



## Agenda 15/2024

- Time:** 31 May 2024 at 9.30
- 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:** Petra Peltonen, 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, Academic Affairs  
Tuulikki Grönholm, Financial Secretary  
Hanna Kiiskilä, Event Organiser  
Lauri Lahoniitty, Specialist, Organisations and  
Administration  
Heta Laiho, Communications Specialist  
Tiia Niskanen, Member Service Coordinator  
Ville Ritola, Specialist, Social Affairs  
Vilma Virtanen, Specialist, International Affairs

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Announcements

23.–24. May Astin, Tuomala and Peltonen in a seminar for management  
27 May Ahlgren in the meeting of the Digital steering group  
4 Jun Lahoniitty in the meeting of the general administrative steering group



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## Approval of the agenda

### INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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## Showing support for the people of Palestine

The recent events have highlighted the continuous conflict and humanitarian problems as well as human rights violations in Palestine. Many Student Unions and organisations around the world have shown their support for the Palestinian cause. As a representative organ speaking for rights, equality and human rights, it is particularly important for our Student Union to express our position in the matter.

TY Y Political Agneda states that *"University-level cooperation should not be conducted with universities close to the governments of totalitarian or human rights -dumping countries. Individual research and study cooperation, for example, field work related to research, can, however, be conducted on the basis of careful advance consideration."*

Executive Board Member Harshani proposes:

- The Executive Board decides to show support for the people of Palestine by judging Israel's actions and human rights violations in Palestine.
- The Executive Board decides to oppose university-level cooperation with Israel
- The Executive Board decides to publish blog post and Instagram post expressing TY Y solidarity for Palestine

### ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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## Student Union statement on the final report of the working group on transferring Turku Teacher Training School to Educarium

Appendix 1 Student Union statement on the final report of the working group on transferring Turku Teacher Training School to Educarium (visible in the meeting)

As part of the Facility Programme approved by the University Board in its meeting on 26 Jan 2024, the Rector established in January 2024 two separate working groups, one of which had the task to review the transfer of Turku Teacher Training School from Varissuo to lower campus in Educarium, when one could possibly give up the premises



of the Teacher Training School in Varissuo. Educarium was selected as the target building due to its accessible location and because it corresponds to the Varissuo school building in terms of square meters. The task of the other working group is to review more extensively the use of the premises in the lower campus. The working group on the transfer of Turku Teacher Training School to Educarium finished its final report on 30 Apr 2024.

As part of the work of the working group, a review on the need for facilities was completed, dealing with two different alternatives: The entire transfer of Turku Teacher Training School to Educarium and only transferring upper secondary school to Educarium. The working group also conducted a survey for the entire university community, including students, doctoral researchers and staff. According to the description of the survey results, the majority of the responded students opposed transferring Teacher Training School to Educarium, whereas the approach of doctoral researchers and staff was more positive. The responses of the staff working in Educarium were critical. According to the review on the need for premises, the transfer of the entire Teacher Training School, the university would save ca. 12,680 square meters and in annual rental costs ca. EUR 2.1-2.4 million. These savings would not be reached by transferring only the upper secondary school.

The University Board discussed the final report of the working group in its meeting on 17 May 2024 and decided to continue the review work related to the transfer of Turku Teacher Training School. As part of this decision, the review work will be complemented with the statements requested from the Boards of the Faculties located in the lower campus, the Student Union and the City of Turku. The University Board is supposed to decide on the launch of the project planning related to the transfer of Turku Teacher Training School in its meeting on 10 Jun 2024. The formal request for a statement has not yet arrived.

In the financial situation of the university, the Student Union considers saving from facility expenses as less harmful compared to saving, for example, from staff expenses. The possible transfer of Turku Teacher Training School to Educarium, however, creates challenges, solving of which still requires careful and whole-university-community-involving planning. The attached draft statement brings more clearly up challenges TYU's statement to the issues mentioned in the final report of the working group on transferring Turku Teacher Training School to Educarium and in the public events organised on the university Facility Programme.

