

STUDENT UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TURKU

Agenda 7/2024

Time: 16 February 2024 at 10.00

Place: Negotiating Room Rahiala, Student House A, Rehtoripellonkatu 4 A

Present members: 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, Chair of the Financial Board
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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The Ministry of Education and Culture has requested statements on the draft Government Decree on amending the Government Decree on Universities and the for a Ministry of Education and Culture Decree on the calculation criteria for the basic funding of universities. Statements are requested by 20 Feb 2024 through the statement service.

A working group of the Ministry of Education and Culture provided their proposal in December 2023 on reforming the funding models used in targeting the state funding of higher education institutions from 2025 and, based on them, proposals on necessary legislative amendments (attached).

The Federation of University Students in Finland - SYL was involved in the working group but provided a dissenting opinion for the end result. The proposal leaves a lot to criticise from a student perspective. More central than the amendments is what was not done, as the model itself should have been reformed. TYY would have wanted to see less profit-centredness in the model. The profit-centred model is also a hindrance for university cooperation. Internationality was also abandoned, as it was not returned to the model.

Specialist for Academic Affairs proposes:

The Executive Board decides to comment the proposal for a university funding model for both the University of Turku and the Ministry of Education and Culture in accordance with the appendix. The Executive Board authorises the sector for academic affairs to take the statement to the form in the statement service.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Statement of the Student Union of the University Funding Model