TALLINNA TEHNIKAÜLIKOOL

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Tallinn September 8th 2026 no 8

Start of the meeting 18.00, end of the meeting 18.24

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

Agenda

I Approvals

1. Repealing the Statute of the Best Starters;

II Reports

2. Report of the Board;

III Discussions

3. First Reading of the Student Council's 2027 Budget;
4. EÜL Protest on the Issue of Student Financial Well-Being.

Changed agenda

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The changed agenda was approved unanimously.

1. **Repealing the Statute of the Best Starters**

Lisette Johanson: Hello everyone! I'm Lisette, and I coordinate recognition events in ÜE. Under my area, there is a statute called the "Best Starters Statute" currently in effect. In fact, this event has not taken place for three years, so I do not really understand why it has not already been repealed, so we will do that now. We will repeal it based on point 4.3.2 of the Student Body Statutes. If there are any questions, please ask.

Rain Samarüütel: Does anyone have any questions on Teams? No. Is anyone opposed to repealing the statute? No. Then the statute has been repealed.

IT WAS DECIDED:

1.1 Repeal the Statute of the Best Starters.
1.2 The decision takes effect upon adoption.
VOTING RESULT: 15 votes in favor.

2. **Report of the Board**

Rain Samarüütel: Meetings with the Board, there was an office clean-up at the beginning of August, where we threw away quite a lot of unnecessary things, and perhaps also some things that were actually necessary. Then there was the student organisations' retreat, which Renee organised. We packed the freshman bags for the Opening. I also participated in the Funding Committee meeting – small projects. We were able to distribute the funds to everyone. EÜL came to visit, got acquainted with the office, and we met the new head. Then there was the Opening Orienteering event, which was successful. There were unfortunately or fortunately more students than there were supposed to be. I also gave a presentation to Erasmus students about ÜE and the ISIC card. They had a lot of questions about the ISIC card. During Opening Week, there was also the Student Life Fair, which Renee once again organised wonderfully. It seemed that the Student Councils and organisations were much more

visible to students. There was an end-of-summer office chill at the office. We played board games; it was great fun. At some point in October, we will have a bigger board game evening together with EK. I gave a speech at the opening ceremony, and there was a meeting with the Student Council Chairs at the end of August to bring them closer together. They really liked it.

Karoliine Orav: The Recognition Events Coordinator worked on ordering decorations; the nomination form for recognising teaching staff has now gone live. If you see it on social media as well, please nominate your favourite lecturers there. The Mental Health Project Coordinator has been quietly working on follow-up activities after the mental health survey. Since Mental Health Month is now coming up, we have postponed analysing the survey a little so that we can focus on one thing at a time. One interesting thing is that we are cooperating with Tallinn University to organise a joint event. The Head of Education is currently working on preparations for HKT for the autumn; the teams have been put together. Their new task is organising the lecturers' gala. My own activities include weekly things such as participating in Board meetings and meetings with team members; we also cleaned the office. Together with the Head of Administration, I took responsibility for organising the alumni gathering, which took place as part of the Campus Party. It was a pilot project, went very well, and was really enjoyable. I helped out at the Opening, I lead the Academic Committee. Developing cooperation with Tallinn University. The EÜL Board visited. I also meet monthly with the Heads of Education of the Student Councils, and the ÜE office also held an open day. Office chill and various budget discussions.

Renee Maripuu: The Indoor Sports Coordinator has the World Sports Week on their agenda, starting on 23 September. In connection with this, they are organising a spikeball training session and tournament in cooperation with Roundnet Tallinn on two different days. Together with the sports area, they are also organising IDUS Day, traditionally held every year on 20 September. It is coordinated by EASL and provides guidance to all higher education institutions. On our side, there will be active promotion in the lobby alongside other activities. The External Sports Coordinators have the Student Championships in karting on their agenda; negotiations are underway regarding the budget, as it is quite expensive. Perhaps we can get additional funding from the sports club. IDUS Day as well. The Internal and External Relations Coordinator has now discovered that Discord is a bigger task than expected, so they will hand over its management to the IT Coordinator. We met this week as part of that process. They have been in communication with Riga Technical University. We are going to visit them and represent TalTech at their sports games. The Events Coordinator worked on Beanie Day and found volunteers for it. Supporting the Board with the freshman baptism, Emilia is handling various coordination matters and checking whether we can get the lighting at a good price. The main focus is the Student Body Anniversary. The Head of Administration is dealing with the technical side of the Joint Baptism; the ASKi bus is coming to set up the lighting and they are also making various bookings. I would comment that the Head of Administration position is very necessary for ÜE, and it is good and useful that we have someone in this role. If necessary, they will help Emilia with the Student Body Anniversary. The IT Coordinator is dealing with things that are broken in Yttrium, for example, before the Opening Orienteering event we approved the Golf Club so that they could apply for funding, but because they were so new, the platform did not recognise them and there was a slight error. They are working with the Funding Committee and will take over Discord. The Chair of the Funding Committee has been dealing with the follow-up to the small projects competition, preparing the October small projects round and working together with the IT Coordinator. I am doing the routine things, while the bigger things include the Opening Orienteering event, the Student Life Fair, the ÜE Open Day, approving the Golf Club and discussing future plans, because it seemed, figuratively speaking, like a very seasonal organisation, but it turns out they also have activities during the winter. Eleven

organisations have expressed an interest in becoming TalTech student organisations; I have communicated with them extensively and asked additional questions. I have put five of them on a kind of probation before confirming their organisational status. There has also been communication with the fraternities; I will not elaborate further on that at the moment. There were certain complications that arose from the handling of the letter.

Rain Samarüütel: Does anyone have any questions about the Head of Administration, Kristiina? About the other Kristiina, are there any questions?

Karoliine Orav: Maybe the coolest thing is that we reached 5,000 followers on Instagram.

Rain Samarüütel: If there are no questions, then we are done with the Board report.

3. **EÜL Protest on the Issue of Student Financial Well-Being**

Hanna Savolainen: Are you all aware of what is happening on 24 September? The main issue is that parliamentary elections are coming up next year, and we have not protested for two years. We know that the state budget is tight, and there are over 40,000 students in Estonia. We are the people who will have to support an ageing society in the future. Political parties have not really highlighted the need to support students. EÜL and the other universities feel that this is something that should be talked about. It is not normal for a person to have to work full-time in order to study. We are tired of this; we want to focus on our studies. Even if you work part-time, in reality you end up doing more than 40 hours a week (work + university). So, on 24 September, there will be a demonstration. In Tallinn, Tallinn University is leading the protest. I would like you, EK, to come and help. We need at least 15 people on site, and if each of you also invited two friends, we could already gather quite a decent number of people.

Andris Taal: Could we also get the promotional text so that we can share it further?

Hanna Savolainen: Yes, definitely. I will share it with you. We need people who would be willing to be there on site. Maybe you think that this issue does not affect you, but think about those whom it genuinely does affect.

Rain Samarüütel	Kirke Piiskoppel
Chairman of the meeting	Minutes secretary