



# ORGANISATION MEETING OF THE STUDENT UNION COUNCIL

Time: 29 November 2023 at 6.15 pm

Place: Turku Hall, Rehtorinpellonkatu 4 A, 20500 Turku

## Meeting agenda

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### Opening of the meeting

Before the start of its term of office, between November 20th and December 10th, the Student Union Council shall convene in an organising meeting, where the Executive Board and the Chairs of the Committees, as well as the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Student Union Council and the Financial Board for the next term are elected. (TYY Rules, Section 12)

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### Legality and quorum

Invitation to a meeting of the Student Union Council shall be delivered electronically for all members of the Student Union Council, and the meeting shall be announced at the official bulletin board of the Student Union at least seven (7) days before the meeting.

The Student Union Council constitutes a quorum when at least twenty-one (21) members and the Chair or the Vice-Chair are present. (TYY Rules Section 12)

The matters on the agenda of a meeting shall be informed in the invitation to the meeting. A matter that has not been mentioned in the invitation to the meeting, will not be decided unless declared as urgent with a majority of two thirds (2/3) of votes or unless the matter needs to be decided by a certain date and a new meeting for processing the matter can no longer be convened.



Upon invitation to the meeting, the agenda shall also be delivered to the deputy members of the Student Union Council. (TYY Administrative regulation, Section 1)

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#### Invitation of the scrutinisers of the minutes and tellers

In the beginning of the Student Union Council meeting, the Chair invites two members of the Student Union Council to control the final minutes. (TYY Administrative regulation, Section 5)

The elections shall be held and the results shall be counted by three tellers called by the Chair at the beginning of the meeting, and they shall be members of the Student Union Council. (TYY Administrative regulation, Section 16)

#### The convenor of the meeting proposes:

Chair invites two scrutinisers of the minutes, who also serve as vote tellers. In addition to them, one person is invited as a vote teller.

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#### Announcements

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#### Approval of the agenda

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#### Question Hour of the Executive Board and the Financial Board

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#### Election of the Chair of the Student Union Council for 2024

A statutory task of the Student Union Council (Section 11 of TYY Rules) is to elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair among its members.

“Majority election: If there is one (1) candidate to be elected, the one which received the most votes shall be elected. In majority election, one vote is given for a candidate.



In order to be elected in the first voting, a candidate shall have the absolute majority of the provided votes. If nobody receives the required majority, another voting shall be organised between the two candidates who received the most votes. In this voting, the candidate who received more votes shall be considered elected. If the additional voting results in a tie, a draw shall resolve the vote.

If the first voting does not result in two candidates with the most votes, an additional voting shall be organised among the candidates with the equal number of votes. If the additional voting results in a tie, a draw shall resolve the vote." (TYY Administrative regulation, Section 16)

The Executive Board proposes:

The Student Union Council shall elect the Chair among its members.

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#### **Election of the Vice-Chair of the Student Union Council for 2024**

A statutory task of the Student Union Council (Section 11 of TYY Rules) is to elect a Vice-Chair among its members. The election procedure is presented under item 6.

The Executive Board proposes:

The Student Union Council shall elect the Vice-Chair among its members.

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#### **Election of the Chair of the Executive Board for 2024**

"Student Union Executive Board includes Chair and five to seven (5–7) Executive Board members, who shall all be eligible members of the Student Union." (TYY Rules Section 18)

The Chair of the Executive Board and individual members of the Executive Board shall have the confidence of the Student Union Council. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Student Union, a member of the Student Union Council and an employee of the Student Union may not serve as members of the Executive Board.

According to Section 19 of TYY Rules, the Chair of the Executive Board shall be separately elected before the rest of the Executive Board.

Introduction to the task of the Chair is organised by the previous Chair and TYY Office in December 2023 and January 2024.



The Executive Board proposes:

The Student Union Council elects the Chair of the Executive Board for 2022.

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### Decision on the size of the Executive Board for 2024

"Student Union Executive Board includes Chair and five to seven (5–7) Executive Board members, who shall all be eligible members of the Student Union." (TYY Rules Section 18)

The Executive Board proposes:

The Student Union Council decides on the size of the Executive Board.

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### Election of the Executive Board for 2024

"The election of the Executive Board considers the gender parity rule of the Equality Act. Upon request, the gender of a trans or non-binary person can be defined as the one that the person feels closest to, even if different from the legal gender. In such case, the gender can also be considered other than male or female. The person should inform the matter to the Chair of the Student Union Council." (TYY Rules Section 19)

Lists will be set for the voting, which each include the people proposed as the members of the Executive Board. The list shall always be presented complete. The same person may serve as a candidate on several lists, but the presenter of the list shall have the consent of the person in question. If a list receives over half of the provided votes, the people presented in the list shall be considered elected. If there are more than two lists in the first voting, and none of them receives half of the provided votes, another vote shall be held, in which two lists which received the most votes in the first vote shall compete. If the votes result in a tie in the final voting, a draw shall resolve the vote.

