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Faculty Council of the Philosophical Faculty
Meeting No 9/2023
Meeting date 25 October 2023

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Date and time 25 October 2023, 10:15 – 12:15

Place/venue Teams

Participants	Role	Present for items
Members		
Pietarinen Janne	Dean, Chair	
Hirsto Laura	1st Vice Dean, Vice Chair	1-3,5-10
Manninen Jyri	Professor, member	
Honkalampi Kirsi	Professor, deputy member	1-10
Kurki Tuulikki	Professor, member	1-4
Riionheimo Helka	Professor, deputy member	1-10
Juvonen Antti	Professor, member	1-10
Kantelinen Ritva	Professor, deputy member	
Kallinen Timo	Professor, member	3-10
Ubani Martin	Professor, deputy member	
Laasonen Marja	Professor, member	1-8
Virtanen Marianna	Professor, deputy member	
Kujamäki Minna	Other staff, member	
Venäläinen Juhana	Other staff, deputy member	1-10
Kasanen Kati	Other staff, member	1-7
Tamminen Merja	Other staff, deputy member	1-5
Sormunen Kari	Other staff, member	1-6

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Kröger Tarja	Other staff, deputy member	
Mikkola Sini	Other staff, member	
Hurskainen Heta	Other staff, deputy member	1-10
Korkki Jyrki	Other staff, member	3-4
Räty-Záborszky Sinikka	Other staff, deputy member	
Rissanen Tanja	Student, member	3-10
Duncan Sarah	Student, deputy member	1-4
Scharin Evelina	Student, member	1-10
Koskelo Marko	Student, deputy member	1-10
Koirikivi Taneli	Student, member	1-10
Vainio Tarja	Student, deputy member	
Nuutinen Niina-Hannele	Student, member	3-10
Rahman Jannat Ara	Student, deputy member	
Kukkohovi Mariam	Student, member	
Baljashkin Janina	Student, deputy member	1-4
Nevalainen Henni	Executive Head of Administration, secretary, preparer	1-10

Other participants

Ryynänen-Karjalainen Lea	Executive Director, Chair of the UEF Board	3
Naghian Siamäk	Executive Director, Member of the UEF Board	3
Pesonen Erkki	University Lecturer, Member of the UEF Board	3
Rosti Tomi	Information Specialist, Member of the UEF Board	3

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Rintamäki Petri	Director of Legal Affairs, Secretary of the UEF Board	3
Hintsa Taina	2nd Vice Dean, Chair, item 4	1-4
Kortelainen Kaisu	Amanuensis, preparer	1-5

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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 18 October 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 agenda items was altered so that item 6 “The Dean’s proposal on the person to be appointed to the post of Professor, Education, university pedagogy: hearing of the Faculty Council” became item 5.

During the meeting, the order of agenda items was altered after item 3

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had been addressed as follows: item 4 is "The Dean's proposal on the person to be appointed to the post of Professor, Education, university pedagogy: hearing of the Faculty Council; item 5 is "Application procedure for the doctoral programme in educational studies from 1 January 2024 onwards"; and item 6 is "Granting the title of docent to DEd Irene Rämä".

During the meeting, the order of agenda items was altered after item 6 had been addressed as follows: item 7 is "The scope and specifications of the post: Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), Logopedics"; and item 8 is "The scope and specifications of the post: Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Theology of Wellbeing and Working Life Skills".

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§ 3

Hearing of the Faculty Council on the organisation and selection of the university's rectors

The terms of office of the Rector and the Academic Rector will end on 31 December 2024. The UEF Board has launched measures to start the recruitment processes but wishes to hear the university community extensively on the matter before the actual application process begins. The purpose of the hearings is to establish the rector model that is favoured by the university community. The UEF Board also wishes to hear what would be the best model for the organisation of the rectors (including their number and responsibilities) from the perspective of the university's strategy. The Board will hear the Faculty Councils on the matter during October.

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Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 4

The Dean's proposal on the person to be appointed to the post of Professor, Education, university pedagogy: hearing of the Faculty Council

According to section 10 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, 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.

