The Student Platform: JARI PÄRGMA

I run for the position of vice-chairman of representation and organization culture.

My aim is to continue the work of forerunners and to contribute to make it even more effective. What has been done well, will continue its way. What has not been done so well, will be analysed and improved.

The keywords I choose to invest myself fully to are:

1. INVOLVEMENT

I believe that representative work does not mean making decisions for others. I believe in listening to students opinions, joys and concerns. I believe in involving students into the process and making decisions together.

2. REPRESENTATION

Dealing with many tasks all at once people often forget what is important and what has impact. I will take it as my task to review the volume of representative work and debate on to what extent the work must be done.

3. ORGANIZATION CULTURE & CLIMATE

No one should feel to be forced into doing something they don’t want to do. That’s why I find that people need to be explained the importance of what we do and how it affects the work of our students as a whole. I intend to help create an environment where it would be nice to work at, regardless of the work’s nature. I plan to change the internal organizational climate to such where members won’t feel the need to only attend the meetings of the policy; that they’d like to attend whenever and speak about anything, at any other time, too.

There is no reason to distinguish "me" and "them". We should stress the "we" and emphasise "us".

4. CO-OPERATION

For me, collaboration has a major value in carrying out objectives. I think that the models of co-operation should be extended – to include parties into making decisions
that affect them directly. It’s important to include foreign students, students with special needs and all other potential groups into making decisions.

5. COMMUNICATION

I am never in favour of making decisions by assuming and then deciding for somebody without consulting them first. If we assume, chances are that mistakes will be made. To avoid misunderstandings, we need to ask students, what they think about, what irritates them and what brings them joy.

These questions will take place at various meetings and events, when we organize events to raise students' sense of belonging. In our organization there should not be "us" and "them". There is only "WE", all of us together.

In conclusion

The most important thing is to analyze the cores of the problems. I would like to end with one of my own principles in life that I follow. In Estonian, that is: "Mida külvd, seda lõikad." – „What you sow, you shall reap.“ What we could reap is only up to us.