TALLINNA TEHNIKAÜLIKOOL

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

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Start of the meeting 18.00, end of the meeting 19.32

Chaired by Anna Suzdalev
Minutes secretary: Kirke Piiskoppel
14 out of 15 were present: Emma Arabella Jõgeva, Kert Kaarel Veskus, Mirtel Migur, Elis Ulla, Emma Pallase, Pert Salundi, Joonas Teder, Andris Taal, Michel Viana Smykalla, Dumitru Ciobanu, Mari Kiviselg, Hanelle Kaugerand, Roosi-Mari Kivi, Maria Fedulova.
Absent: Nils Erik Eisen
Invited: Karoliine Orav, Kristiina Vene, Emili Järv, Ander Mägi, Kristin Liias, Maksim Dolinin, Kristina Keerdo, Kadri Jürissaar

On the agenda:

I Approvals

1. Approval of the Student Life Funding Rules;
   a. Approval of the Rules,
   b. Approval of the Supplementary Budget;
2. Approval of the Student Body Statutes;
3. Approval of the Composition of the Student Union Committees;

II Reports

4. Student Union Action Plan 2026 Period I Report;

III Discussions

5. Summary of the Board's Work.

The changed agenda was approved unanimously.

1. **Approval of the Student Life Funding Rules**

Anna Suzdalev: Our Funding Committee Chairman, Maksim, will present the amendments so that you have a better overview. You will then have the opportunity to ask questions and provide your input, and if everything seems okay, we can put the document up for approval.

Maksim Dolinin: Esteemed highest decision-making body of the students. I am Maksim, Chairman of the Funding Committee. Both the rules and the explanatory memorandum were sent to you. Let us go through the rules briefly. We will review the main amendments. Clause 16.10 – essentially, there was some minor confusion within the organisations about what constitutes a financial transaction. We have now written down that it is a payment order; if you ask the bank, it is written there clearly and in bold as "payment order". There should now no longer be any confusion about what this is. This was standardised everywhere. We can move on to the mobility competition—

Andris Taal: I have a question about the payment order. Just as in clause 16.10, clause 13.11 also concerns the issue of payment orders in relation to the preceding clauses. If the project may begin before the start of the competition, but expenses may not be incurred, meaning transferring money out of one's own account before the results have been announced. Before my project has started, I cannot incur any expenses.

Maksim Dolinin: The project may be started earlier; you can assemble members, carry out preparatory work, and write the action plan. Similarly, when you prepare an application, you are, in a sense, already starting the project. In general, few people violate these rules by falling outside those restrictions. We are trying to reduce situations where you tell us that you started the project in 2024 and now please give you a cheque for 5,000 euros. In general, no one violates this.

Joonas Teder: Does payment order mean the time when money leaves the organisation's bank account? Let us take, for example, a situation where a project organiser reimburses a team member: money leaves the organisation's bank account on one date, but the invoice may have been issued earlier. Suppose several months earlier. Is that then allowed?

Maksim Dolinin: That is allowed. When you submit an application to the project competition, you also include some supporting materials there. Are there any further questions about this?

Mirtel Migur: Suppose a project starts in the autumn, but applications for the competition are in October. And expenses are already incurred during the project; can that project then not apply, or can funding within the competition only be received for later expenses?

Maksim Dolinin: Yes, essentially. We will not look at those expenses that were incurred before that at all. In that case, it is purely the organisation's own expense. Wherever the descriptions of the competitions are, the mobility competition has been added. Let us move on to the mobility competition. This is something new that we want to introduce because money has accumulated in the reserve fund. With the Board's reserve fund competition itself, we are not able to spend it. Since inflation exists, there is no point in simply holding on to that money. We want to create a separate competition. Previously, it was permitted to organise trips and visits within the framework of the big projects competition. Organisations began to abuse this, and we introduced restrictions. Now, since the situation is more stable, we want to create a competition with restrictions, so that it would be possible to pay for various transport costs and participation fees. There are also separate restrictions there. There must be some lecture, visit, or cultural activity. Various competitions, for example, organisation members going to compete. For example, the Robotics Club goes somewhere with its robot, the Debate Club goes to a tournament, the Cheerleaders go to the World Championships, and so on. There are many such situations. Up to 300 euros per person. Previously, attempts have been made to ask for 70,000 euros for one person in order to send one person to the USA for a competition. We do not allow that. A maximum of 300 euros per person or 1,500 euros per project. I have nothing against cultural collectives, but we have organisations where 3% of the members are students, and they still have the status of a student organisation. Since this money has been provided by the university for students, we want to use the money purposefully for the benefit of students. This is also a separate restriction: there must be at least 3 people, and 75% of them must have student status.

