

Students of Social and Health Sciences



Board meeting 3/2021

Time: 16th March 2021 at 17.00

Location: via Microsoft Teams

Attendants of the Board: Mikael Marjamäki, Suvi Varissaari, Heidi Kusnetsov, Merja Sovala, Miro Suomela, Sonja Vestinen

Attendants outside of the Board: Lotta Järvelä

Not attending from the board: Mikko Majaneva

1. Opening of the meeting

- The meeting is opened at 17.09.

2. Legality and the quorum of the meeting

- The legality and the quorum of the meeting are approved.

3. Examiners for the minute

- Sonja Vestinen and Heidi Kusnetsov are elected.

4. Approving the agenda

- The agenda being featured in the summons is approved.

5. Announcements

- YTY has received a request to make a contention (A cry for help from academy students) regarding the well-being of academy students. We decide to support it.

- Merja Sovala has participated at TREY's coffee table conversation on events, concentration on the 1st of May (vappu). If we want to arrange an event as a part of the vappukierros (May Day's round) it must be reported of by 28th of March.
- The meeting of the chairs will be arranged on week 12. YTY's chair Mikael Marjamäki will bring up matters including YTY's ongoing value work and the well-being of students.

6. Financial matters

- Account balance on 16th March 2021: +1571,42€
- Account transactions
 - Expenses:
 - Osuuspankki, service charge February 8,80€
 - Revenue: -€
- Budgeting
- Other financial matters
 - The hauler badges are with the financial affairs official
 - We discuss the possibilities of selling the hauler badges in the future. A hauler badge design competition is considered.

7. Organizational matters

- TREY has sent a questionnaire concerning the educational needs of organizations. On YTY's behalf the questionnaire will be filled by YTY's chair and educational affairs official.
- Some feedback has been left about YTYstartti. Tentatively we go through the feedback and more closely at our next meeting when we will also look at improvement ideas we received. We thank you for your feedback!
- YTY has begun their value work
 - In the future two questionnaires will be assembled separately to the boards of associations and individual persons. The planned time period of answering the questionnaire is around one month. YTY's value papers will be based on the answers received from the questionnaires.

- We accept the tentative values planned for the questionnaires, the chair will bring them up at the meeting for chairs and by the end of week 12 the questionnaires will be completed for publication.
- The Dean has requested concrete information about students' well-being for the next meeting with the Dean
- We ponder options to reach people in order to gather the needed data, for we have less than a month to accomplish this. We decide to move this conversation to the meeting of chairs where an answer for the Dean will be determined. We could also inquire from the student organizations if they would have ready data from within their own organization.
 - The general well-being of students seems to be poor, especially concerning the students' endurance.
- Long-term issues which have not been solved, come up in discussion, such as a need for study coordinators and the lacking resources of FSHS (Finnish Student Health Service).
- In YTY's members experience the university places a considerable amount of responsibility to the student organizations, to solve a multitude of current issues. However, students do organizational work voluntarily besides their studies and possible jobs as well as students not necessarily having enough information about the university's function, financing etc.
 - From the university, we wish for solutions, initiative, transparency in their function and clarity in demands placed to the student organisation officials.
 - YTY is considering making a statement concerning the issue.

8. Education policy matters

- The educational steering group has appointed new deputy student advocates
 - Maria Antonov and Suvi Mykkänen are appointed as faculty's deputy student advocates
 - There were two applications in total, thus leaving one deputy student advocate position empty. YTY is in contact with the educational steering group to fill the last position, but for now the application period is closed.
 - We thank the applicants on excellent applications and for their interest in the activity!
- At a meeting of educational affairs officials a discussion has been had on the tightened graduation schedules and Teema ry's statement concerning this matter. The university has responded to the

statement. YTY's educational affairs official has been in touch with TREY's educational affairs sector concerning this matter.

- Sisu's introduction affects the graduation process, for previously matters have been handled manually.
- TREY itself has been an influence in the forming of the graduation schedules, which is why students have been granted graduation by 15th of June.
- Even if the student wouldn't manage to get their papers in time leading to being unable to get their certificate before summer, there would be a possibility to receive a verdict of graduation from the faculty. The matter will be discussed in detail with the faculty.
- YTY's educational affairs official has begun composing a motion for the educational steering group concerning the addition of equality centered education in our faculty.
- As distance learning continues students have wished for a better line of communication with the staff.
- Sisu's studies counsellors are active until 31st of March.
- The universities have informed that the entrance exams shall be held on campus.
 - The functionality of in-person entrance exams has been discussed by the educational affairs officials. Special attention was called to special arrangements for those in risk groups alongside concerns over possibilities of quarantine for the applicants.
- The educational steering group introduces itself in YTY's Instagram.
- YTY has been suggested by other parties such as TREY, to compose a letter in which the university would be requested a stronger support to students concerning equality, and that the university would take a more public stand against injustice and anti-equality activity. The letter is being planned.
- YTY's own website's Current section is under its way. The section would include information on current lookups and statements.

9. Communications

- Student organizations' communication affairs officials could discuss the operability of communications and how different matters are shared from YTY to the student organizations and from there onwards.

10. Upcoming events

- Students' mental health day is coming up on the 24th of April. We deliberate if YTY has the resources to arrange its own well-being event related to the mental health week. This will be discussed at a later date.

11. Other current matters

- YTY's board has began to participate to member student organizations' boards' meetings.
- A new portion The current well-being of the Board, is to be added as the section number two, to YTY's future minutes. In this portion the members can openly discuss their faring.

12. Closure of the meeting

- The meeting is closed at 18.57

Mikael Marjamäki

Chair

Lotta Järvelä

Secretary

Sonja Veistinen

Examiner

Heidi Kusnetsov

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