

DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF THE TALTECH STUDENT BODY 2026–2030

The Student Union, as the representative organization of the TalTech Student Body, protects and represents all university students through its activities. In forming positions, it is guided by the needs, expectations, and received feedback of the student body. In this way, the Student Union serves as an essential link between the student community and the university leadership. The focus of the Student Union's activities is supporting student development through both formal and non-formal education. The Student Union creates and supports opportunities that help students acquire diverse knowledge, skills, and experiences. In cooperation with student organizations, an environment is shaped that supports personal development, active participation, and a sense of community at the university.

The mission of the Student Union is to represent the interests and rights of the TalTech Student Body and to stand for high-quality education, a high-quality learning environment, and a student life rich in opportunities.

The vision of the Student Union is to be Estonia's leading student representation body, a valuable partner to the university, and known for its expertise, transparency, innovation, and inclusive engagement of the student body.

The Student Union bases its activities on the following values:

Expertise – student representatives are experts in their field of activity, whose work is well-prepared, representative, and responsible, thereby serving as reliable partners;

Sense of belonging – the student body is characterised by a strong sense of unity based on mutual trust, inclusion, and cooperation;

Openness to innovation – student representatives are open to new ideas and initiatives and are not afraid to take the initiative in launching and implementing new solutions;

Sustainability – for the Student Union, determination and consistent action toward achieving goals are essential.

Goals 2026–2030

1. The Student Union acts in cooperation with the university to improve the quality of education and support learning, ensuring that every graduate receives the best possible preparation for a professional career.

- 1.1. The Student Union is an important shaper and promoter of educational policy at the university, contributing systematically to the development of learning and teaching quality and to ensuring that students' perspectives are considered in university decision-making processes.
- 1.2. Through the leadership of the Student Union, students are informed about educational policy issues.
- 1.3. The Student Parliament is well known and visible among students, thereby encouraging active student participation in parliamentary elections.
- 1.4. The Student Parliament formulates positions concerning the organisation of teaching. The adopted positions are communicated to the university and students, and based on these, the necessary proposals, guidelines, and steps are taken to shape a learning environment that supports learning.
- 1.5. Student representatives actively participate in shaping decisions and processes related to the student body and, through their input, ensure a strong foundation for developing and implementing educational policy.
- 1.6. The university, in cooperation with the Student Union, has developed a comprehensive feedback system to improve the quality of teaching. Student feedback has become a highly valued part of the system, supporting the development of teaching skills, the study process, and the amplification of student input in educational decisions.
- 1.7. The Student Union helps students resolve academic issues and study-related concerns, raising them, when necessary, to initiate systemic changes. Students are aware that they can turn to the Student Union with such matters to jointly contribute to creating a high-quality mental, physical, and developmental environment for acquiring higher education.
- 1.8. The Student Union, in cooperation with the Federation of Estonian Student Unions, shapes national higher education and research policy, supporting student contribution and involvement in policy-making.

2. The Student Union plays an important role in leading and developing a diverse, inclusive, unifying, and growth-oriented student life, so that every graduate becomes an active member of society.

- 2.1. The Student Union ensures opportunities for the creation and, above all, the sustainable development of student organizations by sharing knowledge necessary for successful organizational leadership.
- 2.2. The Student Union advises and supports student organizations and student activists by regularly sharing financial know-how and enabling funding for student projects.
- 2.3. The Student Union regularly and systematically assesses the quality and opportunities of student life in order to make well-considered decisions for the development of student life.
- 2.4. The Student Union encourages students to participate actively in university life.
- 2.5. The Student Union values and recognises exemplary and active contributors to university life.
- 2.6. The Student Union is an important link between students and the university's governing bodies to ensure that student needs and proposals are considered in the development of a student-friendly campus.
- 2.7. The Student Union promotes a sporty and healthy lifestyle among students by supporting access to high-quality and affordable sports opportunities and by cooperating with the Sports Club.
- 2.8. The Student Union promotes the integrated development of education and student life so that studies and extracurricular activities support one another and create a holistic student experience.
- 2.9. The Student Union strengthens information exchange between the student body and student organizations to make information more accessible and understandable, and to encourage cooperation and awareness of each other's activities.
- 2.10. The Student Union ensures that the student perspective is included in the Student Union's strategic cooperation networks and that student representatives contribute to these actively and meaningfully.
- 2.11. The Student Union encourages the involvement of international students in student life activities and their participation in student organizations.

3. The Student Union is a capable and sustainable organization whose importance and impact are clear to all students.

- 3.1. The Student Union is a volunteer-based organization that offers its members diverse development and learning opportunities and fosters a strong community in which every member feels valued.
- 3.2. The Student Union is a well-known and trustworthy organization among students, and its activities are understandable to the student body. The Student Union informs students about its activities and is transparent in its work.
- 3.3. The Student Union strengthens cooperation with various university decision-making bodies and structural units, ensuring efficient information exchange and mutual understanding of processes. The Student Union consistently informs students about the work of decision-making bodies and communicates important decisions that affect studies or student life.
- 3.4. The Student Union is innovative and continuously develops its working culture, methods, and organizational culture, actively seeking ways to be more effective, environmentally conscious, and sustainable in its activities.
- 3.5. The Student Union operates as a unified team in which every member works with motivation toward achieving the organization's goals. The organization values voluntary contribution across structural boundaries and encourages mutual support, with every member ready to assist others in their responsibilities.
- 3.6. The Student Parliament has become an expert and productive decision-making body that is motivated and prepared to represent the interests of students.
- 3.7. The Student Union develops and implements strategies to ensure the long-term resilience of the student body, safeguarding student interests and the organization's capacity to operate against external influences.
- 3.8. The Student Union values and recognizes its alumni, maintaining connections with former student activists and involving them in organizational activities and advising when necessary.