Andris Taal: Would it not be reasonable to apply the same restriction to the other competitions as well?

Maksim Dolinin: No.

Anna Suzdalev: Because there are conferences and seminars for which funding is requested, and if an organisation wishes to generate income, then it is beneficial for them that all people come and participate. It does not matter whether they are from within TalTech or from outside. In the case of a project team, one part of the evaluation criteria is already what proportion of the team consists of TalTech students, and they already lose points there.

Maksim Dolinin: We do not restrict the organisation's own sustainability in any way. Only organisations can apply to this competition; individual students cannot. Let us move on to the reserve fund. How many of you have heard that we have a reserve fund? It is a fund with a strange structure and name. In order to make it more transparent, we got it onto the platform last month. Now it is possible to apply at any time. To make it easier for students and organisations, we gave it a new name – the New Initiatives Fund. The criteria provide that only projects taking place for the first time can apply there, so as not to create confusion, because I have already received several emails where someone wants to apply with a project that has already taken place. That is a brief overview from my side.

Kert Kaarel Veskus: If it is the New Initiatives Fund, suppose an organisation had an event in a similar format a long time ago. For example, a good example at the moment is TipiLan. Could it, in theory, have competed there, if ITÜK once had an event called TalTech E-Sports, meaning that it is essentially an old event but with new branding?

Maksim Dolinin: It depends on whether it is organised by the same organisation or another one.

Anna Suzdalev: If the event did indeed take place years ago and has died out in the meantime, then our objective with this Board reserve fund is that if the Board wants to carry out some new project, there is no need to wait until a competition opens; that is exactly what it is intended for. But if it is possible to plan ahead, or if we hear that members have already been talking about it for a year... then it is still a contextual project.

Maksim Dolinin: This advance planning is also set out separately in the rules. Since the big projects are currently not being filled, less money is being requested (because of the restrictions on trips), at the moment this money is simply accumulating. The total budget for the year is 10,000 euros. 5,000 and 5,000.

Dumitru Ciobanu: I have a question, but in section 8.6: If a dispute arises among Committee members regarding the distribution of funds, the Chairman of the Funding Committee may organize a vote.

Decisions are made by a simple majority of the Committee members. In case of a tie, the Chairman of the Funding Committee has the deciding vote. In case of an application by a person / student organization / faculty student council closely associated with the Chairman of the Funding Committee, the Vice Chairman's vote will decide — should this not be stated more precisely there?

Maksim Dolinin: Then there is a joint vote. The entire committee votes; this has never happened. There is a separate clause stating that if something goes wrong, then I am responsible for everything and I have the right to decide if something is not regulated in the rules.

Anna Suzdalev: Are there any further questions?

Andris Taal: Clauses 8.5.1 and 7.9 – the wording "active" is an interesting word that can be understood very differently by different organisations. Should it not be defined somehow?

Maksim Dolinin: This refers to such activity as attending the general meeting or participating in events.

Andris Taal: Is that set out anywhere?

Anna Suzdalev: These rules are already so long that we have tried to avoid things like that. Since the committee consists of student activists, we cannot avoid all connections completely, but we have arranged it so that if someone has been connected to an organisation within the last 12 months, whether on the board, in projects, or has some opinion about the organisation, then they do not evaluate those projects.

Maksim Dolinin: In general, we check whether you are providing us with truthful information or not.

Andris Taal: If it is assessed like that, then the word "active" is not directly necessary.

Maksim Dolinin: We can delete it.

Anna Suzdalev: At the same time, there is also the aspect that the person is an alumnus. Are they active or no longer active? Our idea was that if, for example, they go to an organisation's birthday event, that does not mean they are active. They do not make decisions and are no longer a member of the general meeting. That is why we thought that "active" is useful. But it is perception-based.

Maksim Dolinin: This was last amended in August.

Anna Suzdalev: Because previously nothing was mentioned at all.

Maksim Dolinin: Previously, conflict of interest did not exist at all.

Mirtel Migur: Regarding the annual support competition, why is the funding period based on the year (1 January – 31 January), why is it not split from the summer, if the financial year changes in the summer?

