

Minutes

Faculty Council of the Philosophical Faculty
Meeting No 7/2023
Meeting date 31 August 2023

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Date and time 31 August 2023, 10:15–11:00

Place/venue Teams

Participants	Role	Present for items
Members		
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Hirsto Laura	1st Vice Dean, Vice Chair	1-11
Manninen Jyri	Professor, member	1-11
Honkalampi Kirsi	Professor, deputy member	
Kurki Tuulikki	Professor, member	
Riionheimo Helka	Professor, deputy member	
Juvonen Antti	Professor, member	
Kantelinen Ritva	Professor, deputy member	
Kallinen Timo	Professor, member	1-11
Ubani Martin	Professor, deputy member	1-2,5-11
Laasonen Marja	Professor, member	
Virtanen Marianna	Professor, deputy member	1-11
Kujamäki Minna	Other staff, member	1-11
Venäläinen Juhana	Other staff, deputy member	
Kasanen Kati	Other staff, member	1-11
Tamminen Merja	Other staff, deputy member	1-2,5-11
Sormunen Kari	Other staff, member	1-11

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Kröger Tarja	Other staff, deputy member	
Mikkola Sini	Other staff, member	1-11
Hurskainen Heta	Other staff, deputy member	
Korkki Jyrki	Other staff, member	1-2,5-11
Räty-Záborszky Sinikka	Other staff, deputy member	
Rissanen Tanja	Student, member	1-2,5-11
Duncan Sarah	Student, deputy member	1-2,5-11
Scharin Evelina	Student, member	1-2,5-11
Koskelo Marko	Student, deputy member	1-2,5-11
Koirikivi Taneli	Student, member	1-2,5-11
Vainio Tarja	Student, deputy member	1-2,5-11
Nuutinen Niina-Hannele	Student, member	1-2,5-11
Rahman Jannat Ara	Student, deputy member	
Kukkohovi Mariam	Student, member	
Baljashkin Janina	Student, deputy member	1-2,5-11
Nevalainen Henni	Executive Head of Administration, secretary, preparer	1-11
Other preparers		
Anttonen Salli	Amanuensis	1-5
Myllys Riikka	Study Coordinator	1-9

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§ 1

Opening of the meeting

The chair opened the meeting at 10:15.

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§ 2

Legitimacy and presence of a quorum

In accordance with the UEF University Regulations, meeting notices of a multi-member administrative organ must be sent at least seven days prior to the meeting, unless the administrative organ has decided otherwise.

The meeting notice was sent on 24 August 2023.

According to the UEF University Regulations, multi-member organs of the university have a quorum when at least half of the members, including the chair, are present. By the decision of the chair, a multi-member administrative organ can hold its meeting by email or, either fully or in part, via a video conference, telephone, or some other remote participation means. The chair has decided that the meeting be organised via Teams.

Motion The meeting is deemed lawful and quorate. The agenda is approved.

Decision As proposed.

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Prepared by Salli Anttonen

§ 3

Grading MTh Tiia Liuski's doctoral dissertation in the field of Religious Education

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland (1 August 2018), the Faculty Council grades doctoral dissertations. According to the instructions issued separately by the Philosophical Faculty (21 May 2014), doctoral dissertations are graded on the scale I – L.

MTh Tiia Liuski's dissertation and study "The Finnish military chaplaincy: A double bonded profession in a changing operational environment. A multi-method study." was examined publicly on 16 June 2023. Docent Tapani Innanen (University of Helsinki), the opponent, and Docent, University Lecturer Anna Sofia Salonen, the faculty representative, are in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Theology and propose the grade cum laude approbatur.

According to section 44 of the Universities Act (24.7.2009/558), before a doctoral dissertation is graded, the author must be given an opportunity to submit his or her response to the preliminary examiner's, the examiner's or the opponent's statement.

The doctoral candidate has no comments on the statements. The statements of the opponent and the faculty representative are enclosed with this agenda item as appendices.

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According to section 29 of the Universities Act (24.7.2009/558), a study attainment may be assessed only by those members or deputy members of a multi-member administrative body who have a degree or completed study attainments of an equivalent level or who have been appointed professors.

A link to the dissertation: [eRepo - The Finnish military chaplaincy: A double bonded profession in a changing operational environment. A multi-method study. \(uef.fi\)](#)

Motion Based on the statements, the Faculty Council grades MTh Tiia Liuski's dissertation as cum laude approbatur.

Decision As proposed.

