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Date and time 27 September 2023, 13.00-13.56

Place/venue Teams

Participants	Role	Present at the items
Members		
Lehtinen Kari	Dean, Chair	1-13
Hauta-Kasari Markku	1st Vice Dean, Vice Chair	1-13
Kukkonen Jussi	2nd Vice Dean	1-13
Hujala Teppo	Professor, member	
Tuittila Eeva-Stiina	Professor, deputy member	
Lehto Vesa-Pekka	Professor, member	
Kuittinen Markku	Professor, deputy member	
Jänis Janne	Professor, member	
Pumpanen Jukka	Professor, deputy member	1-13
Berninger Frank	Professor, member	3-13
Tedre Matti	Professor, deputy member	
Miettinen Pauli	Professor, member	1-6
Tuomela Jukka	Professor, deputy member	1-13
Tanska Petri	Other staff, member	1-13
Haapala Antti	Other staff, deputy member	
Mononen Maini	Other staff, member	
Turunen Mikael	Other staff, deputy member	1-13
Virrantalo Tarja	Other staff, member	
Kopra Juho	Other staff, deputy member	1-13



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Vainikainen Hanne	Other staff, member	
Kumlin Timo	Other staff, deputy member	1-13
Kortelainen Jenni	Student, member	
Miettinen Ville	Student, deputy member	
Kipriianov Pavel	Student, member	3-6 and 11-13
Ovaskainen Juha-Matti	Student, deputy member	
Pitkänen Teppo	Student, member	1-6 and 11-13
Mudashiru Busurat	Student, deputy member	1-2, partly 3
Mahad Abdirisaag Amin	Student, member	1-6 and 11-13
Kukkonen Riku	Student, deputy member	
Partanen Silja	Student, member	1-6 and 11-13
Rautiainen Kaisa	Student, deputy member	
Hirvonen Arja	Executive Head of Administration, secretary, preparer	1-13
Other preparers		
Laitinen Kaisa	Head of Training	1-13
Merimaa-Piirainen Maarit	Head of Student Services	1-13

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§ 1

Opening of the meeting

The chair opened the meeting at 13.00.

§ 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 20 September 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. The order of items on the agenda was changed so that the items For information, Closing of the meeting and Translation of the agenda/minutes were placed after the supplementary items.

Record entry 2189/01.08.00/2023

Prepared by Arja Hirvonen

§ 3

Listening to and grading the trial lecture of DSc (Agr. & For.) Parvez Rana for the purpose of granting the title of docent in the field of Remote Sensing in Tropics

Based on section 89 of the Universities Act 558/2009, a docent shall have good teaching skills. As a rule, the teaching skills of a person applying for the title of docent are evaluated on the basis of application documents. In such a case, the person's practical teaching experience at university level and demonstrated achievements in supervising academic theses, studies in university pedagogy, other pedagogical qualifications and earlier university-level trial lectures, which have been approved and graded as good or higher, are taken into consideration.

In order to assess the good teaching skills required of a docent, DSc (Agr. & For.) Parvez Rana must, in accordance with [the Dean's decision of 9 June 2023](#), give a lecture in order to be awarded the title of docent in the field of Remote Sensing in Tropics. The topic of his lecture is "Remote sensing-based tropical forest above-ground biomass estimation".

The trial lecture is graded on the scale adequate – satisfactory – good – very good – excellent.

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The trial lecture is assessed in accordance with [the faculty's instructions dated 17 March 2021](#). In the assessment of the trial lecture, attention is paid, e.g., to the person's ability to

- structure the entity that is being taught in a manner that is understandable to the audience,
- justify the ideas and arguments they present,
- utilise the latest research in the field,
- teach in an enthusiastic and thoughtful manner,
- interact with the students,
- activate and support learning,
- prepare study materials taking account of the target audience,
- utilise the teaching methods of online and blended pedagogy,
- take account of the needs and opportunities of remote and on-campus education (hybrid education), to manage the educational situation.