Maksim Dolinin: They apply for it in January for the whole year.

Mirtel Migur: What if, for example, the application period were at the end of spring? And it would start from the summer?

Maksim Dolinin: In general, this is not connected to boards; it is the financial reporting year.

Anna Suzdalev: Not all boards change in spring or summer. We do not want to create a situation where a new board has to submit an activity report to us on the activities of the previous board. The current board should still submit the full annual report to us. That was the idea behind it.

Andris Taal: Clause 6.4 – it talks about reducing the support, and the wording was changed. This new wording is a little complicated for me. When reading it, the question arises whether the proportional reduction is before the change or after the change. If the budget was 1,000 and decreases by 200 euros, then is the proportional change before or after?

IT WAS DECIDED:

4.1 Approve the Student Life Funding Rules.
4.2 The decision takes effect upon adoption.
VOTING RESULT: 14 votes in favor.

Maksim Dolinin: If you have read it, then I cannot simply take money from the reserve, meaning that you have to approve giving us 10,000 euros so that I can move it from one Excel cell to another.

Anna Suzdalev: The budget for one competition is 5,000 euros, the competition takes place twice a year, and one organisation can receive a maximum of 1,500 euros per organisation or 300 euros per person from us. Is anyone against approving the supplementary budget? Then the supplementary budget is approved.

IT WAS DECIDED:

4.1 Approve the Supplementary Budget.
4.2 The decision takes effect upon adoption.
VOTING RESULT: 14 votes in favor.

2. Approval of the Student Body Statutes

Emili Järv: Hello! It is very nice to stand before you for the first time. At the off-site, I said that on behalf of the Audit Committee, we would like to have warm, close and good cooperation. Today, I am standing here because of the Statutes. The Statutes are the most important document of the Student Body, the founding document. All the fundamental matters are set out there. Whenever a question arises, the Statutes are always what is followed. When we talk about documents, this is the only one for which your approval alone is not sufficient; the Senate must also approve it. Since this is a long and complicated document, you can imagine that the process of amending it is also very long and complicated. We started amending this explanatory memorandum a year ago. In April, a working group was established. It was last amended in 2019. There were many strange things in it that no longer apply, so we started working on them. In our own view, we had already completed it in December last year; the Student Parliament adopted it and approved it. However, we realised that one small issue remained. It concerned you. How a person can be excluded from the Student Parliament, meaning how many absences a person must have in order to be excluded from the composition. This did not arise out of nowhere. It was not amended in the same version, but the way it was written caused confusion. In the end, it was not clear what was happening with that clause. It had been written in such a way that if I wanted to seriously mess someone over and was smart enough to do it, then I could do it without any negative consequence following. In order to fix this issue, we discussed with the previous composition of the Student Parliament how much you may be absent without being excluded from the composition, and whether absences should be justified or unjustified. They proposed the version that is here, meaning that you may be absent from 3 committee meetings, 3 Student Parliament meetings, or 4 consecutive meetings, in sequence, for example a Student Parliament meeting, then a committee meeting. If these violations occur, you are excluded from the composition. This is because if you do not attend meetings, then you are not here doing what you were elected to do, meaning that with your vote, you are not representing the Student Body. Just in case, meetings may be attended online. It is not the case that if your car tyre breaks and you cannot drive here, you are immediately thrown out; there is no such thing. I hope that we can simply adopt this part. The remaining rules concerning absences are a matter for the Rules of Procedure. As I also said at the off-site, there is a desire to start amending the Rules of Procedure. If you want to join the working group, let me know. I hope that you approve the amendment to the Statutes together with this clause 5.9.2, and that we can take the Statutes to the Senate.

Anna Suzdalev: All previous amendments have actually already been approved by the previous Student Parliament.

Emili Järv: Yes, this same version has been approved; the only thing that has been amended is clause 5.9.2, and they came up with what its content should be, but they simply did not manage to approve it. Does anyone have any questions?

Joonas Teder: Does this four consecutive mean one after another, but suppose someone is absent from two Student Parliament meetings at random, not consecutively, and from two committee meetings not consecutively, then theoretically... it means four consecutively. If someone is absent from a Student Parliament meeting. The first condition that is met, then they are removed.

Emili Järv: Then they are still in. In your scenario, that person has not been removed.

Joonas Teder: So it depends on which of the first three conditions is met first, then they are excluded.

