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STUDENT UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI

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ELECTION REGULATIONS

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Chapter I

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General provisions

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Section 1

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General information

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In the representative council elections of the student union, the representative council members shall be elected as provided in these election regulations. The election of student representatives to the administration of the University of Helsinki shall be provided in detail in the guideline on the election method of student representatives in university administration.

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The representative council elections shall be conducted every other year by 10 November. The elections shall be conducted on at least three (3) weekdays determined by the Central Election Committee, which take place in two consecutive weeks.

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Section 2

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Election method

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The student union elections shall comply with secret, direct and proportional election method. Voting in the representative council elections shall be carried out electronically. For specific reasons, the Representative Council may impose the elections to be organised as ballot election based on the proposal of the Central Election Committee.

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Section 3

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Right to vote

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Only a student union member who has registered for the attendance and is personally present shall have the right to vote in the representative council elections of the student union. The electoral roll shall be compiled of members who are entitled to vote, which is confirmed by the Central Election Committee.

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One's right to vote shall be checked from the electoral register. When a person has used one's right to vote, it shall be recorded in the electoral register. In electronic election, the right to vote shall be checked with identification approved by the Central Election Committee.

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The Central Election Committee shall decide on the procedure which grants the right to vote to a person who has registered after the confirmation of the electoral roll. In cases where the voter is unable to prove one's right to vote, the issue shall be submitted to the Central Election Committee.

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46 The identity of a voter shall be stated in accordance with instructions provided by the Central
47 Election Committee.

48 Eligibility in the representative council elections shall be determined by the student union
49 regulations.

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51 Every person entitled to vote shall have one (1) vote in the election.

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53 The right to vote shall only be used personally.

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56 Chapter II
57 Central Election Committee and election committees

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60 Section 4

61 *Appointment and operations of the Central Election Committee*

62 The Student Union Board shall appoint the Central Election Committee to conduct the elections by
63 March of the election year at the latest. The student union's chairperson shall act as the
64 chairperson and the vice chairpersons of the student union and three (3) former or current
65 student union members shall act as other members. The board shall elect a personal deputy to
66 each member with the exception of the chairperson. Deputies shall be former or current members
67 of the student union. Members shall be elected in a manner in which the opinion groups
68 represented in the previous elections are represented in the Central Election Committee when
69 possible. A member or a deputy of the Central Election Committee may not run as a candidate in
70 the representative council elections.

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72 The Central Election Committee shall appoint the vice chairperson from among the committee.
73 The secretary of the Central Election Committee shall be the student union's secretary general or a
74 person appointed by him/her.

75 The Central Election Committee shall have a quorum when the chairperson or the vice chairperson
76 and at least three other members or vice members are present.

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78 The Central Election Committee shall decide matters by a simple majority of votes. If there is an
79 even number of votes, the chairperson's vote shall decide the matter.

80 Section 5

81 *Determination of polling stations and the appointment of election officers and election committees*

82 The Central Election Committee shall determine polling stations and the number of stations.

83 If there is no more than one (1) polling station, the Central Election Committee shall act as the
84 election committee of the polling station.

85 An election officer or deputy election officer appointed by the Central Election Committee shall
86 supervise the conduct of electronic election, whose task is to ensure that the system functions and
87 take the minutes during the voting procedure. The election officer or deputy election officer who
88 supervises electronic voting may not run as a candidate in the election.

89 If there are several polling stations, the Central Election Committee shall appoint an election
90 committee for each polling station.

91 Section 6

92 *Composition of election committees*

93 The chairperson, vice chairperson and from two to six (2–6) other members from among the
94 student union members entitled to vote shall be appointed to each election committee. However,
95 a student union member who is approved to the master list of candidates by the Central Election
96 Committee may not be elected as the chairperson or the vice chairperson. If a polling station is
97 located outside the City of Helsinki, the members of the election committee in question may be
98 elected from among other persons than the student union members entitled to vote.

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100 An election committee shall elect a secretary from among the committee to take the minutes.

101 An election committee shall have a quorum when at least three (3) of the members are present,
102 including the chairperson or the vice chairperson.