If the first voting does not result in two lists with the most votes, an additional voting shall be organised between the lists with the equal



number of votes. If the additional voting results in a tie, a draw shall resolve the vote." (TYY Administrative regulation, Section 4)

Introduction for the Executive Board is organised by TYY Office in December-January 2023-2024.

The Executive Board proposes:

The Student Union Council elects the Executive Board for 2022.

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### Election of the Financial Board for 2022-2023

"Financial Board includes Chair and six (6) ordinary members among the members of the Student Union. The Committee shall elect a Vice-Chair among its members. (TYY Rules Section 26)

The Chair of the Financial Board is elected with majority vote. "Majority election: If there is one (1) candidate to be elected, the one which received the most votes shall be elected. In majority election, one vote is given for a candidate.

In order to be elected in the first voting, a candidate shall have the absolute majority of the provided votes. If nobody receives the required majority, another voting shall be organised between the two candidates who received the most votes. In this voting, the candidate which received more votes shall be considered elected. If the additional voting results in a tie, a draw shall resolve the vote.

If the first voting does not result in two candidates with the most votes, an additional voting shall be organised among the candidates with the equal number of votes. If the additional voting results in a tie, a draw shall resolve the vote." (TYY Administrative regulation, Section 16)

The members are elected with proportional representation. "Proportional representation: If there are two (2) or more candidates to be elected, the elections shall be held with proportional representation, unless otherwise prescribed in these rules. In proportional representation, the number of candidates in the desired order on the ballot is at the maximum the number of elected candidates. When the result is being counted, the first candidate on the ballot receives one vote, the second candidate receives half (1/2) a vote, the third receives a third (1/3) of a vote, and so on, until each candidate mentioned in the ballot has received votes. The number of votes received by each candidate is called the comparative index. The



candidates are elected in the order prescribed by the comparative indexes.

The elections shall be held, and the results shall be counted by three tellers called by the Chair at the beginning of the meeting, and they shall be members of the Student Union Council.

Proportional and other elections, if so required, shall be held with a closed ballot. If the votes result in a tie, a draw shall determine the vote." (TYY Administrative regulation, Section 16)

The Executive Board proposes:

The Student Union Council elects a Financial Board for the Student Union and its Chair for 2022–2023.

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### **Election of the Executive Committee of Turku Student Newspaper (TYL) for 2024**

"2.1 the Student Union Council appoints a Chair and six regular members among the Student Union members in TYL Executive Committee. The committee term lasts for a calendar year. The Student Union Council shall elect a new Chair in case the Chair re-signs or is prevented from carrying their duties. The Executive Board shall elect a new member to replace a resigned or permanently prevented member until the end of the Committee's term, upon the proposal of the Election Committee.

2.2 The committee shall elect a Vice-Chair among its members for the duration of the term. A member elected among the Committee shall serve as the Secretary." (Regulation on Turku Student Newspaper)

The Executive Board proposes:

The Student Union Council elects the Chair and six members in the TYL Executive Committee for 2024.

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### **Electing the Election Committee**

The Student Union Council sets an Election Committee for the period of its term and appoints its Chair among its members. The Election Committee shall elect a Vice-Chair among its members. In accordance



with the Administrative Regulation, the Election Committee includes representation from all Student Union Council groups. (TYU Rules Section 25)

Each Student Union Council group proposes one member in the Election Committee and a maximum of two deputy members. (TYU Administrative Regulation, Section 38)

The Executive Board proposes:

The Student Union Council elects an Election Committee and its Chair among the members of the Committee and that each Student Union Council group may change their member in the Election Committee by informing it in a meeting of the Student Union Council.

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### Electing the Support Committee

The main task of the Support Committee of the Student Union is to process the activity support applications of organisations and prepare the decisions on support for the Executive Board.

According to Section 8 of the Student Union Regulation on sub-organisations and financial support, "An open search for the Committee shall be organised, on the basis of which the Election Committee shall draft a proposal for the Student Union Council. The Support Committee includes Chair and six to ten (6-10) ordinary members among the members of the Student Union. A Member of the Executive Board of the Student Union shall serve as the Chair of the Committee. The Committee shall elect a Vice-Chair among its members."

The application form for the Support Committee was open on the Student Union website from November 6<sup>th</sup> to November 19<sup>th</sup>. The Selection Committee of 2022-2023 has processed the applications and proposes that the Council shall elect the following applicants as members of the Support Committee for 2024:

Emma Hyvärinen  
Kerttu Hurvi

The Student Union Council elects the Chair of the Support Committee with majority vote and the members with a proportional personal vote.

The Executive Board proposes:

Student Union Council elects Emma Hyvärinen and Kerttu Hurvi as well as other members of the Support Committee for 2024. In addition,



the Student Union Council authorises the 2024 Executive Board, after its organisation, to elect the Chair of the Support Committee and, if needed, to elect additional members of the Support Committee.

Welcome to the meeting,

Siiri Turunen  
Chair of the Student Union Council,  
The convenor of the meeting

Riina Lumme  
General Secretary