Emili Järv: Yes. Are there any further questions?

Pert Salundi: In the explanatory memorandum, the last clauses 11.1 and 11.3 have been amended, but there is no 11.3 in the Statutes?

Emili Järv: Some kind of error with the numbering has probably happened here. These seem to be some implementation provisions. There was also another clause here that was removed, and the numbers remained unchanged.

Andris Taal: Clause 5.7 – according to the wording, there is no timeframe within which the Chairman must convene it? Maybe this is provided somewhere else.

Anna Suzdalev: It is in the Rules of Procedure.

Emili Järv: With the Statutes, it is the case that this is more general, but if we look at other documents, then all the specifying details are set out there.

Anna Suzdalev: The purpose of this is that we would not have to go through the Senate every time we want to change dates. The Rules of Procedure only go through you.

Andris Taal: Is the activity year also provided in the Rules of Procedure? Based on the financial year?

Emili Järv: Do you mean whether our activity year is connected to the financial year?

Andris Taal: That is also not provided in the Statutes.

Emili Järv: We have to check whether it is there; if it is not, then it can be added. But I would say that this is more a matter for the Rules of Procedure than for the Statutes.

Andris Taal: I would think that it is rather a matter for the Statutes, since it is quite strict; those dates do not change.

Emili Järv: Yes, but we have two things. One thing is the non-profit association of the Student Union, which for the most part does not concern this matter; we are talking about the Student Union. We are a structural unit of the university, and we follow the university in any case. This is not set out separately here because it is written somewhere in the university's documents. Because we cannot change it ourselves.

Maria Fedulova: Clause 5.9.2 – would it not have been easier to define what a "valid reason" is?

Emili Järv: If you read the current Rules of Procedure, they have tried to define it there. It says something along the lines that being ill, being in a serious traffic accident, something related to studies, and other valid reasons.

Anna Suzdalev: Somewhere it was also written that the Board has the power to decide what—

Emili Järv: If we start going down that path of where a valid reason comes from. For example, if I come here by car and, while parking, reverse into someone, is that a valid reason? If one car slightly damages my mirror, but nothing happened to me, is that a valid reason? You see that every one of these things can be thought through endlessly. I am ill, I have a runny nose and I feel unwell — that is valid. But if I have a runny nose and do not feel unwell, then it is not valid. So who weighs and assesses these things? It is not reasonable to start discussing this. If someone wants to misuse it, then they can.

Anna Suzdalev: I will also add here that the previous Student Parliament also discussed this, but we came to the understanding that we would not include it, because it is too complicated. They were okay with the idea that an absence is an absence.

Emili Järv: It is simply impossible to define what is valid and what is not.

Emma Pallase: Is being in a lecture at the university not a valid reason?

Emili Järv: We are coming back to the same point that we discussed with the previous composition, but that is not a matter for this document, rather for the Rules of Procedure. We said that there are no valid reasons, but there is one exception, and that is study work. You have to show supporting evidence, and on that basis it is a valid reason.

Anna Suzdalev: But things like homework and so on do not count.

Emili Järv: Only active study work.

Andris Taal: Is it not possible to misuse that? It is possible to create a timetable so that you have that class there?

Emili Järv: Of course it is possible, but then the question arises as to why you wanted to come here at all. If you create that situation for yourself, yes, you can do it, but I hope that it remains on that person's conscience.

Karoliine Orav: If you have study work at the same time as a Student Parliament meeting, then we have a small recommendation: give your seat to someone else and go study. There is no point in being here if you cannot participate throughout the whole semester.

Pert Salundi: Clause 7.4 – The powers of a Board member last until the powers of a new Board member begin. The powers of a new Board member begin 90–150 calendar days after being elected. If a Board member is absent, then the powers of the elected Board member begin immediately. Should this not currently apply in the case of the newly elected Chairman? How is it with that?

Emili Järv: When this Board member was elected, there was a Board member in place. At the moment, a replacement of a Board member took place, also according to the Rules of Procedure; there are clauses there that describe recall, but in this case we had a resignation. The previous composition of the Student Parliament confirmed the replacement Board member. But I agree that if the timing had gone a little differently, then it would have gone according to this clause, which was also in the previous Statutes, since this document is not yet a valid document. Are there any further questions?

Maria Fedulova: In my opinion, being absent four times is more significant than being absent three times. Why should someone be removed from the Student Parliament after three times?

