

## **ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Representative Council Elections of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland will be held in accordance with the Finnish Universities Act (558/2009), the Government Decree (770/2009) and the Election Regulations of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland between the 25th of October and the 3rd of November 2021 as follows:

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS:**

The advance voting takes place online between the 25th and the 29th of October 2021. The advance voting begins at 8am on the 25th of October 2021 and ends at 11.59pm on the 29th of October 2021.

On the Election Day, the 3rd of November 2021, it is possible to vote online between the hours of 9am and 6pm.

Support services are available during the voting period. More information about these services is provided in conjunction with the notice of a person's right to vote.

Only members of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland who have registered as present at the University of Eastern Finland by the 18th of October 2021 are entitled to vote in the Representative Council Elections of the Student Union. Voting by proxy is not possible.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES:**

Members of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland who have registered as present for the autumn semester 2021 at the University of Eastern Finland by the 29th of September 2021 are eligible to stand as candidates in the Representative Council Elections. However, the Secretary General of the Student Union of Eastern Finland, staff members who hold a leading position at companies wholly or majority-owned by the Student Union, or members of the Central Election Committee are not eligible to stand as candidates.

A member of the Student Union who is eligible to vote, or a group formed by members who are eligible to vote, has the right to nominate a maximum of fifty-eight (58) candidates and to have their list of candidates published together with the other lists of candidates for the elections. Two or more lists of candidates have the right to form an electoral alliance. No more than fifty-eight (58) candidates can be included in the same electoral alliance. The same person can only stand as a candidate on one (1) list.

Each list of candidates must have a spokesperson who notifies the Central Election Committee that they hold the position of the spokesperson. The spokesperson for the list of candidates must be a member of the Student Union. The spokesperson themselves is entitled to be a candidate on the same list that they represent.

The proposal for a list of candidates must include details of the spokesperson for the list of candidates and the candidate applications of every candidate on the list. The spokespersons for the lists of candidates forming an electoral alliance must submit a joint, signed electoral alliance notification form to the Central Election Committee with details of the lists of candidates forming an electoral alliance. Each electoral alliance and list of candidates must have an appropriate, proper name (and an abbreviation, if applicable) that is different from the other names. The name of an electoral alliance must include the word 'vaaliliitto', (electoral alliance).

A web application is used for the nomination of candidates. The web application can be used to submit the candidate applications, the names of the spokespersons for the lists of candidates, as well as the proposals for the lists of candidates. Forms submitted to the Central Election Committee, the Secretary General or the Student Union offices will be added to the web application. The forms can be obtained from the Student Union (ISYY) offices or the ISYY website. A notification of the formation of an electoral alliance must be submitted online to the Central Election Committee, the Secretary General or the Student Union office.

All the relevant documentation, including the candidate applications, the names of the spokespersons for the lists of candidates, the proposals for the lists of candidates and notifications of the formation of electoral unions must be submitted online by 3pm on the 29th of September 2021 to the Central Election Committee, the Secretary General or via the web application, or to either one of the Student Union offices (located at Yliopistonkatu 7, 80100 JOENSUU or Yliopistonranta 3, 70210 KUOPIO).

In case the applications are incomplete or submitted incorrectly, the spokesperson for the list of candidates is notified in writing. Revisions and corrections to the lists of candidates must be submitted by 12noon on the 4th of October 2021 in the manner specified in the previous paragraph.

If an incomplete or incorrect application is not revised or corrected based on the notification provided by the Central Election Committee, the incomplete or incorrect sections in the candidate's application are rejected. If a candidate has provided incorrect or incomplete information, has been nominated as a candidate on more than one list or their consent for the candidacy cannot be established their candidacy is invalidated.

The definitive lists of candidates will be available on the official bulletin board of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland, ie the website of the Student Union (ISYY), as of the 5th of October 2021.

The Central Election Committee will issue a separate set of instructions regarding election advertising on campus.

The results of the elections will be published on the official bulletin board of the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland, ie the website of the Student Union (ISYY), within twenty-four (24) hours of the end of the voting period. Any complaints regarding the results must be submitted to the Central Election Committee in writing within thirty (30) days of the publication of the results.

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

If you have any questions regarding the Representative Council Elections, please contact Matti Averio, Chairperson of the Central Election Committee (tel. +358 50 521 3158, [kvl.pj\(at\)isyy.fi](mailto:kvl.pj(at)isyy.fi)), Sanna Heinonen, Secretary General of ISYY (tel. +358 44 5768 417, [paasihteeri\(at\)isyy.fi](mailto:paasihteeri(at)isyy.fi)) or Elina Pitkänen, Coordinator of International Affairs and Administration of ISYY (tel. +358 44 5768 413, [kv.kuopio\(at\)isyy.fi](mailto:kv.kuopio(at)isyy.fi)).

In Kuopio and Joensuu on the 9th of August 2021

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

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