



Student Union TUO

**REGULATIONS FOR  
PARTNER ASSOCIATIONS**

TRANSLATION FROM THE ORIGINAL

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**Section 1 Partner association status**

These regulations deal with the partner association status of all student associations (later association) which work at Turku University of Applied Sciences and Student Union TUO (later TUO) and the obligations and rights between the parties.



The association and TUO shall agree on the partner association status in writing. The association shall be registered in the Finnish Register of Associations or the registration shall be pending. The purpose and practices of the association shall not be contrary to Finnish law, the Student Union rules or good manners. The activities of an association which operates with a partner association status shall be directed at the students of Turku University of Applied Sciences and promote their spiritual, social and societal aspirations and the sense of community of the students at Turku University of Applied Sciences.

The partner association status is valid indefinitely. Dissolving a partner association status is separately set out in Section 6 of these regulations. If these regulations are updated, the partner association status shall be agreed anew between the parties.

If the majority of the members of an association are students at Turku University of Applied Sciences, the association can be granted a partner association status. If less than half of the members of a student association are students at Turku University of Applied Sciences, the association can be granted the partner association status for a special reason.

These regulations define the general principles of operation between the parties, and the most significant ways of cooperation.

## **Section 2 Confirming the partner association status**

The parties agree on the partner association status in writing, and thus both the association and TUO are committed to act according to these regulations. When the conditions of the partner association status are fulfilled, the Board of TUO discusses and confirms the status in its next meeting.

Application forms, attached to which the valid rules of the association shall be submitted, can be obtained from TUO. If the registration of the association is pending, the association shall present a receipt of submitting the registration documents to the authorities in connection with submitting the partner association status form.

If one of the parties updates its rules in the middle of an agreement period, the other party shall be immediately informed of the new rules.

## **Section 3 Cooperation defined by the partner association status**

The partner association status requires cooperation between the association and TUO as follows:

### **Supervision of interests and communications**

- Upon request, the association provides proposals for the central election committee and/or Board of TUO in terms of student representatives in the working groups and multi-member organs of the faculty and the university of applied sciences.



- The association may utilize TUO's service related to the supervision of interests and utilize the services provided by the advisers, harassment officers and lawyer of TUO.
- In its activities, the association takes into account and utilizes the equality policy of TUO.
- The association may participate in TUO's supervision of interests themed tours.
- The association informs TUO of the student representatives it has appointed to the different working groups at Turku University of Applied Sciences.
- The parties are active in participating in the chairperson meetings between TUO and the associations.
- The parties support each other in making different statements, and in different interviews regarding issues on the supervision of interests which apply to all parties.
- The parties communicate with each other on issues on the degree programmes within the association's field of operation, and on national issues which apply students in higher education.

### **Training and events**

- The associations participate in an event organized by TUO, which is dedicated to discussion on the general principles of the partner association status
- A party may participate in educational events organized by the other party
- The parties may be granted support to organize different events and training
- The parties can borrow equipment from each other
- The parties are active in sharing good practices and ways of action with each other

## **Section 4 Grants to student associations**

On application, the Board of TUO can grant support according to its yearly budget to an association with a partner association status. The purpose of support granted to associations is equal support for the projects that are important for the partner associations and encourage the associations to be active.

The support is applied with an application for support, which can be obtained from TUO. The support can be applied for e.g. the starting costs of an association or an individual project. A free-form budget of the project and the implementation plan shall be submitted attached to the application for support. The application for support can be submitted any time, however before the implementation of the project. The Board of TUO processes the submitted applications within four weeks of submitting the application, taking into account the holiday periods at Turku University of Applied Sciences.

The support and the amount of support granted for a target are positively influenced by that it:

- Is non-recurring
- Is a new event concept
- Entails multidisciplinary cooperation
- Promotes well-being
- Is international



- Abstains from substances
- Is environmentally friendly
- Is significant in terms of student culture, student tradition or the city's cultural life. Other fundraising organized for the project in question does not decrease the support, unless it covers all of the costs. Other fundraising for the target is considered beneficiary and a token of activity. The funds previously acquired by the association do not decrease the amount of support.

#### **Support is not granted for**

- Anniversaries
- Activities which are considered normal or recurrent activities of the association
- Overall purchases
- Doing business
- Substances

If necessary, the Board may request a more specific presentation from the applicant to complement the application. The party who has applied for the support will be immediately notified of the support decisions.

The support is mainly paid afterwards, against an invoice to the account of the partner association. Receipts and clarifications of the expenses shall be presented to the Executive Director of TUO. In exceptional cases, support may be granted beforehand, if with good reason the implementation of the project can be considered to depend on it. Receipts and clarifications shall be submitted at the latest within two (2) months after the end of the project for which the support has been applied; after this, the right to support expires.

### **Section 5 Premises of partner associations**

An association, which has the status of a partner association, has the right to make a separate premises agreement with TUO on premises which are located in the facilities of Turku University of Applied Sciences.

### **Section 6 Dissolving or limiting a partner association status**

If the parties consider that the other party does not fulfil the cooperation defined by these regulations, the parties shall begin negotiations on the continuation of the partner association status. If the cooperation is not fulfilled, the Board of TUO shall be notified of this in writing with reasoning.

The Board of TUO may decide to limit the association's rights granted by the partner association status or dissolve the partner association status and suspend the payment of granted support, if the association's member structure or its activities change significantly thus that the conditions mentioned in the regulations are not met, or if the association provides false information when applying for support in an obvious intention of obtaining benefit. The association shall be notified in writing of a decision to limit or dissolve the partner association status.



A partner association status can be dissolved only in a meeting between the parties. If the association is dissolved, the status becomes automatically void.

### **Section 7 Updating the partner association regulations**

The Representative Body decides on the updating of these regulations.

