

Students of Social and Health Sciences



Board meeting 4/2021

Time: Monday 21st April 2021 at 17.00

Location: via Microsoft Teams

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

Attendants outside of the Board: -

Not attending from the board: -

1. Well-being of the Board

- General discussion about the well-being of board members.

2. Opening of the meeting

- The meeting is opened at 17.10.

3. Legality and the quorum of the meeting

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

4. Examiners for the minute

- Merja Sovala and Sonja Veistinen are elected.

5. Approving the agenda

- The agenda being featured in the summons is approved.

6. Approving and signing of the financial statement of 2020

- An agreement was made with the executive directors that the decision-making Board will sign and accept the financial statement of 2020 for auditing before the autumn conference. The document is displayed in the meeting and the Board accepts and signs the financial statement.

7. Announcements

- The secretary official, Lotta Järvelä has quit. In the following meetings in the spring we will appoint a voluntary secretary from within the Board and officials.

- The Chair emphasizes the importance of personal well-being and to look after the well-being of active officials, to prevent burn out. It is important to prioritize one's own well-being and after that comes YTY's tasks. To keep YTY moving forward, we won't take upon ourselves projects too big and we will support other activities.
- The initial thought to sending a letter for the freshers, is in the autumn which can benefit from using last autumn's fresher letter.
- YTY's Value Work questionnaire is open until 30th of April and answers are missed from individual student members.
- It seems to the Board that the Value Work questionnaire has not been shared to all member organisations' email threads. A discussion is had as to how to better YTY's communication with its member organisations. There's talk of, for example, YTY's own email thread where all member organisations individual members could join. It would be important to get YTY's messages through to all of the faculty's students and a straight channel could both bring us relevance and minimize the member organisations' own communications being dismissed

8. Financial matters

- Account balance on 21.4.2021 is 1562,62 €
- Account transactions in March
 - Expenses: Osuuspankki, February service charge 8,80 €
 - Revenue: No new revenue, thus 0 €
- The auditing can begin, as we have received bank statements from January and February.

9. Organizational matters

- The feedback from YTYstart has been read and four replies were given.
- On the scale from 1 to 5 (5 being the best), the content and utility of the event was 3,75, marketing and informing was 4, technical side was 4,25 and the overall grade was 4,25.
- In the free commenting section praise was given from the relaxed and nice evening as well as from good conversation and atmosphere.
- In the future, let us pay a special focus on events especially for those in member organisations alongside the relevance of the event.
- A meeting with the Dean was held on the 14.4. Topics discussed in this meeting were students' well-being which was the main theme. Thoughts and suggestions by member organisations' officials and members were brought up in the meeting to support the well-being. Additionally the usage of the university's facilities in the autumn was proposed to happen through a booking calendar, but it would be up to the students to take care there are no more than the allowed amount of people present.
- The tutor coordinators have met on the 12th of April, where it was discussed how the training of new tutors has gone. The guidance groups have been liked, but the materials in Moodle have not been actively used. Almost all tutors had received a training via Zoom. In

the meeting the upcoming events were additionally brought up, and how the first couple of weeks will function in the upcoming autumn. Ideas were shared and discussion was had on the arrangement under Covid-19 related restrictions as well as sending out the fresher letters. The tutor coordinators deemed the activity to be quite clear and in a good spot. Co-operation's development and having YTY partake in fresher events was planned. One more meeting is planned for the spring. The Head of the education department has planned a common meeting for all tutors. The Chair will later make contact with the Head of the education department, thus leading to inquiries about YTY's role in this common tutors' meeting, if there was to be one.

- Reminding all members of the organisation aid application from TREY. The application is open until the 7th of May 2021.
- With the Board and members, to do the activity application.

10. Education policy matters

- The Chair has attended the Kupillinen Kopoa (rough translation: A Cup of Education Policy) event which has addressed communication, especially among education policy officials and ideas were shared concerning education policy events.
- More student coordinators have been requested at the meeting with the Dean and adding resources could increase the well-being of students especially during the distance learning period. The students have had a long-time issue with getting responses to their messages.
- For autumn the faculty has been planning a hybrid model of studying, meaning both live and distanced learning. The aim is to increase the amount of in-person teaching to 1st and 2nd year students and to those graduating. If the Covid-19 status gets worse, the same model used this spring will be continued. The risk of freshers discontinuing their studies has increased, thus prevention actions such as arranging more in-person teaching being put to place. Critic arose in the meeting with the Dean concerning the addressing of other year classes for they as well might have an increased risk of discontinuation of their studies. To be noted, additionally, is that particularly in our faculty the amount of bachelor's degrees has decreased from a year ago.
- A conversation event is requested from the faculty's teaching staff between students and the staff to discuss the challenges of distanced learning and the well-being of the students. It was deemed good to bring the students and staff closer together, in the Dean's meeting.
- The Compass Program will be initialized in the autumn. The program's idea is that study psychologists will guide individuals into groups where the symptoms stress, anxiety etc. will be lessened with cognitive behavioral therapy's methods. Students of psychology are in charge of managing these groups.
- A meeting was held for the faculty's educational affairs officials on the 14th of April 2021. Present were student organisations' educational affairs officials and representatives of the educational steering group. YTY's equality initiative targeting the contents of the faculty's teaching had been discussed in a meeting of the educational steering group which prompted conversation about action. The initiative received wide support and the matters brought up will be taken into consideration on the KEKE01 -course and it will be recommended to the degrees to do the same in their own teaching. A general discussion on current topics and the

situation of students organisations alongside an exchange of thoughts were also present in the meeting of the educational steering group.

- Four new Sisu-advisors have began working in the faculty, who one can contact by emailing soc.opiskelu.tau@tuni.fi. One advisors offers advice in English as well.
- YTY's educational policy official is planning on activating the hallopedes' activity with the hallopedes, possibly concentrating on meeting and get-to-know type events.
- YTY's educational affairs official attended TREY's trusteeship studio's Student Well-Being -workshop.
- YTY will partake in Nyyti ry's students' mental health day's campaign. The theme of this year's campaign is Worth the Help. YTY will make an Instagram post on the mental health day listing places from where help can be sought both through the university and other

11. Communications

- The planning of DistanceWappuPicture (or perhaps Miles Away May Day picture?) competition in Instagram. Encouraging people to celebrate the May First safely and according to the given restrictions. In the competition a winner would be chosen by picking a lot, the award being a prize and YTY's badge. More planning to happen in the upcoming weeks.
- A note is made about the update of contact information and a Current section to be added to YTY's website. Additionally minutes need to be updated to the website. These changes are scheduled to happen as soon as possible.

12. Upcoming events

- YTY's DistanceWappu photo lottery coming up on week 17.

13. Other matters

- YTY wishes everyone a jubilant and safe Wappu (May Day) to everyone!

14. Closure of the meeting

- The meeting is closed at 19.30.

Mikael Marjamäki
Chair

Heidi Kusnetsov
Secretary

Merja Sovala
Examiner

Sonja Veistinen
Examiner