

Tampere International Global Society Students

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TIPSY

TAMPERE INTERNATIONAL
GLOBAL SOCIETY STUDENTS



1. The Name and Location of the Association

Tampere International Global Society Students (referred to hereafter as TIPSY). The association is located in Tampere, Finland.

2 § Objects and purposes of the association

The student association's primary purpose is to represent the students of the international Master's Degree Programs of the Faculty of Social Sciences that are Peace, Mediation and Conflict Research, Global and Transnational Sociology, Public Policy Analysis, Comparative Social Policy and Welfare, Gender Studies, Public and Global Health and Nordic Studies (hereafter MDPs) at Tampere University and endorse their interests. To realize this purpose, the association will maintain strong communication links between TIPSY and the teaching bodies, as well as the university staff, student union of Tampere University (TREY), student associations, and other relevant stakeholders. TIPSY will strive to support the students of other international MDPs in academic representation affairs.

TIPSY is dedicated to the wellbeing of its students. It is a culturally diverse non-profit association independent from any political or religious affiliation. TIPSY's forms of activities serve educational and leisure purposes. It is a hub for all students of the MDPs and those interested in the association's activities, both within and outside Tampere University.

To support its activity, the association may:

1. Arrange fundraisers, sales, and lotteries once in possession of appropriate permits
- 2) Practice voluntary work
- 3) Practice publishing activities related to its own field
- 4) Apply for grants and accept donations and testaments
- 5) Dedicate necessary movable and fixed assets for its operation
- 6) Organize paid functions and other such events and practice other similar small-scale fundraising activities (e.g. sell merch to support the associations activities)
- 7) Participate in cooperation activities with the Tampere University

Faculty of Social Science, student union of Tampere University, and other student associations.

8) In addition, the association may pursue other similar means to realize its purpose.

3 § Members and membership fee

Membership is encouraged for all students of the MDPs. TIPSY also welcomes any other students interested in its activities. By becoming a member of the association, the individual agrees to abide by TIPSY's Safer Space Rules, which are reviewed and updated by the board as needed. The member also agrees to pay a membership fee within 30 days of joining. Members are approved by the board of the association.

The membership fee for each academic year is decided by the year's first meeting of the association. The members of the association are obligated to pay a membership fee, which can be paid for a maximum of three years at a time. A member of the association must pay the membership fee by the end of October, otherwise they will be considered to have resigned from the association.

The association maintains a membership list of members in accordance with the Associations Act, which shows the member's name, place of residence, start year of studies, major subject, email and Tampere student union membership.

4 § Resignations and expulsions

Members have the right to withdraw from TIPSY at any point. This may be done by either:

1. Sending a written notice to the association board or president.
2. Announcing withdrawal of membership during a board or association meeting where minutes are being taken and the announcement thus recorded.

The withdrawal made in these manners is effective immediately.

Members are subject to expulsion by the board or the association meeting if the member has:

1. With their conduct considerably damaged the association or its reputation

2. Failed to fulfill the conditions for membership named in law or the rules of the association.
3. Otherwise failed to fulfill the obligations they have accepted by joining the association. A decision for expulsion is effective immediately.

A member of the association may be subject to disciplinary measures, if member have significantly harmed by their own conduct inside or outside the association association. The board have the decision-making power in using disciplinary measures. Disciplinary measures can be used with warnings, member services refusal for a fixed period and a ban on entering the premises and events of the association.

5 § Board

The affairs of the association shall be managed and controlled by a board which includes the president elected at the autumn meeting and at least two but no more than ten other members.

The board consists of:

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Communications Coordinator
- 1-2 Event Coordinators
- Worklife/Alumni Coordinator
- Educational Policy Coordinator.

The board must have at least a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary to ensure the uninterrupted management of TIPSY. Should there be no candidates to all positions, one person can serve in multiple positions at once. Other tasks can be added if necessary, with the approval of the association's meeting. Two board members must be mutually responsible for TIPSY's bank account. The board's term of office is a calendar year.

