TALLINNA TEHNIKAÜLIKOOL

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Tallinn August 18th 2026 no 7

Start of the meeting 18.09, end of the meeting 19.46

Chaired by Rain Samarüütel
Minutes secretary: Kirke Piiskoppel
13 out of 15 were present: Mirtel Migur, Maria Fedulova, Nils Erik Eisen, Michel Viana Smykalla, Joonas Teder, Pert Salundi, Elis Ulla, Hanelle Kaugerand, Emma Arabella Jõgeva, Emma Pallase (MS Teams), Kert Kaarel Veskus (MS Teams), Dumitru Ciobanu (MS Teams), Roosi-Mari Kivi.
Absent: Mari Kiviselg, Andris Taal.
Invited: Kristiina Vene, Kristin Liias, Renee Maripuu, Maksim Dolinin, Emili Järv, Hanna Savolainen, Kristina Keerdo.

Agenda

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II Reports

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4. Are the dates of the upcoming meetings suitable?
5. Image of the Student Parliament.

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The changed agenda was approved unanimously.

1. **Approval of the Student Parliament's 2026–2027 Work Plan**

Rain Samarüütel: Broadly speaking, it will remain the same as in previous years. The only change is that a Board report will be prepared every month. There was also a question regarding the dates. Normally, the meeting is scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month, but since the second Tuesday in December coincides with the Rector's Cup, would it be okay if the meeting took place on 15 December? Alright, then that is settled. The same question applies to January. 12 January is indeed the second Tuesday, but would that date suit you? Alright. The overall plan remains the same. Does anyone have any questions?

Michel Viana Smykalla: I would like to add one item to the agenda. I did not get a chance to do so earlier.

Rain Samarüütel: Is everyone in agreement? What would you like to add?

Michel: The involvement of non-Estonian-speaking students in student activism at TalTech.

Everyone agrees to the new agenda.

Rain Samarüütel: Any questions regarding the work plan? About Teams? If there are no questions, is anyone opposed to approving the work plan?

Emili Järv: The Rules of Procedure stipulate that before the work plan is approved, the Audit Committee must provide its assessment. Otherwise, everything looks good, but the election of the Board has been scheduled as part of one meeting. Since these meetings usually tend to run long, would it perhaps be more reasonable to hold a separate meeting for the election of the Board?

Rain Samarüütel: We found that since only the Head of Education is being elected, we should be able to complete it within the meeting, and the meeting should not run long.

Emili Järv: That seems like a reasonable justification. I agree.

Rain Samarüütel: Then it is approved

IT WAS DECIDED:

1.1 Approve the Student Parliament's 2026–2027 Work Plan.
1.2 The decision takes effect upon adoption.
VOTING RESULT: 13 votes in favor.

2. **Report of the Board**

Rain Samarüütel: I officially started my mandate on 1 July. Planning for the academic year. Taking over registers and rights, banking rights. The first preparations have been made for Tudengite Hääl; I would make it in a conference-style format, taking place in the Aula on 9 November. I definitely look forward to seeing you there! As a new event, ÜE focus labs will be introduced, in a study-evening style during the 8th study week, with the idea of holding it at Caffeine. The format is such that those who have procrastinated too much with their studies and left things undone can have a locked in session. To highlight the educational side of ÜE. Meeting with Tiit Land, we discussed what we as ÜE expect from the university and what the university expects from us. Two meetings with Hanna, the EK coordinator; we set the strategies to keep EK more in the picture. We plan to double EK election participation this year. Creating new ÜE merch, expanding it, alongside the classic pink. Representing at events at the LÜK gala and the anniversary of the TKTK Student Council. I will also do the education summary. The Recognition Events Coordinator is currently working on nominations for decorations and establishing the committee, as well as generally dealing with decorations. Mental Health Project Coordinator: I can confirm that Emma has been very actively planning Mental Health Month. HKT as well, preparations are underway for autumn. Head of Education – Karoliine has helped the new member settle in, held final meetings with departing members, attended the programme directors' retreat, participated in the summer games, wrote articles for Studioosus, worked on the new academic year's campaign on good practices in learning and teaching, participated in Board meetings, attended the EÜL leaders' roundtable, gathered ideas and also took some time to rest during the summer!