Emili Järv: I would argue against that and say that both are equally significant. In total, there are 11 regular meetings and 10 committee meetings. If I am absent from three of each, then that is more than a quarter of the meetings, and the question starts to arise as to what value I am creating here. If I am absent from four consecutive meetings, then I am absent for two months, which is a sufficiently long time to be away. Does anyone have any further questions?

Mirtel Migur: Clause 6.6 – regarding an extraordinary meeting, notice must be given 5 working days in advance? Where did that number come from? As far as I know, according to the general Non-profit Associations Act, it should be 10 working days.

Emili Järv: First of all, it came from the fact that since the Student Parliament meeting takes place every month, if the need for an extraordinary meeting arises, then something exceptionally bad has probably happened. We put five days, because then something very serious has probably happened that needs to be resolved. Since participation online is also possible, it does not seem impossible to convene it.

Anna Suzdalev: Is there anything else, or shall we put the document up for approval? Since this is the Statutes, 2/3 must be in favour. Please raise your hands if you are in favour of approving the Statutes.

IT WAS DECIDED:

4.1 Approve the Student Body Statutes. 4.2 The decision takes effect upon adoption. VOTING RESULT: 14 votes in favor.

Emili Järv: I wanted to advertise that whoever would still like to help work on the Rules of Procedure, please let me know!

3. Approval of the Composition of the Student Union Committees

Karoliine Orav: I would like to introduce the composition of the committees. Those who participated in the off-site were able to express their opinion. One girl did not participate; I did not send it to you either, but I hope it is okay that you are in the Academic Affairs Committee.

Anna Suzdalev: Since we are amending the agenda, is anyone against amending the agenda? No one is.

Karoliine Orav: Can you open it?

Anna Suzdalev: We took your wishes into account, but we have already made the decision.

Karoliine Orav: As you can see, this is the composition. I do not have much to say.

Anna Suzdalev: Karoliine and I will create two different chats for you. We will start agreeing on meeting times with you, so that before each meeting, we have a committee meeting.

Karoliine Orav: A concern came up: you have to approve the committees yourselves.

Anna Suzdalev: Is anyone against approving the agenda? No one is, good. I will put it up for your approval: is anyone against approving the compositions of the committees?

Mari Kiviselg: Is there also some maximum number set for them?

Karoliine Orav: Seven in one and eight in the other.

IT WAS DECIDED:

4.1 Approve the Composition of the Student Union Committees.
4.2 The decision takes effect upon adoption.
VOTING RESULT: 14 votes in favor.

4. Student Union Action Plan 2026 Period I Report

Anna Suzdalev: We have just gone through the activities in March. But when you look at the report, are there any questions or thoughts? This is your opportunity to say whether, in your opinion, the direction is right or whether too little has been done in some areas.

Andris Taal: Row 12, I understand that the purpose of this point is for the Student Union to receive input from the Student Parliament on what the Student Union should be working on. In what framework is the Student March to Toompea connected to this?

Karoliine Orav: Towards the end of that point, it should say that the Student Parliament has been invited to the Student Union’s most important events.

Andris Taal: Could there be more of these events?

Anna Suzdalev: Definitely. This is related to the activities of the Chairman of the Board. In my personal opinion, this is work left undone by one specific person. We could involve you more and give you more activities. In previous academic years as well, this point has been included in the action plan but has remained unfulfilled.

Kristiina Vene: It is written somewhere in the action plan that there is a plan to bring the Student Union and the Student Parliament closer together. For example, trainings and team events — we will involve you as well. Or we can also just chill and hang out. This is planned.

Andris Taal: Row 19, if the report states that no activities took place, then why?

Karoliine Orav: Because we were not informed of any problems.

Andris Taal: Put up posters?

Mirtel Migur: At the moment, we are not promoting it ourselves. Students have other ways and communication channels through which to deal with their education-related problems. They contact the study assistants and proceed from there.

Anna Suzdalev: The hotline, which is also mentioned separately, helps with this. I hope that when we start marketing it more, students will also be more aware of where to turn with their education-related problems if they do not feel comfortable contacting a study assistant or someone similar. We are working on resolving this.