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104 Chapter III

105 Nomination of candidates, electoral coalitions and electoral alliances

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108 Section 7

109 *Running as a candidate*

110 Each eligible student union member may run as a candidate by notifying the Central Election
111 Committee with a form confirmed by the committee (candidate declaration).

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113 The candidate declaration shall clearly indicate a candidate's full name, social security number,
114 possible department of one's major subject, postal address, e-mail address and telephone
115 number. In addition, a candidate's name shall be written down in the candidate declaration for the
116 master list of candidates in such a manner that one's commonly known name or abbreviated first
117 name is used along with or instead of the first name.

118 A person running as a candidate shall sign the candidate declaration.

119 A candidate has the right to withdraw one's candidacy by notifying the Central Election Committee
120 before the final confirmation of the list of candidates.

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Section 8

Forming of electoral coalitions

Two or more candidates shall have the right to form an electoral coalition. An electoral coalition shall be formed in a manner in which candidates who form the electoral coalition use a candidate declaration to authorise a student union member entitled to vote to act as a representative and another member to act as a deputy of the representative. The authorisation shall clearly state the name of the representative and the name of the deputy as well as the name of the electoral coalition.

In the candidate declaration, the representative of the electoral coalition shall provide a covenant to include the candidate in the election coalition where one is the representative. The representative shall sign the covenant.

A candidate may only belong to one electoral coalition. A candidate shall declare in the candidate declaration that one has not agreed to be a candidate in more than one electoral coalition.

The representative of the electoral coalition shall provide a written notification to the Central Election Committee about forming the electoral coalition with a form confirmed by the Central Election Committee. A written proposal for the candidate list of the electoral coalition shall be attached and published in the master list of candidates and the candidate declarations of the candidates who form the electoral coalition. The representative, or when prevented, one's deputy, shall sign the declaration.

The representative shall inform each candidate of the electoral coalition about the candidate list of the electoral coalition either in person, by email or mail.

The candidate shall be informed about one's right to withdraw the candidacy by notifying the Central Election Committee before the final confirmation of the master list of candidates.

An electoral coalition may include the maximum of sixty (60) candidates.

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Forming of electoral alliances

Two or more electoral coalitions shall have the right to form an electoral alliance. One or several electoral coalitions shall have the same right with one or several candidates from outside the electoral coalition.

The forming of an electoral alliance shall be organised in a manner in which the representatives of the electoral coalitions, which form the electoral alliance, submit a written notification to the Central Election Committee concerning the forming of an electoral alliance with a form confirmed by the Central Election Committee. The representative of an electoral coalition or the representatives of electoral coalitions and a candidate outside an electoral coalition shall have the same right. The notification shall clearly indicate the formers of the electoral alliance and the name of the electoral alliance. The notification shall be accompanied by a written proposal for the order in which electoral coalitions and candidates outside electoral coalitions are requested to be included in the master list of candidates.

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166 The representatives of electoral coalitions and candidates outside the electoral coalitions shall sign
167 the notification on the forming of an electoral alliance.

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169 Chapter IV
170 Preparatory election procedures of the Central Election Committee

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Section 10

174 *Election preparations*

175 The Central Election Committee shall convene for its first meeting by the end of April of the
176 election year when invited by the chairperson.

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178 When conducting electronic election, the Central Election Committee shall provide instructions on
179 procedures in special cases in connection with the election announcement.

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181 The Central Election Committee shall decide on the election declaration by the end of April of the
182 election year. The declaration shall mention:

183 1) to where and by which date the documents mentioned in Sections 7, 8 and 9 shall be delivered
184 to the Central Election Committee,

185 2) the person(s) whom the Central Election Committee has authorised to receive the documents,
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187 3) on which dates and at what time the actual vote and advance vote shall be conducted. The
188 voting shall last for the minimum of eight continuous hours on at least three election dates.

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190 The declaration referred to in the previous item shall be published on the official notice board of
191 the student union no later than 14 days before the date referred to in Paragraph 1, Item 3. The
192 Central Election Committee may also decide to publish the declaration in other media.

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194 The Central Election Committee shall approve a budget for the election. After the approval, the
195 student union board shall confirm the budget.

