



SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE STUDENT UNION COUNCIL

Time: 11 September 2024 at 6.15 pm

Place: Turku Hall, Rehtorinpellonkatu 4 A, 20500 Turku

Meeting agenda

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Opening of the meeting

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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. (TYU Rules Section 12)

The matters on the agenda of a meeting shall be informed in the invitation to the meeting. A matter not mentioned in the invitation to the meeting shall not be decided unless declared urgent with a two thirds (2/3) majority or unless the matter needs to be decided, according to the Rules, by a certain date and a new meeting can no longer be invited to decide the matter.

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

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Invitation of the scrutinisers of the minutes and tellers



Proposal: Chair invites two scrutinisers of the minutes, who also serve as vote tellers. In addition to them, one person will be 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 Secretary General

TYU Secretary General Petra Peltonen has resigned from the post of the Secretary General on 22 Aug. The Executive Board opened a call for the post of the Secretary General with the call approved by the Election Committee in its meeting 18/2024 from 1 Aug to 22 Aug 2024. 13 applications arrived and the Election Committee decided to interview four applicants during week 36. The interviews will be recorded for the Election Committee members to see. Interviewers include the Chair of the Election Committee Elisa Hyvärinen, Election Committee Member Aino Marjamaa, Chair of the Executive Board Katie Astin and Vice-Chair of the Executive Board Josefina Tuomala. The Secretary General will be elected in a meeting of the Student Union Council on 11 Sep 2024.

Student Union Rules Section 11(8)

The Executive Board proposes:



The Executive Board decides to elect the Secretary General and to authorise the Executive Board to negotiate on the employment contract of the Secretary General.

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Appointment of representatives in SYL Union meeting

SYL Union meeting will be held on 15-16 November 2024 in Espoo. Each Student Union that is a member of the Union is entitled to send one representative per each incipient thousand students, according to the number of members in November in the previous year. In addition, a personal deputy representative for the representatives or a general deputy representative for the entire delegation can also be elected. The number of TYY's regular Union meeting representatives is 16. The participation fees for the Union meeting were approved in Union meeting 2023 and are 155€ for a regular representative and 180€ for a deputy representative. In addition, observers can be appointed, whose fee has previously been 210€.

If there are changes before the meeting in the Union meeting representatives elected by the Student Union Council, the Student Union Executive Board may complement the representatives to the Union meeting.

Rules of the Student Union of the University of Turku: Section 11

The Executive Board proposes:

The Student Union Council decides to elect sixteen (16) representatives for the Union meeting and their personal deputy representatives, eventual observes, and to decide that the



Executive Board may complement the union meeting representatives if needed.

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Deciding on TYY's candidates for the Board of the National Union of University Students in Finland (SYL)

The National Union of University Students in Finland will hold its Union meeting on 15-16 November 2024 in Espoo. The Union meeting also elects a Board for 2025, and TYY has the possibility to set a candidate/s for Executive Board Chair and/or member/s.

The Executive Board proposes:

The Student Union Council decides on TYY's candidate/s to SYL Board.

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TYY Executive Board meeting 15/2024 item 182 (Showing support for the people of Palestine)

Appendix 1 Agenda of the 15/2024 meeting of the Executive Board

Ten members of the Student Union Council had demanded retaining at the Student Union Council the decision-making power of the item 182 of the meeting of the Executive Board. According to Section 17 of the Rules, the Student Union Council has to process the issue in its following meeting.

The Chair of the Student Union Council proposes:

The Student Union Council decides to process TYY Executive Board meeting 15/2024 item 182 (Showing support for the people of Palestine).



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Mid-year report

Appendix 2 Mid-year report 2024

The Executive Board and the staff have prepared a mid-year report describing the activities of the first half of the year and serving as the basis for the annual report prepared in December. The mid-year report will be orally represented to the Student Union Council in the September meeting.

The Executive Board proposes:

The Student Union Council decides to record the mid-year report.

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Reporting the progress of the Equality Programme

Appendix 3 Report of the progress of the Equality Programme 2021–2024

The Executive Board and Specialists have prepared a document comparing the progress of the years, describing the reaching of the objectives of the Equality Programme during the entire programme period. The report on the progress of the Equality Programme will be distributed to the Student Union Council in connection with the mid-year report.

The Executive Board proposes:

The Student Union Council decides to record the report on the progress of the Equality Programme.



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Approval of the Environmental Agenda

Appendix 4 Executive Board proposal for the Environmental Agenda for the Student Union Council based on the preliminary debate

The Student Union Council held a preliminary debate on the Environmental Programme in its May meeting. Based on the wishes presented in the preliminary debate and previously assessed amendment needs, the Executive Board has made revisions in the Environmental Agenda. A document is provided for the Student Union Council including the changes made on the basis of the preliminary debate.

The Executive Board proposes:

The Student Union Council decides to approve the updated Environmental Agenda.

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Election of auditors for 2024

According to Section 11 of the Rules of the Student Union, the Student Union Council elects the auditors of the Student Union. According to Section 37 of the Student Union, "an auditor shall be appointed to control the accounts and administration of each budget year, who shall be an auditor approved by the Central Chamber of Commerce (KHT), and a personal deputy auditor with the same requirements or an audit firm approved by the Central Chamber of Commerce. If a KHT audit firm is appointed as the primary auditor, deputy auditor shall not be appointed."

The audit society PricewaterhouseCoopers Oy previously used by the Student Union and Universtas Group announced in autumn



2023 that it is no longer available as the auditor of the Student Union. In its November meeting, the Student Union Council decided to authorise the Secretary General and the Financial Secretary to tender the audit society and to prepare a decision on the election through the Financial Board to the Student Union Council.

On the basis of the requested offers and the held discussions, the best applicable alternative, jointly for the Student Union and the Universtas Group, is considered to be audit society BDO Oy. The proposal is that audit society BDO Oy is elected as the auditor of the Student Union for the year 2024. Universtas Group decides on the election of the auditor separately.

Student Union Rules Sections 11 and 37

The Financial Board proposes:

The Student Union Council decides to elect audit society BDO Oy as the auditor of the Student Union for 2024, and it will appoint the mainly responsible auditor among its staff.

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Other business

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Closing of the meeting

Welcome to the meeting,



Veikko Pulkki
Vice-Chair of the Student Union Council
Secretary General

Lauri Lahoniitty

APPENDICES

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Appendix 2 Mid-year report 2024

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