Motion The Faculty Council will listen to the lecture of DSc (Agr. & For.) Parvez Rana and grade it.

Decision The demonstration of teaching was graded as very good (4/5).



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§ 4

Granting the title of docent to DSc (Agr. & For.) Parvez Rana in the field of Remote Sensing in Tropics

DSc (Agr. & For.) Parvez Rana has applied for the title of docent in the field of Remote Sensing in Tropics at the Department of Forestry of the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology of the University of Eastern Finland. DSc (Agr. & For.) Rana's application and related attachments are enclosed with the agenda item as appendices.

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.

According to section 9(8) of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council shall decide on awarding the title of docent.

[By the decision dated 9 June 2023](#), the Dean of the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology appointed Professor Christoph Kleinn (Burckhardt-Institute, Faculty of Forest Sciences and Forest Ecology, Georg-August-University Göttingen, Germany) and Professor Petri Pellikka

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(Institute for Atmospheric and Earth System Research (INAR), Department of Science and Geography, Faculty of Science, University of Helsinki) to provide their expert opinions on the scientific qualifications of DSc (Agr. & For.) Parvez Rana in order to be awarded the title of docent in the field of Remote Sensing in Tropics. Professor Kleinn and Professor Pellikka have stated that DSc (Agr. & For.) Rana is scientifically qualified in the field that his title of docent application concerns. The statements of the experts are enclosed with this agenda item as appendices.

A person to be awarded the title of docent is required to have good teaching skills (Universities Act 558/2009, section 89). The Faculty Council will decide on the trial lecture to be given by DSc (Agr. & For.) Rana in agenda item 3.

Motion The Faculty Council states that DSc (Agr. & For.) Parvez Rana meets the criteria set out in the Universities Act for the title of docent and grants him the title of docent at the University of Eastern Finland in the field of Remote Sensing in Tropics as of 1 October 2023.

Decision As proposed.

Appendices

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Expert statement by Petri Pellikka

Record entry 1271/01.01.03/2023

Prepared by Arja Hirvonen

§ 5

The Dean's proposal on the appointment of PhD Docent Anna Laine-Petäjäkangas to the Tenure Track position of Assistant Professor, Restoration Ecology. Hearing of the Faculty Council

The Department of Forestry of the Faculty intends to fill the Tenure Track position of Assistant Professor in Restoration Ecology without a public call by appointing PhD Docent Anna Laine-Petäjäkangas to the post. The funding of the post is part of the funding granted to the University of Eastern Finland by the Academy of Finland for supporting the university's profiling measures (known as PROF17 funding for the period 2023–2028).

According to section 10 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council will discuss proposals regarding the scope and specifications of posts that comply with the four-stage career model of the faculty's permanent teaching and research staff and Tenure Track positions.

According to section 10 of the UEF University Regulations, the Dean shall make proposals to the Rector on the persons to be appointed to professorships with a term of two years or over, to permanent teaching and research positions compliant with the four-stage research career model, and to Tenure Track positions after hearing the Faculty Council.

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In accordance with the faculty's human resources plan, research and teaching in Forestry will be strengthened by filling the Tenure Track position of an Assistant Professor, Restoration Ecology. The post will be hosted by the Faculty's Department of Forestry on the Joensuu campus.

The scope and description of the post are as follows:

The duties of the senior researcher (Tenure Track) include independent research in restoration ecology and giving teaching related to the field. The research will focus on the restoration of peatlands, whilst the teaching will cover forest restoration practices and biotope management both in peatlands and mineral soil forests. The duties include the development of research in the academic subject and related national and international education (including the English language Bachelor's degree programme and the supervision of theses), participation in the maintenance and development of research infrastructure in forest soil science, the acquisition of external funding and participation in international research cooperation in their field of research.

It has been proposed that PhD, Docent Anna Laine-Petäjäkangas be appointed to the post without a public call.