Renee Maripuu: The Indoor Sports Coordinator has made an initial plan for the autumn semester. The Internal and External Relations Coordinator has been working on developing Discord and wants to hand it over to the IT Coordinator. Together with Sirely, we also held meetings with the Boards, approximately 33 of them. This time we did them in half an hour and sent a nice to know email beforehand, which reduced the time required. External Sports Coordinators, there are now two of them. Previously, there was an External Sports Project Manager and an External Sports Coordinator. The tasks are the same; their role is to coordinate between themselves who does what. No tasks have disappeared; the change should make the work smoother and reduce the workload for one person. Actively working with the athletes' database. The Events Coordinator is not dealing as much with the Opening Orienteering event this year; this year the main responsibility lies with me and the Head of Administration. Emilia was also actively involved in booking the Board retreat, and many of you

attended as well. Compared to last year, the feedback was better. Emilia's biggest focus is to make the student body's anniversary as good and efficient as possible. Chair of the Funding Committee, actively involved in settling in, has received a lot of information from Maksim. Collected applications for small projects. The first competition is over, and the funds have been distributed. New position – Head of Administration. Settling into the new position; Robert has the honour of shaping the position himself and is handling it very well. He is responsible for all electrical and technical matters. He makes bookings and rents equipment. The IT Coordinator, who is now also under the Student Life area, currently has the main role of understanding Yttrium. With my position, I have now realized that it is not as easy as I could have expected. I currently have many side activities. At the moment, there are six new potential student organizations on my desk. Unfortunately, most cannot be approved because they do not meet the prerequisites for becoming an organization. But the golf club was approved; initially, it was a major concern, but they resolved the issues very well. They did the work, collected statistics, found cooperation partners, etc. I have been actively organizing the Opening Orienteering event. Planning the programme for the summer retreat of organizations' Boards. Meetings with organization leaders, there were a lot of them. I welcomed two new members to my team with open arms – the Head of Administration and the IT Coordinator. There are now 9 members in the Student Life area, making it the largest area within ÜE.

Rain Samarüütel: Does anyone have any questions for Renee? No. Then, Kristiina, please.

Kristiina Vene: Does anyone have any questions about my slides? Everything is nicely laid out here. TURKOM has a lot of work at the moment, today there was a crisis with the freshman bags. It did not go as we had planned. We all took a break in July. It is slowly starting to get very busy. Are there any questions about the TURKOM area? The design of the freshman bags did not go according to plan. There were problems with this at the beginning of the summer; it required a lot of discussion, rethinking and changes. We got it resolved. Studioosus became slightly more expensive. We would like to hand over the beanies to the souvenir shop; the new deadline is the end of this year, since all the other souvenirs are there anyway. But this process has been delayed, although we hope to get it done by the end of the year. Updating the work organization file has been delayed. The freshman bags that we planned for this year will not arrive in time. Fortunately, we have a fantastic Partnerships Coordinator, Kaur, who communicated with A Le Coq, and we can get the bags from last year. We managed to avoid a major crisis, but it was a big hit to our resources.

Hanelle Kaugerand: When is the packing of the freshman bags?

Kristiina Vene: The freshman bags will be packed on Friday from 12:00 to 18:00. The other Kristiina asked me to say that if you have the time and willingness, please come. Your help is really needed. There will also be food.

Elis Ulla: The freshman bags that will not arrive. Will their order be cancelled or will they be used next year?

Kristiina Vene: We do not want to cancel the order, and the bags are very nice, so we will use them next year.

3. **Presentation of the Student Union's 2027 Budget**

Kristiina Vene: I will briefly go through the plans; this is an introduction, and I do not have all the information yet. The preliminary plan for income and expenses is €537,298. Of this, €346,298 is the ÜE's own budget (labour costs, ÜE projects, general expenses, admin), and the remaining €191,000 is intended to support student organisations. The biggest change that has taken effect is that through this budget we previously administered the Rector's funding for the Student Formula team, but we will no longer do that. They will now receive their funding centrally from TalTech. The expenses are similar to what they were last year. Initially, €12,228 was planned. The coaching expense line is yellow because it is still being clarified; there is currently no information. Essentially, the university offers coaching services to leaders. I have thought about it, and I think it would be beneficial for organisational management, but this will become clear by the next meeting. Labour costs: together with the Board, we have planned and set the remuneration of Board members, scholarships, committee remuneration, everything that is not the salaries of the three employees. At the moment, labour costs and scholarships are expected to increase by €13,558. It will most likely become clearer by the next meeting. In the meantime, I also met with the university Chancellor; we discussed salaries, and I received statistics. There is a large difference compared to people in equivalent positions at the university. I would like to create greater fairness in remuneration. It will probably increase. Do you have any questions about the projects? The overall change is not large, around €1,000. The total expenditure is basically the same as in 2026.