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Section 11

198 *Meeting after the nomination of candidates*

199 The Central Election Committee shall convene on the dates referred to in Paragraph 1, Item 3,
200 Section 10 for the preparatory inspection of delivered documents referred to in Sections 7, 8 and
201 9.

202 If the candidate declaration or the notification on the forming of an electoral coalition or an
203 electoral alliance is not delivered to the Central Election Committee by the deadline, the
204 document shall not be addressed or reviewed.

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206 If the candidate declaration is incomplete or incorrectly drafted, this shall be pointed out to the
207 candidate or the representative of the electoral coalition if the candidate is part of an electoral
208 coalition. If the notification on the forming of an electoral coalition or alliance is incomplete or
209 incorrectly drafted, this shall be pointed out to the representatives of the electoral coalition or

210 coalitions and to individual candidates in the electoral coalition. A notice shall also be issued if a
211 person who runs as a candidate is not eligible or has submitted more than one candidate
212 declaration.

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214 A notification is delivered in written form to the candidate or the representative of an electoral
215 coalition. The notification shall be submitted no later than the second weekday from the meeting
216 of the Central Election Committee referred to in Item 1, Section 11.

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218 Candidates and the representatives of electoral coalitions to whom the Central Election
219 Committee has given notice shall be entitled to submit a rectification notice to the Central Election
220 Committee within eight weekdays from the Central Election Committee meeting referred to in
221 Item 1, Section 11. If the notice concerns the forming of an electoral alliance, the members of the
222 electoral coalition shall provide a joint written rectification notice personally signed by the
223 representatives of the electoral coalitions and candidates outside the electoral coalitions. If the
224 candidate is not eligible or is part of two or more electoral coalitions, a candidate outside an
225 electoral coalition or in case of an electoral coalition, the representative of the electoral coalition,
226 shall have the right to withdraw the candidacy declaration within the similar period of time.

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Section 12

228 *Meeting after the rectification period*

229 The Central Election Committee shall convene after the rectification period referred to in Item 5,
230 Section 11, for the final confirmation of the master list of candidates.

231 Documents delivered within the time limit and in accordance with Sections 7, 8 and 9, which the
232 Central Election Committee has commented, shall be accepted.

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234 If the issue is not rectified within the time limit after the notice and the mentioned error is not
235 minor, the Central Election Committee shall not take into consideration the candidate notification,
236 the notification to form an electoral coalition or the notification to form an electoral alliance.

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238 After reviewing the documents, the Central Election Committee shall immediately compile the list
239 of approved documents. The list shall be placed on the official notice board of the student union.

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241 If a candidate wishes to withdraw one's candidacy after candidate notifications are submitted to
242 the Central Election Committee, a notice shall be submitted to the Central Election Committee
243 who may remove the candidate's name from the master list of candidates after its decision.

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Section 13

245 *Procedure after rectification settlements*

246 If as many candidates are accepted to the master list of candidates as there are persons elected in
247 the elections, the elections shall not be organised. Instead, the Central Election Committee shall
248 act in accordance with Item 1, Section 14.

249 If fewer candidates are accepted than there are persons elected in the elections, the committee
250 shall act in accordance with Item 2, Section 14.

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252 If more candidates are accepted than there are persons elected in the elections, the Central

253 Election Committee shall draft the master list of candidates.

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255 Candidates approved to the master list of candidates shall be arranged so that the candidates who
256 are part of electoral coalitions and electoral alliances are entered first.

257 The mutual order of electoral coalitions and electoral alliances shall be determined by drawing
258 lots. After this, candidates outside electoral coalitions shall be accepted to the master list in the
259 order determined by drawing lots, after which the Central Election Committee shall determine the
260 running numbers for candidates as determined by the draw. The numbering shall begin from
261 number two.

262 The master list shall indicate the election for which it was drafted.

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Section 14

264 *Publication of election results without the conduct of elections*

265 If there are as many accepted candidates in the master list of candidates as there are elected
266 persons in the elections and if the election has not been organised due to this reason, the Central
267 Election Committee shall declare the candidates as elected.