The call for applications to the post of Professor, Education, university pedagogy ended on 27 February 2023. Applications were received from the following persons (13): PhD Annala Johanna, PhD Asikainen Henna, DSocSc Hyttinen Rauno, PhD Hyytinen Heidi, PhD Kinnunen Päivi, ThD Kuusisto Elina, DEd Maaranen Katriina, DEd Meriläinen Matti, PhD Moate Josephine, DEd Näykki Piia, PhD Parpala Anna, DEd Leena Penttinen and DEd Vuojärvi Hanna.

In accordance with section 31 of the Universities Act (558/2009), statements must be requested before the appointment on the qualification and merits of the applicants or the person to be invited to the post in question from a minimum of two experts when the person is being recruited for an employment relationship that will be effective until further notice or for a fixed period of at least two years. Sections 27–29 of the

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Administrative Procedure Act on disqualification shall be applied to the experts. Where required, the selection, scope of work and duties of the experts shall be defined in the UEF University Regulations.

On a proposal of the Appointments Committee (Dean Janne Pietarinen, Professor Päivi Atjonen, Professor Jopi Nyman and Professor Sanna Vehviläinen), applicants (4) who best meet the qualification criteria of the post and the requirements indicated in the description of the post were selected as the key candidates on 4 April 2023: PhD Annala Johanna, PhD Asikainen Henna, PhD Hyytinen Heidi and PhD Parpala Anna.

Based on the Dean's decision of 24 May 2023, expert statements were requested on the qualification and merits of the applicants from the following persons: Professor emeritus Eero Ropo, University of Tampere, and Professor emerita Rosemary Deem, Royal Holloway, University of London.

The Appointments Committee of the post of Professor, Education, university pedagogy, has proposed that PhD Heidi Hyytinen be appointed to the post. It is proposed that PhD Johanna Annala be the second-choice candidate, should Hyytinen not accept the offered post. The selection memorandum has been enclosed with this agenda item as an Appendix.

According to section 31 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, a person to be appointed to a permanent professorship or to a professorship that lasts for over two years shall be scientifically or artistically qualified, have good teaching skills and, if important for the

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successful performance of their duties, have practical knowledge of the scope of the post.

PhD Heidi Hyytinen meets the qualifications of a professor referred to in section 31 of the UEF University Regulations. She is scientifically qualified for the post of Professor, Education, university pedagogy. By the decision of the Chair of the Appointments Committee, Hyytinen has been exempted from the requirement to give a trial lecture. The teaching skills of Hyytinen have been estimated to meet the requirements of section 31 of the UEF University Regulations (good teaching skills).

The Dean's proposal to the Rector is that PhD Heidi Hyytinen be appointed to the post of Professor, Education, university pedagogy from 1 November 2023 onwards. PhD Johanna Annala will be the second-choice candidate. Annala has been exempted from the requirement to give a trial lecture. The teaching skills of Annala have been estimated to meet the requirements of section 31 of the UEF University Regulations (good teaching skills).

Motion The Dean will consult the Faculty Council on the proposal to appoint PhD Heidi Hyytinen to the post of Professor, Education, university pedagogy. PhD Johanna Annala will be the second-choice candidate.

Decision As proposed.

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Education, university pedagogy
- 2 Expert statement, Professor emerita Rosemary Deem:
Professor, Education, university pedagogy
- 3 Application documents, PhD Heidi Hyytinen: Professor,
Education, university pedagogy
- 4 Application documents, PhD Johanna Annala: Professor,
Education, university pedagogy
- 5 Selection memorandum of the post: Professor, Education,
university pedagogy
- 6 Comparison of applicants (Appendix to the selection
memorandum): Professor, Education, university pedagogy
- 7 A non-public document

Record entry No 409/03.00.01/2023

Prepared by Kaisu Kortelainen

§ 5

Application procedure for the doctoral programme in educational studies from 1 January 2024 onwards

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council will make decisions concerning admission criteria.

According to section 26 of the Study Regulations, scientific postgraduate education is organised through doctoral programmes. The task of doctoral programmes is to ensure the organisation of researcher training in their fields at the university. The doctoral programme prepares the admission criteria for the doctoral programme.