The Specialist for Academic Affairs proposes

The Executive Board decides to state on the final report of the working group on the transfer of Turku Teacher Training School to Educarium in accordance with the appendix and to authorise the Specialist for



Academic Affairs to respond to the possible request for statement related to the matter on the basis of the lines presented in the appendix.

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### **Opening a call for the steering group of Sote Academy**

#### Appendix 2 Call for the steering group of Sote Academy

The term of the steering group of Sote Academy ends on 31 Jul 2024. The new two-year term begins on 1 Aug 2024. Two regular and two deputy members should be selected in the steering group for the new term.

The Sote Academy of the University of Turku is responsible for responding to the competence and knowledge needs created by the integration of social and healthcare services. It combines the competence and expertise of all faculties of the University of Turku and Turku School of Economics. It is an active actor in multi-disciplinary networks of higher education, research and working life. The Sote Academy steering group is responsible for planning the education related to its activities.

Specialist for Academic Affairs proposes:

The Executive Board decides to open a call for the steering group of the Sote Academy of the University of Turku for the term ending on 31 Jul 2026 in accordance with the appendix.

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### **Complementing the Advisory Boards of the Library of the University of Turku**

Upon the decision of 29 Jun 2023 of the Vice-Rector responsible for research, the Library of the University of Turku has four Advisory Boards: Advisory Boards for Humanities, for Educational and Social Sciences, for Economics and Law as well as for Medicine, Technology and Mathematics and Natural Sciences. The term of the advisory boards is three years. The advisory board convenes 3-4 times a year or when needed. The members of the advisory boards are from the disciplines represented by each advisory board.

TYU Executive Board opened a call for the Advisory Boards in its meeting on 15 Aug 2023 (TYUH 19/2023). One student member and one deputy member was called for each Advisory Board. The Executive Board decided in its meeting on 31 Aug 2023 (TYUH 21/2023) to elect Nuwandi Jayasenthu Kankamange in the Advisory Board for Medicine, Technology and Mathematics and Natural Sciences for the term ending on 31 Aug 2026. In addition, the Executive Board decided in the same meeting to elect Executive Board Member Anton Kultanen in



the Advisory Board for Humanities, Executive Board Aino Rönkä in the Advisory Board for Educational and Social Sciences and Executive Board Chair Akseli Tiitta in the Advisory Board for Economics and Law until the seats of student representatives can be filled through and open call.

The Specialist for Academic Affairs opened a complementing call in the Advisory Boards from 26 Jan to 5 Feb 2024. During the call, two applications for the Advisory Board for Humanities arrived. The Executive Board decided in its meeting on 8 Mar 2024 (TYYH 9/2024) to elect Frida-Maria Pessi as the regular member and Jutta Tiensivu as the deputy member in the Advisory Board for Humanities for the term ending on 31 Aug 2026. Other elections through the complementing call have so far not been made. Akseli Tiitta has requested resignation from the Advisory Board for Economics and Law.

Regulation on the election of the student representatives in the administration, Chapters 1-2, Chapter 6.

The Specialist for Academic Affairs proposes

The Executive Board decides to grant Akseli Tiitta a resignation and to elect a student representative in the Advisory Board for Law and Economics of the Library of the University of Turku.

## COMPANY COOPERATION AFFAIRS

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### **Approval of the cooperation agreement between TYY and Promler**

Appendix 3 Promler cooperation agreement (not published)

Launching cooperation agreement between TYY and Promler.

Executive Board Member Mahonen proposes:

The Executive Board decides to approve the cooperation agreement with Promler for 2024-2025 to be signed.

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### **Renewal of the cooperation agreement between TYY and Turun Sanomat**

Appendix 4 Cooperation agreement with Turun Sanomat (not published)

Routine-wise continuation of the cooperation agreement between TYY and Turun Sanomat. The agreement is longer and the sum of the cooperation has been raised.

Executive Board Member Mahonen proposes:



The Executive Board decides to approve the cooperation agreement with Turun Sanomat for 2024-2025 to be signed.

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Other business

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Closing of the meeting

## APPENDICES

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