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269 If there are fewer candidates accepted to the master list of candidates than there are persons
270 elected in the elections, the Central Election Committee shall cancel the election procedure
271 referred to in Item 2, Section 1, and conduct new representative council elections.

272 The Central Election Committee shall conduct new representative council elections no later than
273 within ninety days from the date of the original election. This procedure shall continue until the
274 new representative council is elected. The election shall follow these election regulations when
275 applicable.

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Section 15

277 *Regulations on the ballot*

278 If the Representative Council decides to arrange ballot elections, the Central Election Committee
279 shall confirm the model of the ballot used in the elections and the numbers entered on the ballot.
280 The ballot shall indicate the election for which it is used. In addition, the ballot shall include a circle
281 for writing down a candidate's number.

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Chapter V

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Election procedure

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Section 16

287 *Requirements for the polling system*

288 The used electoral system shall meet the following requirements:

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1) the system shall be sufficient in terms of data security and operational certainty;

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2) adequate data security shall be used between a voter's voting device and the service

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related to the electoral system;

- 292 3) the voter's identity shall be identified before the vote;
293 4) after logging in to the electronic system, the master list of candidates shall be clearly
294 visible;
- 295 5) the voter shall have the possibility to cast a blank vote;
296 6) the voter's identity may not be connected to any particular given vote;
297 7) the voter can only exercise his/her right to vote once;
298 8) the electoral system shall be based on an open source code;
299 9) description on the system's access level is approved by the Central Election Committee.

300 Before the election, a data security check on the electronic voting system shall be carried out by
301 an independent party appointed by the Central Election Committee.

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Section 17

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Electoral preparations

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The chairperson of the Central Election Committee shall convene the Central Election Committee
306 and election committees to conduct the voting if the Central Election Committee has established
307 the committees. Before the voting begins, the election committee shall perform the election of
308 the secretary of the election committee.

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The minutes shall be taken at the meetings of an election committee with a form confirmed by the
310 Central Election Committee.

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Section 18

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Beginning of voting

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When using electronic voting, two (2) members of the Central Election Committee or their
315 deputies shall state that the electronic ballot box is empty before the beginning of voting and
316 enter this information in the minutes.

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Section 19

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Other voting regulations

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The election committee, election officer or a deputy election officer shall not give third parties
320 information on the persons who have used their right to vote.

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If requested, the election committee shall provide information on the election regulations for
323 persons who are entitled to vote.

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Section 20

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Exercising the right to vote

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If a person votes without the right to vote, votes in the name of another person or casts more
327 than one vote, the voter may be excluded from the elections. In such cases of electoral fraud, the
328 Central Election Committee shall decide on the exclusion.

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Section 21

Right to use an electoral assistant

The voter may use a person one has chosen to help him or her to mark the ballot.

The assistant shall be obliged to dutifully carry out the voter's orders and to maintain the confidentiality of the information gained in connection with the voting.

The assistant may not run as a candidate in the election.

Section 22

Right to use the voting right when the polling station closes

In the electronic election, all persons entitled to vote who have registered to the voting system before the end of the voting time, shall have five minutes to exercise their right to vote.

Section 23

Decision-making procedure of the election committee

If the election committee is not unanimous, the committee shall immediately submit the matter to be resolved by the Central Election Committee.

Section 24

Reachability of the Central Election Committee during the polling

Election committees shall be able to reach the Central Election Committee during the polling. The Central Election Committee shall resolve issues on which the election committee is not unanimous, give them guidelines, supervise the general progress of the polling and make sure that election committees follow common instructions.

Chapter VI

Vote count and the determination of election results

Section 25

Vote count

The election result shall be calculated by machine.

After the electoral procedure, the Central Election Committee shall count the votes cast in actual and the number of persons who have used their right to vote. The number of persons who have used their vote, the total number of votes cast, votes cast for each candidate and empty votes shall be entered in the vote count minutes.

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Section 26

370 *Meeting of the Central Election Committee after vote count*

371 After the vote count, the Central Election Committee shall meet in order to determine the election
372 result.

373 At first, candidates of each electoral coalition shall be arranged according to the number of votes.
374 The mutual order of those who have received the same number of votes shall be decided by
375 drawing lots.