The suggested frequency of board meetings is twice a month. These meetings are open to all members of TIPSY and address current issues. Meeting agenda is circulated to all members at least two days prior to the next meeting. The members are invited to the meetings by email. Meeting minutes are made public via upload to the association webpage within 48 hours after the meeting.

The board is in quorum when at least half of its members, including the chair or vice chair, are present. Ballots are resolved by a simple majority of the votes. In the case of a tie of the vote, the chair decides. However, a tie during an election is resolved via a random draw.

At the end of the term, the board prepares an action plan for the next term. The action plan is presented at the autumn meeting. An annual report is presented at the first spring meeting after the term of office.

Members of the board can be subject to expulsion at the association meeting if the member has with their conduct (within or without the association) considerably damaged the association or its reputation, or otherwise failed to fulfill the obligations that they have accepted by becoming a member of the board. Before expulsion of the board member, they must have received three written warnings that are approved by the majority of the board signed by the president or two other board members and stating the reason for the warnings.

6 § Signing on Behalf of the Association

The name of the association is written by the president, vice president, treasurer and secretary, always two together.

7 § Accounting Period, Audit and Discharge of Liability

The accounting period of the association is one calendar year. Two Auditors will be elected in the Autumn Association meeting. Their term is also one calendar year. The previous board must provide the financial statement, its associated documents, and the annual report to the auditors at least three weeks before the spring association meeting. The auditors must give a written statement at least one week before the spring association meeting to the board. At the spring association meeting, the

financial statements and the statement of the auditors are presented, and a decision is made on the confirmation of the financial statements and the granting of discharge from liability to the previous board and other responsible parties.

8 § Association meetings

The association holds the autumn meeting between August and December and the spring meeting between January and May. The board must invite the association's members to the association meeting by e-mail at least seven days in advance. Members may attend a meeting of the association remotely by using data connection or some other technical means during the meeting, if decided so.

If a board member resigns before their term ends, an additional association meeting is called to elect a replacement for the remaining time of the term, if the role is deemed necessary by the Board for the continuation of the fulfillment of TIPSY activities in the given term. In cases when the Board sees no need for replacement, it is not necessary to call an association meeting. There is no limit to the number of terms that a board member can serve if elected.

At the spring meeting of the association, the following topics will be addressed:

1. The opening of the meeting
2. Choosing the Chair, secretary, and two scrutineers for the meeting, and if necessary, two tellers.
3. The quorum and the lawfulness of the meeting will be recorded
4. The agenda of the meeting will be accepted
5. The balance of the accounts, the annual report, and the testimony of the

auditors will be presented

6. The confirmation of the account balance and the discharging of liability will be

decided upon for the board and other accountable parties

7. The other matters specified in the meeting invitation will be addressed.

At the autumn meeting of the association, the following topics will be addressed:

1. The opening of the meeting
2. Choosing the Chair, secretary, and two scrutinizers for the meeting, and if necessary, two tellers.
3. The quorum and the lawfulness of the meeting will be recorded
4. The agenda of the meeting will be accepted
5. The action plan, the financial incomes and expenses estimate, and the size of the membership and signup fees will be confirmed for the next year
6. The Chair of the board and other members will be chosen
7. One or two auditors and one or two respective deputy auditors will be chosen
8. The other matters specified in the meeting invitation will be addressed.

If a member of the association wishes to have a topic addressed at a spring or autumn meeting of the association, they are to inform the board in writing with enough advance warning that the topic can be included in the invitation to the meeting.

9 § Changing the Association's Rules and the Dissolution of the Association

The decision to change the rules and to dissolve the association must be made at a meeting of the association with, at least, simple majority of the given votes. The invitation to the meeting must mention if the rules are to be changed or if the association is to be dissolved.

If the association is dissolved, the funds of the association will be used to promote the intent of the association in a manner which is to be decided during the same meeting. If the association is otherwise abolished, its funds will be used for the same purposes.