5. Summary of the Board's Work

Karoliine Orav: Hello! I am Karoliine, I am the Board Member in the Field of Education and the leader of the Academic Affairs Committee. I will highlight the activities by area of responsibility. Recognition Events Coordinator – in March, they worked on the scholarship competition, and we made the selection. Student Parliament Coordinator – they worked on the elections and organised the thank-you evening, thanks to which you are also here. Mental Health Project Coordinator – in March, they organised Sleep Week. It went quite well; there was massage and one workshop. At the moment, the creation of an ADHD support group is being discussed. This idea has existed for some time already, even since the previous Board. Now there was a direct need expressed by a student. Thanks to that, things are moving forward. An event on this topic will also take place in April. At the moment, work is being done on a mental health survey, which was last conducted years ago. We want to revive it, but currently the survey is with the Ethics Committee, because it is a sensitive topic. Last time, there were issues with whether students are even allowed to conduct such a survey, so at the moment we are waiting for a response from the TalTech Ethics Committee. Quality of Education Working Group Coordinator – has been working with the Quality of Education Working Group. By way of explanation, they carry out analyses and interviews in different curricula and write reports, which go directly to Programme Directors. The group was put together; this semester we are conducting more interviews and fewer curriculum reports, so that they would be more thorough. Karoliine – Board meetings, committee meetings, 1:1 meetings, joint meetings, motivation events. Developing cooperation and holding regular meetings with various units, such as the Office of Academic Affairs, the education managers of faculty student councils, the Academic Affairs Committee and the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs. Participation in the NOP programme. I am part of the external web steering committee, have been quietly working on education marketing, participated in the Student Parliament thank-you evening and in the working group for the campaign on good practice in teaching and learning. The same version is currently being prepared with students. Decision-making bodies – participation in the work of EÜL. I am part of the education policy working group. I also got the opportunity to go on a learning mobility trip to Brussels. Participation in the work of the Senate and the Academic Affairs Committee. What did not go according to plan? We also highlight our failures. Student Parliament Coordinator – extending the candidacy period, meaning that there were not enough candidates; voter turnout has gone down again. Recognition Events Coordinator – there was a small confusion and misunderstanding with the Best of the Year. Now we will take up that statute. We will amend it in the summer or autumn. Mental Health Project – is working on the survey, which is still stuck behind the Ethics Committee. Quality of Education Working Group – it is difficult to find interviewees. Myself – confusion with positions; people cannot decide whether they want to stay or not. Difficulties with student representatives in the Senate and the Academic Affairs Committee. They do not participate enough and need reminders to show up. Duties left undone by the Chairman.

Joonas Teder: What exactly was the problem with the previous mental health survey?

Karoliine Orav: There was not actually a direct problem, because we did not send it there. It was not thought about. The issue came up later, whether it is actually ethical to ask such things. We are running it through there just in case, to prevent that.

Anna Suzdalev: The Outer Sports Coordinator is working on the Summer Games. TalTech has 450 tickets, 330 were put on sale, and the remaining 120 tickets are reserved for athletes, the Rectorate, and representatives. The search for athletes is ongoing; if you know anyone, please let us know. In the meantime, the EASL sports seminar took place, where 3 people participated on our behalf. At the sports seminar, sports representatives from all higher education institutions come together and can share best practices with each other and learn from one another. The Project Manager is working on championships; 1–2 competitions take place every month, they are looking for people to represent TalTech and are updating the list of athletes. In March, athletics took place; five people represented us and brought home 4 podium places. Roundnet competitions also took place, and 2 podium places were achieved. Indoor Sports – in the meantime, the Over the Net event took place, volleyball and badminton on the same day. Around 100 people participated in total. They are currently working on a running evening, student tournament, and training evening. The Coordinator of Internal and External Relations has been working on creating a student Discord, where we can start gathering all files and information in one place. It will also allow us to create better channels for communication. The registry information collection also began; every semester, we collect information about active members and student activists. Meetings took place with potential new student organisations, the golf club and drone club. In April, we hope to get the Discord live, office inspections, and external relations. The Events Coordinator – the main focus went to the Student Union + Student Parliament off-site, the schedule, procurement, and games. They also took it upon themselves to organise a student life exhibition, which was in the foyer for 2 weeks. They wanted to test it, and we allowed it. It seemed to be quite a good way to showcase student life. We are working on the Student Union off-site. The Chairman of the Funding Committee – the March competition took place. We got the Board's reserve fund onto the platform and created the mobility competition. My own activities – I wrote them more generally: managing the field, 1:1 meetings, participating in the work of the Board, and meetings with potential new organisations. The Drone Club is an official new student organisation. We also met with the Golf Club, which we rejected. I also met with Mäering, which used to be an organisation and wants to revive itself, and we are waiting for their application. Cooperation with university units, mainly Real Estate and the Student Development Centre. A very large focus in March went into organising the off-site. We wanted to do it differently from previous years. Working on the ÜHIS indicator and the new recruitment period. What did not go according to plan? Those who know are aware that pivotal moments are taking place in EASL, where the chief organiser has allegedly misappropriated students' money over several years. This called into question cooperation with them and how to move forward with the Summer Games and everything else. Reviewing the sports field: until now, there was a Project Manager, Outer Sports Coordinator and Indoor Sports Coordinator, all with unequal workloads. From autumn, there will be two Outer Sports Coordinators and one Indoor Sports Coordinator. Internal and external relations – very satisfied. A lot of focus has gone into internal changes. Very satisfied with the Chairman of the Funding Committee. In one month, they made very significant progress. Events Coordinator – organising the off-site was much more intensive than we expected. I have had challenges with providing storage rooms; the previous Board Member had promised more storage rooms than it was possible to provide. Now I have to deal with how to fit five organisations into one storage room. The time required for the ÜHIS indicator has also been greater than I expected; this indicator is for ten years, so it has to be thought through very carefully. It is not my greatest strength. Are there any questions regarding student life?

