



REGULATION OF THE STUDENT UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TURKU ON THE ELECTION OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Decisions of the Student Union Council on 5 Aug 2009, 27 Jan 2010, 20 Apr 2011, 20 May 2015 and 19 May 2021.

Chapter I General Rules

Section 1 Scope of application

In addition to what is provided in the Universities Act and Decree, the Regulations of the University of Turku and Student Union Rules, the provisions of this regulation will be complied with when electing student representatives in the Collegiate Council of the university, the University Board, Academic Appeals Board, Faculty and School of Economics Councils and Boards of Independent Units.

The election of student representatives in joint organs of several universities shall be agreed among the Student Unions.

Chapter II Eligibility to apply

Section 2 Eligibility based on the right to complete a degree

In the election of student representatives under this regulation, people with the right to complete a lower university degree, higher university degree, licentiate or doctoral degree, specialist degree in medicine or degree in dental science in the University of Turku.

The eligible applicants must also be registered as present in the university.

Those with a full-time employment with the university are not eligible, as defined in the election rules of the University of Turku.

Section 3 Eligibility for application in the election of student representatives in Faculty Councils and in the Board of the School of Economics

In the election of student representatives in Faculty Councils and in the Board of the School of Economics, eligible for application are only the students of the particular Faculty or the School of Economics.

The Executive Board of the Student Union decides, if needed, on specific aspects related to belonging to a Faculty or the School of Economics.

Section 4 Number of seats limiting the appointment

If a person serves as a representative in three organs, they cannot be elected or proposed as student representatives for the organs under this regulation if there are other applicants that fulfil the application criteria.

Section 5 Losing eligibility during the term



The Student Union controls the fulfilment of the requirements for eligibility during the term of the organ. ■ ■ ■

A student that has lost their eligibility is considered resigned from the organ in question. The Student Union may launch the procedures for completing the organ as provided in Chapter 7 of this regulation.

Chapter III Application and election procedure for the University Collegiate Council and Academic Appeals Board

Section 6 Opening the search

The application and election procedure for the University Collegiate Council and Academic Appeals Board shall be launched in good time before the end of the term of the previous student representatives. The Executive Board of the Student Union declares a search for at least ten (10) and at a maximum of thirty (30) days. The search announcement shall be published on the bulletin board of the Student Union, on the website of the Student Union and on the official mailing list of the Student Union.

Section 7 Applications

Applications for the University Collegiate Council, University Board and Academic Appeals Board shall be submitted in the manner stated in the search announcement and during the provided period.

After the end of the application period, an employee of the Student Union appointed by the Secretary General of the Student Union shall control the applications and request complements to the application, if necessary.

A Student Union employee shall draft a summary of the applications for the Election Committee.

Section 8 Extending the application period

If a sufficient number of applicants does not apply for the University Collegiate Council, University Board or Academic Appeals Board, an employee authorised by the Secretary General may continue the call for a period considered necessary. If the Executive Board of the Student Union considers otherwise that the interests of the Student Union require prolonging the application period, the Executive Board may continue the call for a period considered necessary. The previous applicants shall be observed without a new application.

Section 9 Drafting an election proposal

After the application period, the Election Committee shall process the applications to the University Collegiate Council, University Board and Academic Appeals Board.

The Election Committee shall make a justified proposal for those to be elected in the University Collegiate Council. The Election Committee shall make a justified proposal for the Executive Board for those to be elected in the University Board and in the Academic Appeals Board.



In the election proposal, those who applied in due time are primarily proposed. If posts remain unfilled, late applications may be considered. The Election Committee may interview applicants to support their preparation. The Election Committee shall observe the issues arisen in an eventual interview when drafting the proposal.

In addition, the University Collegiate Council shall include at least one student representative from each Faculty and the School of Economics.

Section 10 Making the election decision

The Student Union of the Student Union shall elect the student representatives to the University Collegiate Council on a proposal by the Election Committee. The Executive Board of the Student Union shall elect the student representatives to the University Board and the Academic Appeals Board on a proposal by the Election Committee.

Chapter IV Application and election procedure for the Faculty Councils and the Board of the School of Economics

Section 11 Opening the search

The application and election procedure for the Faculty Councils and the Board of the School of Economics shall be launched in good time before the end of the term of the previous student representatives. The Executive Board of the Student Union declares a search for at least ten (10) and at a maximum of thirty (30) days. The search announcement shall be published on the bulletin board of the Student Union, on the website of the Student Union and on the official mailing list of the Student Union. The Executive Board of the Student Union shall decide on other modes of publication of the search announcement.

Section 12 Applications

The applications to the Councils and the Board shall be submitted in the manner stated in the search announcement and during the stated period.

After the end of the application period, an employee of the Student Union appointed by the Secretary General of the Student Union shall control the applications and request complements to the application, if necessary.

A Student Union employee shall draft a summary of the applications for the Election Committee.

Section 13 Extending the application period

If a sufficient number of applicants does not apply for the Faculty Councils or the Board of the School of Economy, an employee authorised by the Secretary General may continue the call for a period considered necessary. If the Executive Board of the Student Union considers otherwise that the interests of the Student Union require prolonging the application period, the Executive Board may continue the call for a period considered necessary. The previous applicants shall be observed without a new application.

Section 14 Drafting an election proposal



After the end of the application period, the Election Committee processes the applications received for the Faculty Councils and the Board of the School of Economy.

In the election proposal, those who applied for the positions in due time are primarily proposed. If posts remained unfilled, late applications may be considered.

