

1. Name and domicile of the association

The name of the association is Taotao CEAS Student Club ry and its domicile is Turku. The name of the association may also be informally abbreviated to Taotao.

2. Purpose and nature of the activity

The purpose of the association is to promote the interests of the students of Centre for East Asian Studies (CEAS) of the University of Turku and those interested in the field, and to promote recreational and leisure activities among students.

In order to achieve its purpose, the association shall

- Organize student meetings, discussion and information events, as well as recreational and leisure activities
- Provide information about events, both its own and those of other associations', in which members may take part
- Maintain relations between teaching staff and students and make proposals and initiatives
- Be involved with the teaching staff in negotiating potential lecturers and advising on the development of teaching

To support its activities, the association may own real and personal property, accept donations and grants, and organize chargeable events and fairs.

3. Members

Full members

A full member of the association may be a private individual or a legal entity that accepts the purpose of the association. Each full member must be either a member of the Student Union of the University of Turku (TYU) or a member of the board of the association. Membership applications are approved by the board. Full members have the right to vote in the general meetings.

Supporting members

The association may have as supporting members private individuals or legal entities who wish to support the activities of the association and who agree with the purpose of the association. Membership applications are approved by the board of the association. Supporting members have the right to attend, speak, and make proposals in the general meetings, but no right to vote in them.

4. Membership and subscription fee

The amounts of membership and subscription fees are decided by the Fall Meeting, separately to full and supporting members.

5. The board

The affairs of the association are managed by the board, which consists of the president, 2-9 other members, and 0-8 deputy members, elected at the Fall meeting. The term of office of the board is one calendar year. The board elects a vice president among its members and appoints a secretary, treasurer, and other necessary officers from among its members or outside of it. The board shall meet at the call of the president or, in his/her absence, of the vice president, whenever they consider it necessary, or at the request of at least half of the board members. A quorum exists when at least half of the board members, the president or vice president included, is present. Votes are decided by an absolute majority of votes. In an event of a tie, the president has the casting vote, but in a case of a personnel election, the vote is decided by a lot.

6. Procuration

The president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer of the board have the procuration, two people together.

7. Accounting period

The accounting period of the association is one calendar year.

8. General meetings of the association

If the board so decides, general meetings may be attended by post or by means of telecommunication or other technical means during or before the meeting. The association holds two annual general meetings. The Spring meeting is held between January and March, and the Fall meeting is held between October and December on the date determined by the board. Each full member has one vote in general meetings. Unless otherwise stated in the rules, the decision of the general meeting is the opinion supported by more than half of the votes cast. In a case of a tie, the president of the meeting has the casting vote, but in a case of a personnel election the vote is decided by a lot.

9. Convening a general meeting

The board must convene a general meeting at least seven days before the meeting by letter or email to the members.

10. Actual meetings

At the Spring meeting, the following issues shall be addressed:

1. calling the meeting in order
2. electing the meeting's president, secretary, two meeting supervisors, and if necessary, two vote counters
3. declaring the meeting quorate and in accordance with the regulations
4. approval of the meeting agenda
5. presentation of the financial statement, the annual report, and the statement of the inspector
6. deciding on the approval of the financial statement and liability to the previous year's board and other persons responsible
7. dealing with the other issues mentioned in the meeting invitation.

At the Fall meeting, the following issues shall be addressed:

1. calling the meeting in order
2. electing the meeting's president, secretary, two meeting supervisors, and if necessary, two vote counters
3. declaring the meeting quorate and in accordance with the regulations
4. approval of the meeting agenda
5. ratifying of the plan of action, the budget, and the membership and subscription fees for the following calendar year
6. electing the president and other members of the board for the next calendar year
7. electing the inspector and vice inspector for the next calendar year
8. dealing with the other issues mentioned in the meeting invitation.

If a member of the association wishes to have an issue dealt at the Spring or Fall meeting, he/she must notify the board in writing in a sufficient time to be included in the meeting invitation.

11. Changing the rules and demolition of the association

The decision to change the rules of the association must be done in a general meeting with the majority of at least three-quarters (3/4) of the votes cast. The meeting invitation must mention the change of rules or demolition of the association. In a case of demolition of the association, the assets must be used to further the purposes of the association as determined by the general meeting deciding on the demolition. If the association is abolished, its assets shall be used for the same purpose.