Hanna Savolainen: I have a question about the EK spring retreat. What are the plans for it?

Kristiina Vene: Together with the Board, we decided that it would be €2,000 less than last year. The main feedback was already received immediately after that retreat. This concept could be different. You are in a new environment, and the information coming at you tends to be tiring rather than helpful. We do not have an exact concept in place yet, but I know your Board has thought about it.

Rain Samarüütel: I can comment on that. I would not do a retreat; I would do it locally. We could have a two-hour introduction in a meeting room, then go out to eat and then do something fun. We also received feedback that people would not want to immediately go away and stay overnight with unfamiliar people.

Kristiina Vene: You will receive this information; the integration and fun will not be left out. The budget will be reduced mainly through accommodation. Does anyone have any other questions?

Maria Fedulova: There was a question in the Student Life Committee about why the budget for the Working Group on the Quality of Education was reduced?

Kristiina Vene: The HKT Coordinator and Karoliine decided that no more money would be allocated for ÜK scholarships (i.e. the merit percentage).

Mirtel Migur: Previously, students worked through the ÕIS comments to determine which ones were useful and what percentage of the ÕIS comments were substantive, and support for ÜKs was allocated based on that percentage. We saw that this is such a stupid system; it actually does not show anything. We did not distribute it last year either; at least we are not distributing it based on that metric. That is where such a big difference came from.

Joonas Teder: The money that is being taken away from the ÜKs — some of them need it and have been counting on it. Will it somehow go back to them? Where did the €4,500 go now?

Mirtel Migur: ÜKs cannot count on this money because not all ÜKs receive it. ÜKs can also apply for ÜE funding themselves. They are losing this money that was essentially handed to them.

Kristiina Vene: Continuing with the topic, the last budget is SCV2, which is the budget allocated to student organisations and student councils. The amount has decreased compared to last year because it included the Rector's funding for the Student Formula team, which has now been removed. Project funding remains the same. Annual support is €60,000, and large + small grants together amount to €70,000. Usually, the total for small grants is €10,000. But the Chair of the Funding Committee can decide how to distribute the money among the three. A mobility competition has been added; we are not asking the university for this money, it will come from our own reserve fund. There are two competitions under this initiative, with €5,000 allocated to each. We also decided with the Board to increase the basic funding for ÜKs, for which €61,000 has been allocated. More funding will also come based on the number of students. If the ÜE increases its own budgets, we also want to give more back to the ÜKs, because the number of students has increased by a record amount.

Maksim Dolinin: Since the university has decided to allocate funding to the Virumaa and Tartu Colleges and separate ÜKs will be established, are these included in the budget?

Kristiina Vene: Since this information has not reached me as the head, they are not included at the moment. But that is good information. We will definitely find a solution. That is all from me.

Hanna Savolainen: Were the annual grants also increased?

Kristiina Vene: No, because they were not fully distributed last year.

Kristin Liias: We also reviewed it yesterday, and we have our own set of questions. Fixed assets – we looked at the figure compared to last year. There is currently a surplus in this year's budget, and fixed asset investments have been increased. Roughly, we found that €2,000–2,500 will remain unused from there.

Kristiina Vene: This has rather been included as a buffer, because these expenses arise on an ongoing basis. The reserve is intentional. If this reserve is not used, it will still be allocated somewhere.

Kristin Liias: Scholarships for Student Council members – could you give a specific example of which tasks the Head of Administration has taken over from others, while we have nevertheless seen an increase in the scholarships of the Events Coordinator and the Recognition Events Coordinator, even though their workload should decrease because of the Head of Administration?

Kristiina Vene: The Events Coordinator's scholarship did not increase.

Rain Samarüütel: The workload of other positions was high, and the Head of Administration takes some of that away. Communication with the property management is not as simple as it was previously. In some cases, the increase in the scholarship also comes from the inflation rate.

Kristin Liias: If inflation is the argument, then shouldn't the other positions also increase?

Rain Samarüütel: Did all positions increase by the same amount?

Kristin Liias: No, it was quite selectively chosen.

Kristiina Vene: Inflation does not apply to everyone. For example, the social media people are now equalized. Kristiina felt that there was an inequality. There are also more events coming, a new Board, and many visions. If we want to produce social media content for events, then it is quite justified. The difference between them was also significant. The same applies to the photographer. The Head of Administration takes away quite a bit of workload; since it is a new position, there is naturally no complete list of what they will do or how the tasks will be divided. Their list of responsibilities will still be longer than just “communicating with the administration.”