The application procedure for the doctoral programme in educational studies (KASVA) will change as of 1 January 2024, when the doctoral programme starts to accept applications throughout the year.

Motion The Faculty Council will approve the change to the application procedure for the KASVA doctoral programme in accordance with the Appendix.

Decision As proposed.

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- 8 The change to the application procedure for the KASVA
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Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 6

Granting the title of docent to DEd Irene Rämä

DEd Irene Rämä has applied for the title of docent in Special Education, especially autism spectrum and special support, at the University of Eastern Finland. The application for the title of docent was initiated on 27 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 Rämä to be purposeful for the teaching and research of the School based on the following grounds: "Irene Rämä has cooperated and written joint publications with the staff of the academic subject of special education at the University of Eastern Finland in several recent national development and research projects related to special education. DEd Irene Rämä's expertise would increase, in particular, the wide-ranging teaching and research activities of the academic subject of Special 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 28 March 2023) to invite Professor Tanja Äärelä (University of Lapland) and Docent Tanja Vehkakoski (University of Jyväskylä) as experts to provide statements on the scientific qualification of DEd Irene Rämä for the title of Docent in Special Education, especially autism spectrum and special support. Äärelä and Vehkakoski, the experts appointed by the Dean, are in favour of awarding the title of docent to Rämä.

Rämä holds the following degrees: DEd (Special Education) in 2016 (University of Helsinki) and MEd in 2005 (University of Helsinki). In her current position as Postdoctoral Researcher (University of Helsinki/The Finnish Education Evaluation Centre (FINEEC)) Rämä has acted since 1 March 2016. Her previous roles include, e.g., a Doctoral Student in 2013-2015 (University of Helsinki), a part-time researcher in 2011-2012 (Valteri Centre for Learning and Consulting) and a full-time teacher in 2010-2011 (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 instructions on awarding the title of docent. By its decision of 2 October 2023, the Dean has exempted Rämä from the requirement to give a trial

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lecture and has determined her teaching merits on the basis of application documents.

Motion

The Faculty Council states that DEd Irene Rämä meets the criteria for the title of docent set out in the Universities Act and awards Rämä the title of docent in Special Education, especially autism spectrum and special support at the University of Eastern Finland.

Decision

As proposed.

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Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 7

The scope and specifications of the post: Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), Logopedics

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council will discuss proposals regarding the scope and specifications of the posts that comply with the four-stage career model of the faculty's permanent teaching and research staff and Tenure Track positions.

The post of Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), Logopedics, is to be filled for a term of four (4) years from 1 January 2024 onwards. The person intended to be invited to and evaluated for the post is PhD Satu Saalasti.

The members of the Appointments Committee of the post are: Dean Janne Pietarinen (Chair), University Lecturer Esa Penttilä, Professor Ilkka Huhta, Professor Marja Laasonen, Executive Head of Administration Henni Nevalainen and Human Resources Coordinator Nina Miinalainen.

Motion The Faculty Council will address the scope and specifications of the post. Any required changes can be made to the description of the post after processing.

Decision As proposed.

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Description of the post: Assistant Professor, Logopedics
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Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 8

The scope and specifications of the post: Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Theology of Wellbeing and Working Life Skills

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council will discuss proposals regarding the scope and specifications of the posts that comply with the four-stage career model of the faculty's permanent teaching and research staff and Tenure Track positions.

The post of Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Theology of Wellbeing and Working Life Skills, is to be filled for a fixed term of four (4) years from 1 March 2024 onwards. The person intended to be invited to and evaluated for the post is ThD Suvi-Maria Saarelainen.

The members of the Appointments Committee of the post are: Dean Janne Pietarinen (Chair), University Lecturer Esa Penttilä, Professor Ilkka Huhta, Professor Kati Tervo-Niemelä, Executive Head of Administration Henni Nevalainen and Human Resources Coordinator Nina Miinalainen.

Motion The Faculty Council will address the scope and specifications of the post. Any required changes can be made to the description of the post after processing.

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Theology of Wellbeing and Working Life Skills

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Closing of the meeting

The chair closed the meeting at 12:15.

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§ 10

Translation of the agenda/minutes

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

Appendices

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