Appendices

- 1 Statements on the dissertation (opponent Tapani Innanen, faculty representative Anna Sofia Salonen, custos Martin Ubani, doctoral candidate Tiia Liuski)

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§ 4

Grading MEd Raili Keränen-Pantsu's doctoral dissertation in the field of Educational Science

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland (1 August 2018), the Faculty Council grades doctoral dissertations. According to the instructions issued separately by the Philosophical Faculty (21 May 2014), doctoral dissertations are graded on the scale I – L.

MEd Raili Keränen-Pantsu's dissertation and study "Stories that shape our world: Cultural narratives in Finnish worldview education" was examined publicly on 9 June 2023. Emeritus Professor Eero Ropo (University of Tampere), the opponent, and Professor Ritva Kantelinen, the faculty representative, are in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Education and propose the grade magna cum laude approbatur.

According to section 44 of the Universities Act (24.7.2009/558), before a doctoral dissertation is graded, the author must be given an opportunity to submit his or her response to the preliminary examiner's, the examiner's or the opponent's statement.

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The doctoral candidate has no comments on the statements. The statements of the opponent and the faculty representative are enclosed with this agenda item as appendices.

According to section 29 of the Universities Act (24.7.2009/558), a study attainment may be assessed only by those members or deputy members of a multi-member administrative body who have a degree or completed study attainments of an equivalent level or who have been appointed professors.

A link to the dissertation: [eRepo - Stories that shape our world: Cultural narratives in the Finnish worldview education \(uef.fi\)](#)

Motion Based on the statements, the Faculty Council grades MEd Raili Keränen-Pantsu's dissertation as magna cum laude approbatur.

Decision As proposed.

Appendices

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| 2 | Statements on the dissertation (opponent Eero Ropo, faculty representative Ritva Kantelinen, custos Martin Ubani, doctoral candidate Raili Keränen-Pantsu) |
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Record entry 453/03.01.00/2023

Prepared by Riikka Myllys

§ 5

Approval of scoring scales for certificate-based admissions starting from student admissions 2026

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council shall make decisions concerning curricula, degree requirements and student admission criteria.

At the beginning of 2022, the universities launched a project to develop student admissions at the initiative of Unifi's Vice-Rectors in charge of education. The scoring scales for certificate-based admissions have been prepared in the development project for the use of universities in certificate-based admissions.

The draft scoring of certificate-based admissions is based on research and extensive discussions with upper secondary school representatives and students, other stakeholders, and fields of study. Prior to the publication of the draft scoring scales, statements were requested from universities and key stakeholders on the draft. The comments of the faculty's study and degree programmes and any proposed amendments were included in the statement issued by the University of Eastern Finland on the draft scoring scales of certificate-based admissions. Joint admissions have submitted their own comments as part of the statement of the coordinating university.

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The Vice-Rectors in charge of education have submitted the scoring of certificate-based admissions from 2026 onwards to universities for approval in accordance with the enclosed appendix. The faculty's study and degree programmes have approved the proposed scoring scales for certificate-based admissions.

Motion The Faculty Council will approve the scoring scales for certificate-based admissions as proposed.

Decision As proposed.

Appendices

- 3 Proposal for the scoring of certificate-based admissions
(revised scoring proposal 6 June 2023)
- 4 Corrections and justifications to the proposal for the scoring of
certificate-based admissions of 17 May 2023

Record entry 453/03.01.00/2023

Prepared by Riikka Myllys

§ 6

Scoring of B languages included in the International Baccalaureate (IB) degree and the ONL included in the European Baccalaureate (EB) degree starting from student admissions 2024

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council shall make decisions concerning curricula, degree requirements and student admission criteria.

The change in the scoring of certificate-based admissions was approved at the meeting of Unifi's Vice-Rectors in charge of education on 16 May 2023. As regards the scoring of certificate-based admissions starting from student admissions 2026, it has been stated that B languages included in the IB degree and the Other National Language (ONL) included in the EB degree must be scored as advanced level languages.

In the current scoring of certificate-based admissions, English is scored as an advanced level language, whilst other B languages included in the International Baccalaureate (IB) degree are scored as intermediate level languages. However, already when the scoring method adopted in 2020 was being prepared, it was stated that comparing the B languages included in the International Baccalaureate (IB) degree with the language studies included in the Finnish matriculation examination is not straightforward. All B languages included in the International Baccalaureate (IB) degree comply with the same curriculum and skill level

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objective, which can be considered to be equivalent to the advanced level of the Finnish matriculation examination. It is, therefore, justified to compare all B languages with the advanced level languages included in the Finnish matriculation examination.