Kristin Liias: If the Head of Administration takes workload away from the Recognition Events Coordinator...

Kristiina Vene: Their issue was also more related to workload.

Kristin Liias: If the Head of Administration takes workload away from them, but their scholarship still increases.

Kristiina Vene: We can discuss it again; I am not sure how much workload the Head of Administration will actually take away from the Recognition Events Coordinator.

Mirtel Migur: In my opinion, the Recognition Events Coordinator does not have that much interaction with room bookings and administration. Only booking rooms for their committees. The Head of Administration does not take work away from them.

Kristiina Vene: Excluding the Recognition Events Coordinator, the direction with the Head of Administration is more towards the Events Coordinator and Renee herself. I understand the questions; let us give this position some time. Renee also said that the position should be a permanent member, which helps her a lot. She has the largest area, and if she has one person who takes away this kind of administrative workload, then it is a good investment in team management. The scholarship increase was not for everyone. It is to make the workload more or less equal. It is not one fixed amount that everyone receives.

Kristin Liias: A question about the scholarship competition – where did the idea of having another one come from?

Kristiina Vene: Because there were more than 50 candidates for our competition. Someone should think about students first and especially first-year students, because they have restrictions when it comes to applying. If we have an opportunity to support students, then why not? If we had 10 candidates every year, then there would be no point. But I think there may be even more of them in the future. For quite a long time, the amount has remained the same. Large companies also give €3,000, so ultimately it is the same. If we can give something to our own students, then that is a good thing.

Maksim Dolinin: Why did the budget for the Opening Orienteering event increase by €500?

Kristiina Vene: We will find out how much it actually costs this year. I am looking at the increase in the number of students; if it turns out that it does not cost as much as we think, then it will not. The logic of the budget is not to overestimate every line, but if there are uncertain ones, I would rather budget a little more. If there is a slight surplus in the budget, it will be balanced out somewhere else or the

financial manager will put it back into the reserve at the end of the year. But the main justification is the increase in the number of students, and we do not know what this will entail.

Maksim Dolinin: If the Opening Orienteering line increased by €500 with the explanation that the number of students is growing, then why was there no additional funding for the Joint Baptism?

Kristiina Vene: Based on my experience and looking at previous budget years, the Joint Baptism has always been a questionable budget line. The budget is already small, but even that budget has not been fully used. There is not much expenditure there. The event is rather organised with zero costs. Last year, lighting was obtained through sponsorship. I would not put more money there just in case.

Maksim Dolinin: Last year, additional investments were made that are not being made this year. Wooden poles for €300.

Kristiina Vene: If there is money left over, then there is money left over. I can discuss it further with Renee.

Rain Samarüütel: I also wanted to add that this year we should also be able to get the lighting and equipment for free, so the cost will not increase.

Maksim Dolinin: Student Body Anniversary – the amount is increased every year. At yesterday's Student Life Committee meeting, there was also a question about how far we are going to increase this budget. What level of quality and price-to-value ratio do we want for this event? It is an event aimed at a very small group of students. Are we going to increase it every year? Because last year the argument was that it was an anniversary, but that is not the case this year, yet the budget is still being increased.

Kristiina Vene: Fair question. This year's event has not happened yet, so we will see how the budget turns out. The one year of experience I have actually does not show much. The event is for a small group, but it is our only major and formal event where we invite student representatives and employees. The costs are inevitably high. If we tell our Events Coordinator that we want them to make a really cool event but give them a budget with which it cannot be done, then I do not know if that is really the right approach. As for the limit, if I see that this year's event is already very good, then I do not think the budget needs to be increased every year. If we had three such events, then this should not be the budget for each of them. This is our one opportunity to shine, so I think it is reasonable.

Maksim Dolinin: €3,000 more has been planned for branding compared to last year. What is planned? Will there again be co-payment (if a product is being planned for ÜE), or does this amount cover it?

Kristiina Vene: That €7,000 was budgeted for ordering the freshman bags again, but we are not ordering them. If we already have the bags, then I will not put €7,000 here.

Maksim Dolinin: New merch is being made. Will there again be a co-payment?

Kristiina Vene: As Rain mentioned earlier, it is currently on hold; according to the initial discussion, there would be a co-payment. Because it is not ÜE's main merch.

Rain Samarüütel: It is an alternative option, with a relatively larger co-payment.

