

STUDENT UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TURKU

Agenda 2/2024

Time: 12 January 2024 at 10.00 am

Place: Negotiating room Rahiala, Student House A, Rehtorinpellonkatu 4 A

Present: Katie Astin, Chair
Josefina Tuomala, Vice-Chair
Antti Hakamaa
Shashika Harshani
Saimi Herlevi
Victoria Luovikari
Jimi Mahonen
Vilppu Tolvi

Other distribution: Riina Lumme, Secretary General
Selmi Holopainen, Chair of the Student Union Council
Veikko Pulkki, Vice-Chair of the Student Union Council
Mari van den Berg, Financial Board Chair
Tero Ahlgren, Specialist, Premises and Community
Tuulikki Grönholm, Financial Secretary
Joni Kajander, Specialist, Academic Affairs
Hanna Kiiskilä, Event Organiser
Lauri Lahoniitty, Specialist, Organisations and Administration
Heta Laiho, Communications Specialist
Ville Ritola, Specialist, Social Affairs
Vilma Virtanen, Specialist, International Affairs

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Right to use bank account and credit card: Akseli Tiitta

Chair of the 2023 Executive Board Tiitta has had the right to use TYY bank account and the credit card of the Student Union. After the end of his term, the right to use the account and the card should be cancelled.

Secretary General proposes:

The Executive Board decides to cancel Akseli Tiitta's right to use TYY bank account and the credit card granted to his immediately.

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Right to use bank account and credit card for the Chair of the Executive Board

The new Chair of the Executive Board needs the right to use the bank account of the Student Union FI48 5716 9020 0256 10. She also needs a credit card.

Secretary General proposes:

The Executive Board decides to grant Chair of Executive Board Katie Astin the right to use the Student Union bank account FI48 5716 9020 0256 10 and to acquire Astin the Student Union credit card immediately.

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Granting credit card for Event and Member Service Specialist

Event and Member Service Specialist Hanna Kiiskilä is currently responsible also for the acquisitions of the service point and the office. For those and the costs of event organisation, Kiiskilä needs her own credit card.

Secretary General proposes:

The Executive Board decides to grant Event and Member Service Specialist Hanna Kiiskilä the right to use the credit card of the Student Union.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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Statement of the Student Union on the extent of doctoral degrees

Appendix 1 Call for comments on the extent of doctoral degrees

Appendix 2 Statement of the Student Union on the extent of doctoral degrees (visible in the meeting)

The university has requested a statement from the Student Union on the extent of doctoral degrees. The deadline for the statement is Monday 15 Jan 2024.

The call for comments is intended to review the view of the university community on the need for changes and the extent of doctoral degrees in the future. Comments are requested as widely as possible from different parties. The results will be presented to the Board of UTUGS. The Board includes Vice-Deans for doctoral education of the faculties and representatives of doctoral researchers. After this, a summary of statements, views of the faculties and the proposal of the Board of UTUGS for a Rector's decision will be submitted to the Rector.

Those providing statements are requested to comment, in particular, the following proposals:

- The extent of the post-graduate studies in a doctoral degree in all faculties from 1 Aug 2024 will be 40 ECTS.
- The doctoral dissertation is no longer measured in ECTS.
- Another change is made to the extent of post-graduate studies (the response should include the proposed change).

Secretary General proposes:

The Executive Board decides to comment the extent of doctoral degrees.

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Appointing a representative in the premises working groups of the lower campus

As part of the premises programme required by the Board, the Rector appoints to working groups to discuss the premises arrangements of the lower campus. The task of the first working group is to discuss the possibilities to locate the teacher training school in the campus and the other working group discusses the premises arrangements of the lower campus if the teacher training school or part thereof is moved from Varissuo to the lower campus.

The university has asked TYY to appoint representatives in both working groups.

Secretary General proposes:

The Executive Board decides to appoint a representative and a possible deputy representative in each working group.

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Appointing a representative of the Student Union in the Management Group of the University

The Management Group of the University includes Rectors, directors in the central management, Deans, Director of UTUGS and a representative of the Student Union. In the Management Group, the Student Union has been represented by the Chair of the Executive Board. The University Management Group has been previously called the extended management board.

The Specialist for Academic Affairs proposes:

The Executive Board decides to grant Akseli Tiitta a resignation from the Management Group and to appoint Katie Astin, Chair of the Executive Board, as the representative of the Student Union in the Management Group of the university.

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Appointing representatives of the Student Union in the Teaching and Learning Council and its division at the university

The Teaching and Learning Council of the university prepares matters related to education for decision-making by the Board or Rector. In the Teaching and Learning Council, the Student Union has one regular representative and their deputy representative. The term of the Teaching and Learning Council and its divisions is the term of the Rectors.

The regular representatives in the Council have been the Specialist for Academic Affairs and the Executive Board Member for Academic Affairs.

The well-being division is a working group operating under the Teaching and Learning Council and focusing on students' well-being. TYY Specialist for Social Affairs has served as the Chair of the division for several terms. In addition, the division has had another TYY-appointed representative as a member.

The division for developing international degree programmes is a division under the Teaching and Learning Council with tasked with the long-term development and follow-up of international degree programmes. The division started in autumn 2019 and its composition includes representatives from all faculties and the Student Union. A regular member in the division has been the TYY Specialist for International Affairs and an Executive Board member as a vice-member.