Andris Taal: If there is one Indoor Sports Coordinator and two Outer Sports Coordinators, will they have the same duties?

Anna Suzdalev: They will divide the duties among themselves. At the moment, one person was working on the Summer Games, but there are 40 different sports for which people need to be found. We will divide the tasks between them: one will be responsible for certain sports and the other for others. Championships will also be included there, because in one month there may be two different competitions, so one person will take one and the other will take the other. This is all a trial; we will see over the course of the year whether it works.

Dumitru Ciobanu: Will the money be returned?

Anna Suzdalev: We will definitely not get it back.

Kert Kaarel Veskus: You mentioned that the student organisations' Messenger chat does not work. What is the creation of Discord trying to improve?

Anna Suzdalev: All communication with organisations takes place through two Messenger chats and email. We see that student organisations have much more potential to communicate with each other, share things, and create different channels. We see that the boards' chat has become simply a place for forwarding information, not receiving it. The second problem is that we have a lot of documents that we send throughout the year, but they disappear if the organisations do not save them themselves. We can gather everything into one place. Then they do not have to preserve those documents themselves. We also want to create a chatbot that will start answering questions before they even have to contact us.

Mirtel Migur: Why was the Golf Club not accepted?

Anna Suzdalev: The short version is that they came to the meeting without a budget, without an idea of how to obtain additional budget, without having had a meeting with the sports club, without any cooperation partners, and they have two members. The expectation was that by summer, they would have 50 members, all of whom would be ready to pay for a golf green card. Very positive students, but it is not beneficial for us to approve such an organisation at the moment. But do not worry, it turned out that we have two people interested in a golf club. Maybe something real will come soon.

Andris Taal: Did I understand correctly that you want more feedback/input from organisations?

Anna Suzdalev: Yes, so that it would be communication, not one-way sharing of information.

Andris Taal: Do you want to receive reports on what has been done?

Anna Suzdalev: No, we do not. Twice a year is enough for us.

Andris Taal: But then what is the need for additional information?

Anna Suzdalev: For example, sometimes the university asks us for our opinion on what they want to do in the Student House. Instead of us writing you an email and waiting for responses, which we probably would not get, we can post that question in Discord and already create a channel with everyone who is interested in contributing to that topic. Or, for example, the Kick-off Orienteering — we do not have to create a separate Messenger chat; we can build everything there so that the history remains. If a Board member leaves, then there is no concern, because there is a shared history.

Mirtel Migur: If it is being created for student organisations, then what happened to the general Discord for students?

Anna Suzdalev: That is still planned. At the moment, this is a testing period to see whether we can get everything working. The main issue is that it is very resource-intensive, and the university is not supporting us with this. We want to create it so that people can log in with UNI-ID. It would already place you into groups. But if everything goes according to plan, we can get it working in the autumn, although that is very optimistic.

Kert Kaarel Veskus: Regarding connecting it with UNI-ID, as far as I know, that option already exists in some course Discord servers.