Expert statements on the qualification and merits of Anna Laine-Petäjäkangas have been requested from Research Professor Raija Laiho (Natural Resources Institute) and Professor Aveliina Helm, (Institute of Ecology and Earth Sciences, University of Tartu, Estonia) in accordance

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with the Dean's decision. The favourable expert statements are enclosed with this agenda item as appendices.

The Appointments Committee established in accordance with the University Regulations was chaired by the Dean of the Faculty Kari Lehtinen. The other members of the committee included the Head of the Department of Forestry, Research Director Jukka Tikkanen, Professor Annele Virtanen from the Department of Technology, Professor Elina Oksanen from the Department of Environmental and Biological Sciences and Head of Administration Arja Hirvonen as administrative expert. As a summary of its assessment, the Appointments Committee states that PhD, Docent Anna Laine-Petäjäkangas meets the criteria set for the Assistant Professor level of the tenure track and the set qualification requirement, and can be proposed to the post of Assistant Professor (Tenure Track).

At its meeting of 22 August 2023, the Tenure Track Committee was in favour of proceeding with the filling in of the post.

A memorandum of the Appointments Committee and Laine-Petäjäkangas' CV, teaching portfolio and list of publications are enclosed with this agenda item as appendices.

A person to be appointed as a senior researcher in the tenure track shall hold a suitable doctoral degree and have good teaching skills. Furthermore, a person to be appointed as an associate professor in the tenure track shall have the prerequisites for fulfilling the qualification

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requirements of an associate professor by the end of the tenure track term.

According to the university's Tenure Track guidelines, the criteria for the progress on the tenure track will be specified in more detail in the specifying agreement to be annexed to the employment contract.

Motion

1. The Faculty Council will address the scope and specifications of the post of the senior professor.
2. The Faculty Council will address the Dean's proposal on the person to be appointed to the post.

Decision

1. As proposed.
2. As proposed.

Appendices

Appendix 5	Expert statement by Aveliina Helm, 11 August 2023
Appendix 6	Expert statement by Raija Laiho, 28 June 2023
Appendix 7	Evaluation memorandum, Tenure Track, Restoration Ecology
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Prepared by Maarit Merimaa-Piirainen

§ 6

Deciding on the student admission criteria for study programmes taught in Finnish for 2024

According to section 9(4) of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Committee will make decisions concerning student admission criteria.

Motion

The Faculty Committee will confirm the Faculty's study programmes, student intake and student admission criteria for applications for 2024 (so-called basic level admissions, previous studies and the Open University Route, Master's level admissions, general and internal transfer admissions and changes of the major subject) in accordance with the appendices and will delegate any technical modifications to the Dean.

Decision

As proposed.

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Appendix 12	Student admission criteria 2024, previous studies in Chemistry
Appendix 13	Student admission criteria 2024, previous studies in Sustainable technologies

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- Appendix 19 Student admission criteria 2024, subject teacher and class teacher Lumet
- Appendix 20 Student admission criteria 2024, DIA joint admission system (engineering and architecture) in Sustainable Technologies
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- Appendix 32 Student admission criteria 2024, changing the major subject, Photonics, Sustainable Technologies, Technical Physics
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- Appendix 34 Student admission criteria 2024, transfer application and changing the major subject, Environmental and Biological Sciences, Kuopio
- Appendix 35 Student admission criteria 2024, transfer application, Photonics
- Appendix 36 Student admission criteria 2024, transfer application and changing the major subject, Chemistry
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Record entry 28/03.04.09/2023

Prepared by Kaisa Laitinen

§ 7

Grading PhD Mengwen Guo's doctoral dissertation in the field of physics

According to section 9 of the UEF University Regulations, the Faculty Council grades doctoral dissertations. According to Section 18 of the standing orders of the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology on degrees and studies, doctoral dissertations are graded on the scale pass – pass with distinction.