Maksim Dolinin: Two new events were mentioned – a picnic and a ÜE retreat with an overnight stay. What is their value? And the alumni gathering at the Campus Party?

Kristiina Vene: The Alley Picnic, led by Renee, with the Board joining. She wants to do it in September. The concept is the same as the Kuressaare street picnic. The big vision is that we have the Opening Orienteering event and the Baptism, students have had time to settle in, and in order to bring ÜE closer to them, we would specifically invite the new students. The plan is preliminary. The plan is to invite them to the courtyard, offer a barbecue, food, choirs and dancing. A mini-festival aimed at student organisations, but also at all students.

Hanelle Kaugerand: At yesterday's Student Life Committee meeting, Renee also presented it as a replacement for the TalTech student organisations' cruise, which will not be organised this year. It should have a stronger focus on socialising between different students.

Kristiina Vene: This is a pilot project; the concept itself is cool. We have to try it out. Will it actually reach the target group? If the weather is good, which is also the biggest risk, then it would be great. We are doing it for our student body. The ÜE members' retreat is part of the motivational events.

Rain Samarüütel: In previous years, ÜE members have said that when the retreat takes place in spring, there is little value in it. In autumn, the integration would be greater, since the new members will have been here for longer. There will be no other motivational event in autumn.

Kristin Liias: Is this a ÜE + EK retreat? Because as an expense line it is under student council team events, and de facto, if there are places left, EK members can also come, and that was also one of the wishes for this year – to make it a fairly standard activity where there is ÜE and EK as well. Does moving the expense line from one place to another preserve this idea?

Kristiina Vene: It is directly moved; the previous Head of Personnel's philosophy was that the training expense line is one. But the ÜE motivation budget is separate and the EK motivation budget is separate, but if there are places left, then of course. It was initially intended as a Student Council motivational event. But we can discuss it with the members; the idea is still being discussed. If a smaller motivational event idea also comes up, we can do that as well. But I agree that in the summer we do not really dare to talk about it yet, and Rain has also discussed the idea with the members.

Kristin Liias: So that I can understand the net balance, does EK also have the possibility of one overnight retreat?

Kristiina Vene: That is a good point. We can sit down with the EK Coordinator and discuss it. It can definitely be done; nothing is set in stone. Regarding the alumni gathering at the Campus Party. There is a strong focus on alumni at the Campus Party; Kristina also approached ÜE, with the goal that student organisations would also organise alumni reunions at some point. We would invite people from the 2021/2022 and 2016/2017 cohorts, meaning those from 5 and 10 years ago. We are planning some catering and tableware rental. If we do it this year, we could also do it next year. This is also a pilot project. I included it because it does not really fit anywhere else. We already have people registered.

Kristin Liias: There was a pancake breakfast listed under the spring recruitment; it has not really fulfilled its purpose to that extent. Maybe a different format?

Kristiina Vene: I am not entirely sure about that line myself either. Since the amount is small, I can remove it. The big picture does not change; the idea was there last year, but things became rushed and it did not happen. But I agree in that sense. This year I have to organise it myself, so we need to see how much value it actually has. If the expense does arise, it can be put under another line, since the cost is marginal.

Pert Salundi left at 18:56.

4. Image of the Student Parliament

Rain Samarüütel: The goal is to increase voter turnout and the number of EK candidates next year. How can we promote it more broadly? Our own idea, which we would like to implement, is that we have five Student Councils, and each month they hold general meetings. I have seen in the past that the busy period only starts in February, when people start looking for candidates for EK, but Hanna and I thought that we could start earlier, from September onwards, by going to their general meetings and talking about it. So that EK would be visible throughout the whole year. Is everyone here a member of a faculty Student Council?

Hanelle Kaugerand: I am not.

Rain Samarüütel: Would you be willing to go to a general meeting and talk about it?

Hanna Savolainen: I can add that last year I felt like I was relatively the only one who went, so now we could create some common talking points about what to discuss. We can agree on who writes down the ideas from the meeting. It takes a couple of minutes. You do not have to be a Student Council member, which makes it easier to go. If there are several of you, you can take turns going. We also have a plan with Kristiina Kuusemets to make a new introductory video that would focus more on the connection between EK, student organisations and ÜE. At the moment, it feels like many people do not know that the representative council is someone they can turn to. It would be good if we went there so that at least the Student Councils would have the information. Many Student Council members are also involved in student organisations.

Joonas Teder: Should this be discussed with the Boards?