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377 Thereafter, the candidate who has received the most votes in the electoral coalition shall receive
378 all the votes received by the electoral coalition, the second shall receive half of the number of
379 votes, the third shall receive one third of this number, and so forth.

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Section 27

382 *Placing candidates in the final order*

383 All candidates shall be placed in order according to the number of their final comparative index.
384 The mutual order of those who have received the same comparative index shall be decided by
385 drawing lots. After this, as many persons as are elected in the elections shall be declared as
386 elected from among those persons who have received the highest comparative index.

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Section 28

389 *Determination of deputy members*

390 Deputy members shall be determined for the elected representative council members in such a
391 way that there are twice as many deputy members as there are representative council members
392 elected from an electoral coalition. Deputy members shall be elected from among those persons
393 who are closest to the candidate with the highest comparative index.

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395 The working order of the representative council shall determine how a deputy member or
396 exceptionally other candidate who has received votes in the election are invited as members of
397 the representative council.

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Chapter VII

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Ballot election and its special features

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Section 29

402 *Organising of ballot election*

403 The Representative Council may decide to organise ballot election based on the proposal of the
404 Central Election Committee (Section 2).

405 One may also participate in ballot election by voting in advance. The advance voting shall be
406 conducted on at least two dates determined by the Central Election Committee.

407 If it is possible to vote in ballot election at polling stations located outside Helsinki, the electoral
408 procedure shall last for the minimum of six hours.

409 If the Central Election Committee decides to organise ballot election, the Central Election
410 Committee shall appoint the vote count audit committee for audit count. The Central Election
411 Committee shall elect five (5) members to the vote count audit committee and appoint the
412 chairperson for the committee. The committee shall elect a secretary from among the committee.
413 The members of the vote count audit committee shall be elected from among the student union
414 members entitled to vote. However, a student union member who is approved in the master list of
415 candidates by the Central Election Committee may not be elected as a member.

416 The vote count audit committee shall have a quorum when the chairperson and at least three (3)
417 other members are present.

418 Section 30

419 *Election arrangements*

420 The Central Election Committee shall deliver to an election committee a sufficient number of the
421 master lists of candidates, polling booths, ballot boxes and the calculated number of ballots.

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424 Section 31

425 *Beginning of electoral procedure*

426 Beginning of the electoral procedure and the beginning and end of voting in ballot election

427 1) when voting begins, at least three (3) members of the election committee shall state
428 that the ballot boxes used in ballot election are empty;

429 2) after this, the inner lid of each ballot box shall be carefully sealed. This shall be entered
430 in the minutes;

431 3) after this, the chairperson or the vice chairperson of the election committee shall open
432 the container which contains the ballots;

433 4) when the polling ends on the first day, ballot boxes shall be closed so that ballots cannot
434 be entered without breaking the seal on the cover lid of the ballot box. The sealing shall be
435 performed by at least three members of the election committee;

436 5) when polling begins on the second voting day, at least three members of the election
437 committee shall state that the top lid of the ballot box is sealed;

438 6) only when this information is entered in the minutes, the election committee may break
439 the seal on the top lid. The seal on the inner lid shall not be broken and the ballot box shall
440 not be opened.

441 Section 32

442 *Presence of the election committee and election officers in electoral procedure*

443 During the electoral procedure, the chairperson or the vice chairperson of the election committee
444 and at least two (2) other members shall be present.

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Section 33

Receiving the ballot

The voter who wishes to exercise his/her right to vote shall register with the election committee in order to receive the ballot.

The election committee shall ensure that the ballot is not given to a person who is not entitled to vote.

Section 34

Using the right to vote

The voter shall mark the number of the candidate one wishes to vote for inside the circle of the ballot. It is prohibited to make other markings on the ballot.

If the voter wishes to use a new ballot, the voter shall receive a new ballot from the election committee after returning one's ballot which the election committee shall annul and destroy in order to ensure the secrecy of the election.

Section 35

Placing the ballot in the ballot box

After marking down the candidate's number, the voter shall immediately take the folded ballot to the election committee to be stamped. The ballot shall be stamped on the side which has no other markings. After this, the voter shall place the stamped ballot into the ballot box. Only then it shall be considered that the voter has used one's right to vote.