PhD Mengwen Guo's doctoral dissertation and study [Polarization and electromagnetic coherence in three-dimensional light fields](#) was examined publicly on 30 August 2023. The opponent, Professor Colin J.R. Sheppard (School of Chemistry and Molecular Biosciences, University of Wollongong, Wollongong, Australia) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Philosophy and proposes the grade Pass.

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 doctoral statement, which is enclosed with this agenda item as an appendix.



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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.

Motion Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades PhD Mengwen Guo's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

Appendices

Appendix 48 Statement of the opponent Colin J.R. Sheppard

Record entry 28/03.04.09/2023

Prepared by Kaisa Laitinen

§ 8

Grading PhD Meilan Luo's doctoral dissertation in the field of physics

According to section 9 of the UEF University Regulations, the Faculty Council grades doctoral dissertations. According to Section 18 of the standing orders of the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology on degrees and studies, doctoral dissertations are graded on the scale pass – pass with distinction.

PhD Meilan Luo's doctoral dissertation and study "[Partially coherent light beams: novel models and properties](#)" was examined publicly on 8 September 2023. The opponent, Professor Etienne Brasselet (Laboratoire Ondes et Matière d'Aquitaine, University of Bordeaux, Talence, France) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Philosophy and proposes the grade Pass.

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 doctoral statement, which is enclosed with this agenda item as an appendix.



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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.

Motion Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades PhD Meilan Luo's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

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Appendix 49 Statement of opponent Etienne Brasselet



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Prepared by Kaisa Laitinen

§ 9

Grading MSc Antti Karjalainen's doctoral dissertation in the field of Environmental Science

According to section 9 of the UEF University Regulations, the Faculty Council grades doctoral dissertations. According to Section 18 of the standing orders of the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology on degrees and studies, doctoral dissertations are graded on the scale pass – pass with distinction.

MSc Antti Karjalainen's dissertation and study [Exposure to particulate matter and organic chemicals, and controlling flour dust in the Finnish bakery industry](#) was examined publicly on 22 September 2023. The opponent, Chief Specialist, Docent Tapani Tuomi (Finnish Institute of Occupational Health, Helsinki) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Philosophy and proposes the grade Pass.

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 doctoral statement, which is enclosed with this agenda item as an appendix.



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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.

Motion Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades MSc Antti Karjalainen's dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

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Appendix 50 Opponent Tapani Tuomi's statement



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Prepared by Kaisa Laitinen

§ 10

Grading MSc Elham Kakaei Lafdan's dissertation in the field of Forestry

According to section 9 of the UEF University Regulations, the Faculty Council grades doctoral dissertations. According to Section 18 of the standing orders of the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology on degrees and studies, doctoral dissertations are graded on the scale pass – pass with distinction.

MSc Elham Kakaei Lafdan's dissertation and study [Biochar as a water protection tool in peatland forestry – nutrient recovery from runoff water](#) was examined publicly on 22 September 2023. The opponent, Senior Research Scientist, Docent Anna-Kaisa Ronkanen (Water Resources team, Finnish Environment Institute (Syke), Oulu) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a dissertation for the doctoral degree in Philosophy and proposes the grade Pass.

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 doctoral statement, which is enclosed with this agenda item as an appendix.



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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.

Motion Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades MSc Elham Kakaie Lafdan's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

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Appendix 51 Opponent Anna-Kaisa Ronkanen's statement

§ 11

For information

Statistics on the faculty's Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees on 18 September 2023 (Appendix)

The doctoral dissertation overview of the faculty dated 19 September 2023; graduates in green, those with permission to defend their dissertation in a public examination in yellow, and those who have started their dissertation in blue (appendix)

The updated Regulations on Authorised Signatories, which includes amendments to the procurement instructions in particular, entered into force on 1 September 2023. The Regulations on Authorised Signatories and its appendices have been published in Heimo [in Finnish](#) and [in English](#).

Topical faculty matters.

Motion Marked for information.

Decision As proposed.

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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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Closing of the meeting

The chair closed the meeting at 13.56.