY) members who have registered for attendance at the University of Eastern Finland by 22 October 2019 have the right to vote in the Student Union (ISYY) elections. The central electoral committee shall provide instructions regarding electronic voting at a later date. Voting by proxy is not allowed in the elections.

### **CANDIDATES:**

Every Student Union member who has the right to vote and who has registered for attendance this term at the University of Eastern Finland by 3 October 2019 is eligible to be elected to the Representative Council with the following exceptions: the Secretary General of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland; executives of the fully or majority owned companies of the Student Union; and members of the central electoral committee who are not eligible to stand in the elections.

Student Union members who have the right to vote and the coalitions that they may form have the right to have no more than fifty-eight (58) candidates up for election and to have their lists of candidates published with the combined list of candidates. Two or more lists of candidates have the right to form an electoral coalition. No more than 58 candidates may comprise one electoral coalition. A person may only be a candidate on one list. The central electoral committee must be informed of an electoral coalition no later than on the same day that the proposed list of candidates is to be submitted. This proposed list of candidates must include the election representative of the electoral coalition and the signed consent of all the

candidates. The election representatives of the lists of candidates who are forming the electoral coalition must submit a shared and signed form that includes the details of the lists of candidates joining the electoral coalition to the central electoral committee. Each list of candidates and electoral coalition must have a proper name that is not already used and is in accordance with good practice. The title of the electoral coalition must include the phrase 'electoral coalition' (Finnish: *vaaliliitto*).

Each list of candidates must have an election representative whose duty is to sign the notice that is given to the central electoral committee. The election representative must be a member of the Student Union. The election representative may stand as a candidate on the same list.

The proposed list of candidates, notice of the electoral coalition's appointed election representative, signed consent of candidates and the notice of the establishment of the electoral coalition must be submitted to the central electoral coalition or secretary general no later than 3 October 2019 at 3 p.m. via the electronic system or to one of the following Student Union offices: Yliopistokatu 7, 80100 JOENSUU, or Yliopistonranta 3, 70210 KUOPIO. The proposed list of candidates and notice of the establishment of an electoral coalition documents can be found at the Student Union offices and website. If a list is deemed invalid, the election representative of the list is given a written notice of the matter in addition to an announcement on the notice board. Revisions and additions to lists of candidates must be submitted no later than on 7 October at 12 p.m. (noon) as instructed above.

If the application still contains errors or is incomplete, the application shall be rejected for the time being. If these errors concern eligibility to stand in the elections or double candidacy, or if the candidate has not given their consent, the candidacy shall be invalidated. If the consent is not signed, the application shall be rejected.

The combined list of candidates can be found on the official notice board of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland as from 9 October 2019. The central electoral committee shall give more specific instructions regarding election advertising on campus.

The results of the elections shall be published on the official notice board of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland within 24 hours of the end of the vote. Any complaints regarding the results must be submitted to the central electoral committee in writing within 30 days after the results have been announced.

If the number of positions to fill is equal to the number of candidates, there shall be no elections and each candidate shall be elected.

If you have any questions regarding the elections, please contact Brenda Nissén, the chairperson of the central electoral committee (tel. 040 5829 578, [brendan@student.uef.fi](mailto:brendan@student.uef.fi)), Anna-Kristiina Mikkonen, the secretary general of the Student Union (tel. 044 576 8417, [paasihteeri@isy.fi](mailto:paasihteeri@isy.fi)), and Saara Närä, the coordinator for international affairs and administration of the Student Union (tel. 044 576 8413, [kv.kuopio@isy.fi](mailto:kv.kuopio@isy.fi)).

In Joensuu and Kuopio on 6 September 2019

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

Brenda Nissén  
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Committee

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