Section 36

Right to use the voting right when the polling station closes

All voters who have arrived at the polling station to wait for their turn to vote before the voting time ends shall have the right to use their vote on that day before the polling is interrupted or finished at the end of the polling day.

Section 37

Entry to the voting register on the use of the voting right

The election committee shall make an entry in the voting register stating that the person entitled to vote has been provided with the ballot and the vote has been used.

Section 38

Provisions on polling stations

The election committee shall supervise that there is no harassment or election advertising at the polling station and no one attempts to influence the voters' electoral freedom.

Those who are present shall obey the regulations provided by the election committee to maintain order and secure undisturbed conduct of voting.

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Section 39

489 *Provisions on polling booths*

490 Polling stations and polling booths shall include the master list of candidates and model numbers.

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492 The election committee shall ensure that a voter can make a mark on the ballot so that the
493 secrecy of the ballot is maintained. Polling booths shall have polling instructions and necessary aid
494 devices.

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Section 40

496 *Conducting the vote count*

497 When the election procedure is completed, each election committee shall conduct the vote count
498 of the polling station. The Central Election Committee, however, shall count the advance votes.

499 The Central Election Committee may begin the advance vote count two hours before the election
500 procedure is completed.

501 Vote count shall be performed in the following order:

- 502 1) at the beginning of vote count, ballot boxes shall be emptied and the number of ballots in
503 the ballot box shall be counted;
- 504 2) the number of persons who have used their vote according to the electoral register shall be
505 reviewed;
- 506 3) the number of ballots and those who have used their vote shall be recorded in the minutes;
- 507 4) ballots shall be opened and checked, empty ballots and ballots regarded as void in
508 accordance with Section 41 shall be separated in their own groups;
- 509 5) the remaining ballots are organised so that ballots for each candidate are placed in their
510 own group;
- 511 6) number of ballots in groups are calculated.

512 The number of votes received by each candidate and the number of ballots stated as void in
513 accordance with Section 41 shall be entered in the minutes of the election committee. Thereafter,
514 all ballots, the minutes signed by the chairperson and the members of the election committee, as
515 well as the checklist shall be immediately delivered to the Central Election Committee.

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Section 41

518 *Annulment of the ballot*

519 A ballot shall be annulled if the ballot

- 520 1) is not in accordance with Section 15;
- 521 2) is not received from the election committee;
- 522 3) is not stamped appropriately;
- 523 4) candidate number is written in a way which does not clearly indicate the voter's will;
- 524 5) there are inappropriate markings on the ballot;
- 525 6) ballot shall also be annulled if the election committee has annulled the ballot during the
526 electoral procedure in accordance with Item 2, Section 33.

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Section 42

528 *Meeting of the Central Election Committee*

529 The Central Election Committee shall convene to count the advance votes and supervise the vote
530 count of the election committees on the last polling day after the voting procedure.

531 At the beginning of the advance vote count, the Central Election Committee shall state that the
532 number of advance vote documents and the entries made into the electoral register as well as the
533 ballots in the ballot boxes are corresponding and then enter this information in the minutes.
534 Otherwise, the vote count shall obey the regulations in this chapter.

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536 The Central Election Committee shall check the documents of the election committees and the
537 calculations included in the documents.

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Section 43

539 *Placing candidates in the order of comparative index within electoral alliances*

540 If an electoral alliance, referred to in Section 9, is organised, its candidates shall be placed in order
541 according to the comparative index they have received, as referred to in Section 27. The mutual
542 order of those who have received the same comparative index shall be decided by drawing lots.

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544 Thereafter, the first candidate of the electoral alliance shall receive all the votes received by the
545 electoral alliance as one's final comparative index, the second shall receive half of this number, the
546 third shall receive one third of this number, and so forth.

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Section 44

549 *Right to vote in advance and the obligation to organise advance vote*

550 A person entitled to vote, who is most likely prevented to use one's right to vote on the actual
551 voting dates, may vote in advance.

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553 Advance polling stations and dates shall be determined by the Central Election Committee in
554 accordance with Paragraph 3, Item 3, Section 10. Advance voting may also only be organised
555 electronically.