Similarly, the target level of ONL included in the EB degree at the end of the studies is equivalent to the advanced level included in the Finnish matriculation examination, and the scope of the ONL studies is at least the same as that of the advanced level language in the Finnish education system. It is, therefore, justified to compare ONL with the advanced level language included in the Finnish matriculation examination.

Unifi's Vice-Rectors in charge of education propose that all B languages included in the IB degree and the ONL included in the EB degree be scored as advanced level languages. The change will enter into force starting from the student admissions 2024. The change applies to all certificate-based admissions.

Motion The faculty council approves the scoring of B languages included in the International Baccalaureate (IB) degree and the ONL included in the European Baccalaureate (EB) degree starting from student admissions 2024.

Decision As proposed.

Record entry 453/03.01.00/2023

Prepared by Riikka Myllys

§ 7

Separate studies providing skills for early childhood education duties and pre-school education, 75 ECTS, approval of admission criteria (application in autumn 2023) and curriculum

According to section 9(4) of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council will make decisions concerning, e.g., curricula and student admission criteria. According to section 20 of the Study Regulations, the curriculum of each degree programme must indicate, among other things, the structure (including the courses and their scope) and requirements of the degree, and the desired learning outcomes, contents, evaluation methods and modes of teaching of the degree and its parts.

Enclosed with this agenda item is a description of separate studies providing professional skills for early childhood education duties and pre-school education, and related curriculum and admission criteria. The offered studies are part of the valid curriculum. The call for applications will be implemented in autumn 2023 and the studies will start in January 2024.

Motion The Faculty Council will approve the curriculum and admission criteria as set out in the Appendices.

Decision As proposed.

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- 5 Admission criteria, Separate studies providing professional skills for early childhood education duties and pre-primary education; 75 ECTS
- 6 Description of the training, Separate studies providing professional skills for early childhood education duties and pre-primary education; 75 ECTS
- 7 Curriculum, Separate studies providing professional skills for early childhood education duties and pre-primary education; 75 ECTS

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Prepared by Riikka Myllys

§ 8

Deciding on the criteria for student admissions to the Philosophical Faculty for 2024, degree programmes taught in English

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council shall make decisions concerning curricula, degree requirements and student admission criteria. The approval of the admission criteria for the degree programmes taught in English, specified in the enclosed appendix, for 2024 will be discussed. The admission criteria have been prepared by the schools and academic subjects.

Motion The Faculty Council will approve the student admission criteria for the degree programmes taught in English for 2024 as set out in the appendix.

Decision As proposed.

Appendices

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| 8 | Admission criteria for 2024, degree programmes taught in English |
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Record entry 493/01.01.00/2023

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 9

Granting the title of docent to PhD Juuso Nieminen

PhD Juuso Nieminen has applied for the title of docent in Education, especially educational assessment, at the University of Eastern Finland. The application for the title of docent was initiated on 16 February 2023 at the Philosophical Faculty of the University of Eastern Finland.

In accordance with section 89 of the Universities Act (558/2009), the university may award the title of docent upon application to a person who has comprehensive knowledge of his or her own field, a capacity for independent research or artistic work demonstrated through publications or some other manner, and good teaching skills.

The School of Educational Sciences and Psychology has considered the docentship applied for by Nieminen to be purposeful for the teaching and research of the School based on the following grounds: "Juuso Nieminen has worked in a research project led by Professor Päivi Atjonen at the University of Eastern Finland, in the School of Educational Sciences and Psychology, and has written several joint publications with her. Juuso Nieminen's expertise in learning and skills assessment research would increase, in particular, the wide-ranging teaching and research activities of the academic subject of Education and Adult Education, thus adding to the expertise of the entire School."

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According to section 9 of the UEF University Regulations, the Faculty Council shall decide on awarding the title of docent.

The Dean of the Philosophical Faculty decided (on 29 March 2023) to invite Professor Risto Hotulainen (University of Helsinki) and Professor Mirja Tarnanen (University of Jyväskylä) as experts to provide statements on the scientific qualification of PhD Juuso Nieminen for the title of docent in Education, especially educational assessment. Hotulainen and Tarnanen, the experts appointed by the Dean, are in favour of awarding the title of docent to Nieminen.

Nieminen holds the following degrees: PhD in 2020 (University of Helsinki), MEd in 2020 (University of Helsinki), MSc in 2017 (University of Helsinki) and BSc in 2016 (University of Helsinki). He has also completed pedagogical studies for teachers (60 ECTS, University of Helsinki).

Nieminen has acted in his current position as Banking Postdoctoral Fellow (The University of Ontario, Institute of Technology) since 1 January 2023 and as Deputy Professor (University of Hong Kong) since 1 January 2021.