A justified statement on the applicants from the subject-specific or faculty organisations representing the students of the Faculties of the School of Economics shall be requested before the Election Committee convenes to make the proposal. The statement shall be attached to the proposal for the Executive Board.

The Election Committee shall make a justified proposal for the Executive Board for those to be elected in the Faculty Councils and the Board of the School of Economy.

Section 15 Making the election decision

The Executive Board of the Student Union shall elect the student representatives to the councils and board on a proposal by the Election Committee.

Chapter V Application and election procedure for the Boards of Independent Units

Section 16 Opening the search

The application and election procedure for the Boards of Independent Units shall be launched in good time before the end of the term of the previous student representatives. The Executive Board of the Student Union declares a search for at least ten (10) and at a maximum of thirty (30) days. The search announcement shall be published on the bulletin board of the Student Union, on the website of the Student Union and on the official mailing list of the Student Union. The Executive Board of the Student Union shall decide on other modes of publication of the search announcement.

Section 17 Applications

The applications to the Councils and the Board shall be submitted in the manner stated in the search announcement and during the stated period.

After the end of the application period, an employee of the Student Union appointed by the Secretary General of the Student Union shall control the applications and request complements to the application, if necessary. A Student Union employee shall draft a summary of the applications for the Executive Board of the Student Union.

Section 18 Extending the application period

If a sufficient number of applicants does not apply for the Board of an Independent Unit, an employee authorised by the Secretary General may continue the call for a period considered necessary. If the Executive Board of the Student Union considers otherwise that the interests of the Student Union require prolonging the application period, the Executive Board may continue the call for a period considered necessary. The previous applicants shall be observed without a new application.

Section 19 Making the election decision



The Executive Board of the Student Union elects the student representatives in the Boards of Independent Units.

Chapter VI Election of student representatives in other organs

Section 20 Applying the regulation in electing student representatives in other organs

In the election of student representatives in other organ than in the University Collegiate Council, University Board, Academic Appeals Board, Financial Aid Board, Faculty Councils or the Board of the School of Economics or the Board of the Independent Unit, this regulation shall be complied with for the applicable parts.

Section 21 Making the decision or proposal

The student representative shall be elected or the proposal for the student representative to the deciding organ shall be drafted by the Executive Board of the Student Union.

Chapter VII Resignation, discharge and completion of organs

Section 22 Resigning from an organ

The resignation from the University Board is provided in the Universities Act and in the Regulations of the University.

The Executive Board of the Student Union decides on the resignations from the University Collegiate Council, Academic Appeals Board, Faculty Councils or the Board of the School of Economics or the Board of an Independent Unit.

Resignation from other organ shall be decided by the party that has set up the organ in question.

Section 23 Discharge from an organ

The discharge of a member of the University Board is provided in the Universities Act and in the Regulations of the University.

If a student representative has become unable to serve their task, has repeatedly neglected their task or for another weighty reason, they may be discharged. Before resignation, the person concerned shall be provided an opportunity to submit a sufficient report of the matter within 30 days after being contacted in the matter. The discharge shall be decided by the organ of the Student Union that made the decision, if there are sufficient grounds for discharge after the period provided for submitting the report and if it is considered that the student representative does not have the confidence required by the position.

Section 24 Completing the University Board

If a student representative in the University Board has resigned, has been discharged or otherwise lost their eligibility, a new member shall be elected as provided in Chapter 3 of this regulation on the election of the student representative in the University Board.



Section 25 Completing the University Collegiate Council, Academic Appeals Board, Faculty Council, Board of the School of Economics and Board of the Independent Unit

If a member of the University Collegiate Council, Academic Appeals Board, Faculty Council, Board of the School of Economics or Board of the Independent Unit has been granted resignation, has been discharged or otherwise lost their eligibility, the deputy member shall become a permanent member.

The employee appointed by the Secretary General of the Student Union declares a search for the open position of trust for at least ten (10) and at a maximum of thirty (30) days. The completion search shall follow the search criteria of the original search. The search announcement shall be published on the bulletin board of the Student Union, on the website of the Student Union and on the official mailing list of the Student Union.

Primarily, there will be two completion searches in a year, taking into account the need for completion.

After the end of the application period, an employee of the Student Union appointed by the Secretary General of the Student Union shall control the applications and request complements to the application, if necessary. A Student Union employee shall draft a summary of the applications for the Executive Board of the Student Union that shall complement the organ.

If a sufficient number of applicants does not apply in due time for the University Collegiate Council, Academic Appeals Board, Faculty Councils or the Board of the School of Economics or the Board of an Independent Unit, the Executive Board of the Student Union or an employee authorised by the Secretary General may continue the call for a period considered necessary. If the Executive Board of the Student Union considers otherwise that the interests of the Student Union require prolonging the application period, the Executive Board may continue the call for a period considered necessary. The previous applicants shall be observed without a new application.

If the completion concerns a Faculty Council or the Board of the School of Economics, the subject-specific or faculty organisation representing the students of the particular Faculty or the School of Economics shall be requested a justified statement on the applicants before the Executive Board decides on the completion

Section 26 Completing other organ

The Executive Board of the Student Union shall decide on the procedure concerning the completion of other organs.

Chapter VIII Appeal

Section 27 Appeal

Decisions of the Student Union Council and Executive Board may be appealed as provided in the Administrative Procedure Act. The decision on the appeal can be appealed to a Court of Administration as provided in Section 86 of the Universities Act, Act on Court Proceedings in Administrative Issues and Rules of the Student Union.



Appeal cannot be made against a decision that only includes preparation or implementation. ■ ■ ■

Chapter IX Miscellaneous

Section 28 Changing the regulation

The Student Union Council shall decide on altering this regulation.