

## Amendment Proposals 2022

A total of 8 amendment proposals came to fruition. However, out of those, only three would cause a significant change to the procedures of the Student Assembly. Find more information below.

Key:

**Observed problem**

**Possible Solution via Amendment**

Possible voting alternatives

### Major Amendments & Working Groups

#### 1. Changing The Elections Timeline (page 10 in blue)

**Continuity of Student Councils has suffered from the complete exchange of officers following elections.**

**A solution to that would be to change the elections process to twice-per-year so that only half a council would change.**

Suggestion 0: Reject the Amendment. More Elections further reduce engagement of the SA. The timeline is reasonable as it is.

Suggestion 1: See \*\_221205\_.pdf Elections in January and July. Positions to fill are logically split among the elections. That also means that Officers and Associate Officers are now elected in a single election. Vacancies can be covered in the next official elections.

Suggestion 2: See \*\_221205\_Vice\_Chair.pdf Elections in January and July. A Vice-Chair position is introduced to relief some pressure on leadership of the SC. A new Vice-Chair is elected each round and current Vice-Chair becomes Chair, current chair leaves office. Other positions to fill are logically split among the elections. That also means that Officers and Associate Officers are now elected in a single election. Vacancies can be covered in the next official elections.

#### 2. Elevating Sustainability Representative to Officers (page 2)

**Issues of sustainability are being addressed in meetings across the management of OIST, and the SC identifies a general lack of commitment in OIST management towards sustainability issues.**

**A solution would be to make the Sustainability Officer not an Associate any longer.**

Suggestion 0: Reject the Amendment. The sustainability officer benefits from not being burdened by SC regular workload and can thus act more creatively and engaged.

Suggestion 1: Move the Sustainability Officer from “Associated Officers” to “Officers”. That further emphasizes sustainability, encourages exchange between the SC for sustainability matters, enables the Sustainability Officer to attend all meetings with admin that they desire to attend. It further adds Sustainability to the Student Council as it already embodies the needs of Health & Safety, Academic Issues, Welfare, Diversity.

### **3. Number Of Nominations To Accept (pages 11 and 12)**

**Students with a general volunteering spirit are negatively affected by restrictions on accepting nominations causing shifts between nominations to fill the SC.**

**A solution to that would be to enable members of the SA to accept more nominations.**

Suggestion 0: Reject the Amendment. Nominations were intended to decide for one role with commitment. A candidate running for two things at the same time might cause chaos in counting the votes.

Suggestion 1: Allow accepting up to two nominations. The counting process is robust to that case. Creates more emphasis on volunteering and engagement with student politics.

## **Minor Amendments**

1. The Declaration of Results process is confounded by a first point of SC needing to sign off on a Results Sheet. (page 12)  
Move App.2.8.1 down to below current App.2.8.4.
2. As awareness in general increases, and endeavors at OIST are being formed, being neurodivergent and/or having mental or physical attributes and disabilities shall be addressed under consideration of the Diversity Officer. (page 5)  
Add respective elements to 3.13.iv.A (Duties of the Diversity Officer).
3. The timing of SAM is formally specified, whereas in reality, it is held around internal seminar and other events. (page 9)  
Remove “usually on the first Friday of each month” from 4.1.(a) (Meetings).
4. App.2.2.6 and App.2.2.7 refer to taking office and forming handover. The wordings are loose and created trouble this year. (pages 10 and 11)  
Specify a handover period that emphasizes overlap between the officers.
5. There is a typo in the GEDI Associated Officers position. (find with CTRL/CMD + F)  
Fix it, add the comma the second time the acronym is spelt out.