

Chapter 1

The Student Union and its members

1 § Student Union

The name of the Student Union shall be Jyväskylän yliopiston ylioppilaskunta (JYY) and it is based in the city of Jyväskylä. The Student Union shall be a corporation subject to public law, which shall have self-government in accordance with the Universities Act (558/2009).

2 § Members of the Student Union

Students of the University of Jyväskylä are members of the Student Union, as determined in the Universities Act.

A student pursuing a postgraduate degree or exchange studies at the University of Jyväskylä may join the Student Union.

3 § Honorary members

An honorary member is a person the Student Union wished to honor. Honorary members are specified more in detail in the Tradition Statute

Chapter 2

Decision-making power and disqualification⁸

4 § Decision-making power

The highest decision-making body of the Student Union is the Representative Council elected by the members of the Student Union in a relative and secret ballot.

The Council elects the Board for the preparation and implementation of matters, which shall exercise, in the manner determined by the Universities Act, the administrative and executive powers of the Student Union in matters determined by this statute.

The Council elects the Business Board for preparation of the Student Union's finances and business, which is a body in accordance with the Government

Decree on Universities (770/2009). The Business Board is regulated more in detail in the Administrative Regulation.

All members of the Student Union who are registered at the University of Jyväskylä have equal voting rights in the Student Union's Council Elections and in the voting for members.

5§ Disqualification and eligibility within working bodies

Employees who are permanently employed with the Student Union or have a temporary job of at least six (6) months are not eligible for election to the Council of Representatives or the Board of the Student Union. Board members cannot serve as members of the Council.

Chapter 3

President and Vice President of the Student Union

6 § President and Vice President

The Representative Council elects the President and Vice President of the Student Union in the Council elections for a term of one year from among the adult members of the Student Union. The election of the President and Vice President shall both be held separately.

7 § Term of the President and Vice President and the term of office

The term of office of the President and Vice President is one calendar year. If the President or Vice President resigns or loses eligibility during the term of office, the Council shall meet to elect a new President or Vice President for the remainder of the term.

The President and Vice President are dependent on the confidence of the Council. The Council may, by two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority of the members present at the Council meeting make a motion of no confidence against the President or the Vice President. After the motion, the President or the Vice President can be regarded as resigned from the duties and the Council immediately elects a new President and/or Vice President.

8 § Duties of the President and Vice President

Duties of the President are:

1. To convene a meeting of the Council and a general meeting and chair the meetings
2. To make a proposal to the Council on the Central Election Committee
3. Unless otherwise provided in the rules, to convene the bodies designated by the Council for which the Council has not specifically designated a chairperson
4. To supervise that the operations of the Student Union shall comply with valid decrees and regulations.

If the President of the Student Union is unable to or refuses to perform the duties stated here or in another regulation, the duties in question shall be moved to the Vice President for the duration of the absence.

Chapter 4

The Representative Council

9 § Council members and the term of office

The Representative Council consists of thirty-nine (39) eligible members of the Student Union. Members of the Council shall be elected deputy members in accordance with the election order. Election of Council members and deputy members follow the election order.

If necessary, a supplementary election can be held in accordance with the election order.

The term of office of the Council shall begin on December 1 and last for two (2) years. However, the term of office shall continue until a new Council is elected and assembled. The assembly meeting of the Council is held annually.

The assembly meeting is convened by the President of the Student Union in office and, during election years, an invitation to the meeting must be sent within 30 days of the announcement of the election results.

10 § Resignation of Council member and invitation of a deputy member

When a Council member loses their eligibility or otherwise resigns mid-term, a member is invited in their stead in accordance with the election order.

When a Council member is incapable to attend the Council meeting, a member is invited in their stead in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Council.

11 § Duties of the Council

The duties of the Council shall be:

1. To elect the President and Vice President of the Student Union
2. To elect the Chair of the Board and board members, to which in accordance with the Universities Act uses administrative and executive power
3. To appoint the Business Board, to which the Council, acting in accordance with the approved budget, may decide to delegate decision-making, administrative and executive power
4. To appoint the Board of the Student Newspaper to which the Council, acting in accordance with the approved budget, may decide to delegate decision-making, administrative and executive power
5. To appoint the Central Election Committee on the proposal of the President of the Student Union and appoint its chairperson
6. To appoint representatives to meetings of national federations
7. To elect the student representatives of administration and other student representatives as regulated by the Regulation on student representatives in administration
8. To elect the auditors of the Student Union
9. To elect the Student Union's Executive Director, the CEO and the Editor in Chief of the Student Newspaper
10. To approve the Student Union's strategy and business strategy on the proposal of the Board
11. To approve the Student Union's action plan on the proposal of the Board
12. To approve the Student Union's annual budget and supplementary budgets as well as the investment program on the proposal of the Board and for the investment program on the executive power of decision-makers
13. To decide on the remuneration of the Board members when approving the annual budget
14. To approve the Student Union's membership fee to be set in accordance with the Universities Act
15. To decide on the approval of the financial report
16. To decide on the discharge of account and liability to the Board and others responsible

17. To process the Board's reports on the Student Union's operation
18. To decide on joining and leaving communities on the Board proposal
19. To decide on the proposal of the Board, on the purchase, sale or exchange of real estate or shares entitling the holder to hold real estate, on the construction of new buildings and on investments outside the investment program
20. To decide on taking up debt longer than one (1) year on the proposal of the Council
21. To approve the Student Union's Constitution
22. To approve the Student Union's election order standing orders and rules of procedure on the Board's proposal
23. To decide on the honorary tributes of the Student Union in accordance with the details of the Tradition Statute
24. To decide on other matter, which the Board may refer to the Council to decide
25. To decide on other matters which the Council has reserved the right to declare in accordance with this rule.

12 § Delegating the decision-making power of the Council

The Council may, in individual cases, decide to delegate their decision-making power to the Board by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority of the members present. In their delegation decision, the Council must define the delegation of power either by time or in such a way, that it only concerns an entity limited in content and ends when the Board has decided on the limited matter.

The Council cannot delegate decision-making power in the following sections of the previous Chapter: 1, 2, 5, 13, 15, 21 and 22.

13 § Reserving decision-making power to the Council

In order to make a decision, the Council may reserve the decision-making power of another body of the Student Union to discuss the matter. The President of the Student Union or ten (10) members of the Council have the right to in writing insist to reserve the matter for the Council, after which the reserving of decision-making power shall be discussed in the next meeting of the Council. Before the actual decision is made, the Council must decide by simple majority in a meeting to reserve the matter.

The request for reserving the decision-making power must be submitted within one week of the decision to the body's chair and to the Executive Director.

The Council may not, however, use its decision-making power to make decisions that involve amending decisions that legally bind the Student Union.

14 § Quorum and meeting of the Council

The Council has a quorum when at least twenty (20) members of the Council are present. If there are fewer members in the Council than a full Council under this regulation, a quorum shall be reached when at least half of the members of the Council are present.

The meeting of the Council does not lose its quorum when people who are unable to attend leave the meeting.

The Council meets

- To hold an annual assembly meeting between 15 November and 10 December to decide on the matters referred to in § 12's section 1, 2, and 4.
- Annually by 10 December to decide