

REGULATIONS ON COMMITTEES AND ASSOCIATIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARTS STUDENT UNION

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CHAPTER I Committees

Section 1: Committees

University of the Arts Helsinki Student Union has three academy-specific committees: the Committee of the Academy of Fine Arts, the Committee of the Sibelius Academy and the Committee of the Theatre Academy, as well as a committee for all doctoral researchers of the University of the Arts Helsinki.

The committees are subordinate to the Student Union's Board and, in addition to these regulations, operate under the Board's policies.

Section 2: Purpose of the committees

The purpose of the academy committees is to act as link between the students of their respective academy and help the student union, regarding the students of their academy, in promoting the societal, social and intellectual aspirations as well as those regarding studying and the status of students in society.

The purpose of the doctoral researchers' committee is to act as link between doctoral researchers in the University of Arts Helsinki and promote their status, wellbeing and sense of community.

The committees carry out their purpose by, among other things, organising academy-specific events or events aimed at doctoral researchers, maintaining the student traditions of the academies and, where possible, participating in the advocacy work of their field, the students of their academy and doctoral researchers in accordance with the division of duties separately agreed with the Board. The Board and the committees may also assign other tasks to the committees by mutual agreement.

Section 3: Administration of Committees

Committees manage their own administration and finances independently, separate from the Student Union's administration and finances in a way they see best.

Each committee drafts its own rules of procedure that define principles for decision-making, administration, and finances. The Student Union Board approves these rules and may require amendments or additions.

Committees also follow the Board's rules of procedure where applicable.

Section 4: Communication between Committees and the Board

The Board and committees maintain regular contact and meet periodically. The Board appoints an annual liaison (or liaisons) responsible for communication with the committees.

Committees report their activities to the Board annually and upon request. Each committee must submit a free-form report of the previous year's activities and finances by the end of February.

CHAPTER II Associations

Section 5: Associations operating within the Student Union

The Student Union may accept an association whose purpose and practices comply with law and good conduct and which can be seen bringing students of the University of Arts Helsinki together and promoting the Student Union's aspirations.

Associations operating within the Student Union are independent and not part of the Student Union, and are responsible for their own activities and finances under the Associations Act. Unregistered associations must also comply with relevant provisions of the Act.

Section 6: Admission to operate within the Student Union

An association may apply for admission to operate within the Student Union with a free-form application and its rules attached. The Board decides on the acceptance and may provide guidance on rules and operations.

Eligible associations are associations whose activities are activities of the students of University of Arts Helsinki. These include students' subject-specific or recreational associations. At least 60% of voting members, and at least five individuals, must be Student Union members.

Being a registered association is not a requirement for admission.

Section 7: Obligations of Associations

Associations must annually, by the end of February, and upon request, provide the Student Union with contact details of board members and officers. In addition, associations and upon request, submit the previous year's financial statement and action report.

Any changes to rules must be reported immediately to the Student Union.

Upon dissolution, the association's assets must be transferred to the Student Union or a related entity to be used for activities aligned with the purpose of the association for similar purposes. In case this is not possible, the assets should be transferred to an entity that promotes similar aspirations than the Student Union.

Section 8: Benefits for Associations

Associations may apply for operational grants allocated by the Student Union. When applying, the association must submit an action plan for the year along with financial statements.

Associations operating within the Student Union may use Student Union's rental equipment free of charge.

The Student Union also offers, when possible, support with advocacy work, communication assistance, as well as general advice, and training.

Section 9: Withdrawal from the Student Union

An association may withdraw from operating within the Student Union by notifying the Board in writing.

The Board may remove an association for repeated non-compliance, failure to meet the obligations stated in these regulations, or if its purpose or practices conflict with law or Student Union's aspirations.

Section 10: Other Associations

Other associations may exist among students that are not operating within the Student Union.

They are not entitled to benefits under Section 8 per se. They may however apply for project grants and cooperate with the Student Union.

CHAPTER III Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 11: Amendments to the Regulations and Entry into Force

Amendments to the regulations require a majority vote at a Representative Council meeting.

The Council approved this regulation in meeting 3/2025 on 25 November 2025.