The Specialist for Academic Affairs proposes:

The Executive Board decides the representatives of the Student Union in the Teaching and Learning Council and its divisions as follows:

- to grant resignations to Julia Siimento, Kerttu Hurvi and Arvi Tolvanen and to elect a representative of the Student Union in the Teaching and Learning Council and their deputy member. Specialist for Academic Affairs, Joni Kajander, continues as the regular member of the Teaching and Learning Council.
- to grant Jimi Salonen a resignation from the well-being division and to elect a representative of the Student Union as a regular member of the division. Specialist for Social Affairs, Ville Ritola, continues as the Chair of the section.
- to grant Katie Astin a resignation from the division for developing international degree programmes and to elect a representative of the Student Union as a deputy member in the division. Specialist for International Affairs, Satu Nurmi, continues as the regular member.

TYY representative in the digital steering group of the university

The University Board decided on 15 Jan 2021 that steering groups for key activities of the university are established to steer and follow-up the services of the university administration. For education, research and societal interaction, the steering groups consist of councils led by the Vice-Rectors. The Student Union has representation in the Teaching and Learning Council and in the Council for Societal Interaction. In the steering groups for the services of administration, the Student Union has representation in the general administrative steering group and the digital steering group.

The steering groups for the services of administration convene four times a year. The task of the steering groups consists of consultation, preparation and discussion. The steering groups do not make decisions.

TYY representatives in the steering group for general management have been Specialist for Academic Affairs Joni Kajander (regular member) and Specialist for Organisations and Administration Lauri Lahoniitty (deputy member). TYY representatives in the digital steering group have been in 2022-2023 Executive Board Member Arvi Tolvanen (regular member) and Specialist for Academic Affairs Joni Kajander (deputy member).

The Specialist for Academic Affairs proposes:

The Executive Board decides to grant Arvi Tolvanen a resignation and to elect TYY representative as a regular member in the university digital steering group. Specialist for Academic Affairs continues as a deputy member of the steering group.

Appointing a representative of the Student Union in the quality system steering group of the university

The quality system steering group of the university is responsible for developing the quality system of the university. The quality system of the university was audited externally in 2023. The regular member of the steering group has been the Specialist for Academic Affairs and the Executive Board Member for Academic Affairs has been the deputy member.

After the audit year, it is a good time to think about the arrangement of regular and deputy members in the steering group. The Executive Board Member may well serve as a regular member in the steering group and the Specialist for Academic Affairs can become a deputy member.

The Specialist for Academic Affairs proposes:

The Executive Board decides to grant Julia Siimento a resignation and to appoint the representatives of the Student Union in the quality system steering group.

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Appointing Student Union representatives in the university teams under Educational Affairs.

There are different teams for internal development of Educational Affairs, which is responsible for services related to education. The teams discuss the practices and processes in the study administration related to their theme area. Educational Affairs has wished for representation from the Student Union in some of the teams. Such teams include student feedback team and curriculum team.

Educational Affairs is led by the steering group of study administration, in which the representative of the Student Union is the Specialist for Academic Affairs. In addition, the Specialist for Academic Affairs is a representative of the Student Union in the teams for internal instructions under Educational Affairs.

The Specialist for Academic Affairs proposes:

The Executive Board decides to appoint the representatives of the Student Union in the teams under Educational Affairs as follows:

- to grant Julia Siimento a resignation and to elect a representative of the Student Union in the student feedback team under Educational Affairs of the university.
- to grant Julia Siimento a resignation and to elect a representative of the Student Union in the internship team under Educational Affairs of the university.
- to grant Kerttu Hurvi a resignation and to elect a representative of the Student Union in the curriculum team under Educational Affairs of the university.

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Representative of the Student Union in the development group for supervision

2023 was supervision theme year at the university and one related action was gathering a development group for supervision. The Student Union has representation in the group.

The task of the group is to discuss, develop and follow-up student supervision at the university. TYY representatives in the group have been Executive Board Members Kerttu Hurvi (regular member) and Julia Siimento (deputy member).

The Specialist for Academic Affairs proposes:

The Executive Board decides to grant Kerttu Hurvi and Julia Siimento resignation and to elect a representative of the Student Union and their deputy member in the development group for supervision at the university.

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Election of TYY representative in the university UTUPEDA group

The university's UTUPEDA group discusses the development of university pedagogics and the study module of university pedagogics. The Student Union has had representative in the group. A member in the UTUPEDA group has been the Executive Board Member for Academic Affairs and the Specialist for Academic Affairs a deputy member.

The Specialist for Academic Affairs proposes:

The Executive Board decides to grant Kerttu Hurvi a resignation and to elect a representative of the Student Union in the UTUPEDA group. Specialist for Academic Affairs, Joni Kajander, continues as a deputy member.

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Appointing a representative of the Student Union in the steering group of the programme Good academic management in the future university

Good academic management in the future university is an educational entity directed at the leadership of the university. A representative of the Student Union is appointed in the University's steering group of the programme "Good academic management in the future university".

The Specialist for Academic Affairs proposes:

The Executive Board decides to grant Katie Astin a resignation and to appoint a representative of the Student Union in the steering group for Good academic management in the future university.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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Appointing a representative of the Student Union in the sustainable development steering group of the University of Turku

The sustainable development steering group of the University of Turku develops, follows-up and evaluates the sustainable development activities of the university in relation to the UN sustainable development goals and promotes the realisation of sustainable development principles in the practical activities of the university.

The Specialist for International Affairs proposes:

The Executive Board decides to grant Aino Rönkä a resignation and to appoint a representative of the Student Union in the sustainable development steering group. The Specialist for International Affairs Vilma Virtanen serves as a deputy member of the group.

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Other business

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Closing of the meeting

APPENDICES

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