Anna Suzdalev: Yes, we know that, but it also means that we need cooperation with that lecturer, and the lecturer who does this is very busy. Since this is an additional project, we also do not know whose desk it should land on in the Student Union, and who would be competent enough.

Karoliine Orav: I also put together some things that we have done together in relation to the Chairman's position. Weekly Board meetings, staff meetings, Board elections took place in March. At that time, the Chairman dealt with that. The Student Union of TTHKK visited us; we gave them a tour of the main building and spoke with them in the office. Together with Anna, we participated in the development plan steering committee, where we spoke about the ÜHIS indicator and the initial plan. Meetings with new student organisations, preparation for the off-site. Student Union recruitment, reviewing positions. The Chairman handed over their position to us, and there was one motivation event with the Board and employees.

Kristiina Vene: I am Kristiina, I am the Executive Manager. I was also quite actively involved. At the moment, the transfer of the university's symbols to the souvenir shop is underway; the process takes time. For years, everything has been done incorrectly. The information about ordering rings went out, which was mainly led by Kirke and the TURKOM specialist. I am dealing with the payment of the Best of the Year scholarships; the Organisation of the Year has not been paid out yet because ITÜK does not want to submit an invoice. I also worked on preparing the off-site, prepared content blocks together with the Board, organised meetings, and created my own funding slides from scratch. Student Union recruitment also went out today; we have been working on which positions will become vacant, the design of job advertisements, providing input for the marketing plan, and a lot of cooperation with the TURKOM specialist. I will start looking for an IT Coordinator; I worked on that job description. I worked on the action plan reporting. Ongoing tasks include both unit manager duties from the employees' perspective and supporting the Board. The other Kristiina: a lot has happened; March was a very busy month. In all the events that took place, she had a hand in them. Board elections, Student Parliament elections, ordering rings, scholarships, Sleep Week, collecting input for the Student House idea, and, as an exception, she designed the job advertisements. Regular Juulius blog posts and weekly newsletters. We have recruited a new social media coordinator, and she is mentoring them. Freshmen Bags project – in previous years we have outsourced it; this year we want to design it ourselves, as part of our branding journey. We want it to reflect us. In cooperation with Anna, the number of freshmen bags was determined. In cooperation with the social media people and the designer, preparations for the design competition are being made.

Karoliine Orav: Regarding the design competition, if anyone feels that they have a really good hand at it, you can try designing what the freshmen bag could look like next year.

Kristiina Vene: There will also be a post about this soon. If you have good ideas, we are very much looking forward to them. Are there any questions? What did not go according to plan? In the case of

Kristiina from TURKOM, branding activities were postponed in March. From my side, similarly to Anna, coming up with the content blocks for the off-site was more difficult than expected. There was slightly too little context; I have only been here for half a year, and deciding on the content blocks was left a little to the last minute. From TURKOM's side, designing the job advertisements unexpectedly fell to her. Recruitment marketing was left a little to the last moment. A commercial break as well – recruitment has gone out. It is possible to join us! I highlighted who we are looking for. I am looking for an IT Coordinator, who will likely come from the School of Information Technologies. If you know someone who might be suitable and would like to apply, I would very much appreciate recommendations. This is a specific position, so if they do not know a certain programming language, then they cannot do it. Our other Kristiina is looking for two members, Juulius Tipikas. Everyone knows Juulius. Two details – a young man and at least 180 cm tall. A photographer – you can take photos, we have a cool camera and flash. Our Anna is looking for a new Maksim and an Indoor Sports Coordinator. Karoliine is looking for a Mental Health Project Coordinator, whose responsibilities include Mental Health Month and Sleep Week. And your coordinator; from among you, probably not...

Karoliine Orav: Technically, it is possible, but it makes the work more difficult, because we added tasks to the Student Parliament Coordinator's role, such as assisting with meetings, which would be difficult to do if you also have to sit here. In the case of the Student Parliament Coordinator, the position will move from the field of education to the Chairman's field.

Kristiina Vene: These are the positions we have. Recruitment lasts until 22 April; the application consists of a CV and a motivation letter. Send them to our Head of Human Resources, Ingrid. If someone wants to do something exciting, step out of their comfort zone, see the university and student life activities from a helicopter view, and be informed earlier than at the organisation level. We have a nice environment and great field managers. All questions are welcome. We will answer your questions by email or Messenger.

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