556 The secretary of the Central Election Committee and the election committees of advance polling
557 stations shall be responsible for organising the advance vote if the Central Election Committee has
558 established election committees.

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Section 45

560 *Entry on the use of the right to vote in advance*

561 A person entitled to vote who has used one's right to vote in advance voting shall be registered to
562 the electoral register by an election committee or to a separate checklist of the advance polling
563 station if there is only one advance polling station.

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Section 46

567 *Procedure to be otherwise followed in advance vote*

568 Advance voting may also be only organised electronically. Advance voting shall otherwise comply
569 with the provisions in these election regulations when applicable.

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Section 47

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573 *Storing of advance votes between the end of advance vote and the counting of votes*

574 In advance voting conducted as ballot elections, the Central Election Committee shall ensure that
575 the carefully sealed advance ballot boxes are stored in a secure place after the advance vote ends
576 and only opened in connection with the actual vote count.

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Section 48

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580 *Meeting of the vote count audit committee*

581 The vote count audit committee shall convene to review the vote count on the day after the last
582 voting day.

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584 At the beginning of the audit calculation, the committee shall state that the entries in the electoral
585 register and the number of ballots in the ballot boxes are corresponding. This information shall be
586 entered in the minutes.

587 The vote count audit committee shall calculate the ballots according to the polling regions and
588 state the annulled ballots in accordance with Section 41.

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590 If the vote count audit committee is not unanimous, the matter shall be submitted to the Central
591 Election Committee for the decision.

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Section 49

594 *Meeting of the Central Election Committee after the audit count*

595 After the vote count audit committee has finished its work, the Central Election Committee shall
596 convene to determine the election result.

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598 After this, the election result shall be determined in accordance with Sections 26, 27 and 28.

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Section 50

600 *Other provisions on ballot election*

601 Otherwise ballot election shall comply with provisions in these election regulations when applicable.

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Chapter VIII
Further provisions

Section 51

Publication of the election result

The election result shall be published on the official notice board of the student union. The Central Election Committee may also decide to publish the election result in other media. The result shall also be reported to the rector of the university.

Section 52

Right to appeal decisions of the election committee and the Central Election Committee

A student union member may appeal an election procedure or decision of the election committee to the Central Election Committee before the voting is completed. The Central Election Committee shall resolve the appeal immediately. One may not appeal a decision of the Central Election Committee, which concerns an appeal to the decision of the election committee or an issue referred to the Central Election Committee by an election committee.

A decision of the Central Election Committee, other than the decision referred to in Item 1, may be appealed as provided in the Student Union's Constitution.

Section 53

Loss of eligibility and exclusion from the elections

If a candidate is guilty of fraud as provided in these election regulations, the Central Election Committee shall state that the candidate has lost his or her eligibility.

If a representative or a deputy of an electoral alliance is guilty of fraud as provided in these election regulations, the Central Election Committee shall terminate the office of the representative or the deputy.

The members and vice members of the Central Election Committee and election committees shall account for their positions in the same manner as the employees of the student union.

Section 54

Taking the minutes in the meetings of the Central Election Committee and the storing of documents

The decisions of the Central Election Committee shall be entered in the minutes. The Central Election Committee shall appoint two scrutinisers of the minutes from among the committee. The minutes shall be signed by the chairperson, secretary and scrutinisers. The summary record shall be recorded on the decisions of the Central Election Committee.

Election documents and ballots shall be stored in a locked location until the appeal period has expired or an appeal is resolved. Thereafter, the documents shall be placed in the student union

643 archives. The ballots used in the elections shall be stored until the next representative council
644 elections.

645 Section 55

646 *Amendment of election regulations*

647 The representative council shall decide on the amendment of these election regulations with a
648 simple majority vote.

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650 These election regulations shall enter into force immediately after the rector of the university has
651 confirmed the election regulations.

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653 I have confirmed these election regulations today.
654 In Helsinki, at the office of the Rector of the University of Helsinki

655 on June 7th 2016

656 *Jukka Kola*

657 Jukka Kola
658 Rector of the University of Helsinki