Rain Samarüütel: I have spoken with three of them; ITÜK, MTÜK and EMERA are in agreement with this. There is another meeting in a week as well. Because ultimately, it is their responsibility to find representatives for EK.

Hanna Savolainen: Regarding visibility, last year I did an Instagram takeover. Ideally, there could be one person from each faculty. You could show your school day, what a meeting day is like, or if it is a motivational event day. It can also be done by several people together.

Elis Ulla: So would the point be to do it on a day when there is an EK meeting?

Hanna Savolainen: Ideally, yes. I would rather do these in the autumn. Please, please, please do it. Let me know. It is not very complicated; we have social media people you can contact to find out how to do it.

Mirtel Migur left at 19:29.

Elis Ulla: If we do introductions at general meetings, should we talk about the topics that were discussed at the meeting? How could we make it more engaging?

Rain Samarüütel: It is an open format, depending on how things work in your faculty.

Elis Ulla: It makes sense that if it has been visible every month, it starts to feel familiar, and you know to notice the posters around the university.

Hanna Savolainen: We could also create a working group to deal with this.

Elis Ulla: It should not take too much time either, otherwise no one will listen, but otherwise I support it.

Kristin Liias: A previous EK member from the Faculty of Science, Ander, used to give summaries at least every other meeting about what was happening on a broader level. It was in a format focusing on what might interest me, for example budget-related topics. It also gives students the idea that this is an opportunity for me to initiate or do something.

Joonas Teder: I wanted to make the same point; in a way, it is easier if everyone has the same text, but if you make it more personal, it would have more impact.

Hanna Savolainen: I really like Kristin's example. At some point, I will start looking for volunteers for the article.

5. Involvement of the international students

Michel Viana Smykalla: Some context as well. Last month, there was an announcement that applications for the Funding Committee were open. It stated that the work and defence would be conducted in Estonian. To this day, I have not received an official response regarding my application. But as far as I understand, it is difficult to translate the materials and find a translator. Since I am not sufficiently fluent in Estonian, I cannot participate in this work. This brings up the broader issue of the involvement of international students who do not speak Estonian in student life. The same situation applies to the Senate. Currently, international students make up 10%, and 40% of doctoral students are international. If we read the first sentence of the ÜE development plan, it states that ÜE protects and represents all university students through its activities. Among the values, there is "belonging", which states that the student body is characterised by a strong sense of unity based on mutual trust, inclusion and cooperation, and another value is "innovativeness". I do not know how much can be done here. But based on the development plan, we should involve all students in student activism. If there are obstacles, we can discuss them together at our monthly meetings and find solutions.

Elis Ulla: Have you received any feedback as to why it is only in Estonian?

Hanna Savolainen: The reason why the Funding Committee is in Estonian. The action plan states that it is in Estonian and all applications are in Estonian. That is what Ronaldo told me. Everything is in Estonian because that is how it has always been.

Maksim Dolinin: The regulations stipulate that the committee is formed by the Chair of the Funding Committee. They make a proposal to the Board, and the regulations specify who must be on the Funding Committee. There must be two people selected by the Chair of the Committee and 2–3 EK members who express their interest. The Chair of the Funding Committee makes the selection. I understand that the concern was that no response was received as to why the person was not selected for the Funding Committee.

Michel Viana Smykalla: Yes, I did not receive any feedback, but when speaking with Renee, the difficulty was said to be translating the documents.

Hanna Savolainen: All applications are submitted in Estonian, there is no—

Kristina Keerdo: I think the problem is that the capacity to translate exists, because we are doing it now, but it is hypocritical to conduct other things in Estonian when our values are inclusion and fairness. We cannot apply our values to some activities and not to others.

Rain Samarüütel: I can raise this issue with the Board.

Hanna Savolainen: I think you got an answer from the Rector regarding the Senate. It seems to me that this is a complicated situation. We want more international students, but at the same time there is an expectation that people speak Estonian. These two things are in conflict with each other.

Kristina Keerdo: This is also part of the university's problem, because they say they want more international students, but in reality they do not include them.

Rain Samarüütel: We can also bring this up in the Senate.

Elis Ulla: If we want to change something, what does the procedure look like?

Michel Viana Smykalla: Can we make any decisions about this now?

Elis Ulla: Rain will raise the issue with the Board and get feedback from them.

Rain Samarüütel: And I will also raise it in the Senate.

Rain Samarüütel	Kirke Piiskoppel
Chairman of the meeting	Minutes secretary