His earlier roles include, e.g., Higher Education Research Fellow, 2021 (Deakin University), postdoctoral researcher 2020-2021 (University of Eastern Finland) and part-time Head of Research and Teacher Training, 2018-2021 (Code School Finland) and shareholder/pedagogical expert 2018-2021 (Matikkanälkä Oy).

A person to be awarded the title of docent is required to have good teaching skills (Universities Act 558/2009). The Dean may exempt the applicant from the requirement to give a trial lecture if the teaching merits

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can be verified in some other manner in accordance with the faculty's instructions on awarding the title of docent. By its decision of 15 August 2023, the Dean has exempted Nieminen from the requirement to give a trial lecture and has determined his teaching merits on the basis of application documents.

Motion The Faculty Council states that PhD Juuso Nieminen meets the criteria set for the title of docent in the Universities Act and awards Nieminen the title of docent in Education, especially educational assessment at the University of Eastern Finland.

Decision As proposed.

Appendices

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| 10 | Expert statement, Professor Mirja Tarnanen: awarding the title of docent, Juuso Nieminen |
| 11 | Application documents, Juuso Nieminen: awarding the title of docent |

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Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 10

Granting the title of docent to PhD Teija Rantala

PhD Teija Rantala has applied for the title of docent in Cultural Studies, especially gender studies at the University of Eastern Finland. The application for the title of docent was initiated on 25 March 2023 at the Philosophical Faculty of the University of Eastern Finland.

In accordance with section 89 of the Universities Act (558/2009), the university may award the title of docent upon application to a person who has comprehensive knowledge of his or her own field, a capacity for independent research or artistic work demonstrated through publications or some other manner, and good teaching skills.

The School of Humanities has considered the title of docent applied for by Rantala to be purposeful for the teaching and research of the School based on the following grounds: "PhD Teija Rantala's research activities focus on motherhood, bodily self-determination, gender equality and religious minority cultures. In addition to these, she has studied feminist methodology and research ethics. She has experience in teaching and has been active in the field of gender and cultural studies. As a docent, she strengthens gender studies and education and their interdisciplinary nature. The research and pedagogical skills of Docent Rantala is to be utilised in the preparation of research projects and in the supervision and

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evaluation of theses. Cultural researchers are particularly interested in her methodological skills.”

According to section 9 of the UEF University Regulations, the Faculty Council shall decide on awarding the title of docent.

The Dean of the Philosophical Faculty decided (on 19 April 2023) to invite Docent Riikka Homanen (University of Tampere) and Docent Hanna Ojala (University of Tampere) as experts to provide statements on the scientific qualification of PhD Teija Rantala for the title of docent in Cultural Studies, especially gender studies. Homanen and Ojala, the experts appointed by the Dean, are in favour of awarding the title of docent to Rantala.

Rantala holds the following degrees: PhD in 2018 (University of Helsinki), MEd in 2012 (University of Helsinki), BEd in 2011 (University of Helsinki). She has also completed a total of 65 ECTS of university pedagogy studies in 2015-2016 (University of Helsinki). In her current position as postdoctoral researcher, Rantala has acted since 1 January 2021 (University of Turku). Her previous roles include, e.g., a visiting researcher, a visiting lecturer and a scholarship researcher in 2013 -2021, e.g., at the University of Helsinki and at different universities abroad, and as a project researcher in 2011- 2012(University of Helsinki).

A person to be awarded the title of docent is required to have good teaching skills (Universities Act 558/2009). The Dean may exempt the applicant from the requirement to give a trial lecture if the teaching merits can be verified in some other manner in accordance with the faculty's

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instructions on awarding the title of docent. By its decision of 14 August 2023, the Dean has exempted Rantala from the requirement to give a trial lecture and has determined her teaching merits on the basis of application documents.

Motion The Faculty Council states that PhD Teija Rantala meets the criteria set for the title of docent in the Universities Act and awards Rantala the title of docent in Cultural Studies, especially gender studies at the University of Eastern Finland.

Decision As proposed.

Appendices

- 12 Expert statement, Academy Research Fellow Riikka Homanen: awarding the title of docent, Teija Rantala
- 13 Expert statement, University Lecturer Hanna Ojala: awarding the title of docent, Teija Rantala
- 14 Application documents, Teija Rantala: awarding the title of docent

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Closing of the meeting

The chair closed the meeting at 11:00.

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Translation of the agenda/minutes

The English translation of the agenda/minutes of the meeting is attached to the agenda item.

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