

## Minutes

Faculty Council of the Philosophical Faculty

Meeting No 4/2024

Meeting date 23 April 2024

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**Date and time** 23 April 2024, 10:15 – 10:33

**Place** Teams

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

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Kröger Tarja	Other staff, deputy member	
Mikkola Sini	Other staff, member	1-8
Hurskainen Heta	Other staff, deputy member	
Korkki Jyrki	Other staff, member	1-2,4-8
Räty-Záborszky Sinikka	Other staff, deputy member	
Uutela Tuuli	Student, member	1-2,4-8
Baljashkin Janina	Student, deputy member	1-2,4-8
Rissanen Tanja	Student, member	
Vidanagamage Yoshitha	Student, deputy member	5-8
Saramäki Noora	Student, member	
To be named later	Student, deputy member	
Nuutinen Niina-Hannele	Student, member	1-2,4-8
To be named later	Student, deputy member	
Backlund Lidia	Student, member	
To be named later	Student, deputy member	
Nevalainen Henni	Executive Head of Administration, secretary, preparer	1-8
Other preparers		
Myllys Riikka	Academic Affairs Specialist	1-5

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### § 1

#### **Opening of the meeting**

The chair opened the meeting at 10:15.

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#### **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 16 April 2024.

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 Riikka Myllys

§ 3

### **Grading MTh Antti Kyytsönen's doctoral dissertation in the field of Biblical Studies**

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 (24 May 2023), doctoral dissertations are graded on the scale fail – pass – pass with distinction.

MTh Antti Kyytsönen's doctoral dissertation and study "Getting emotional: The Parables of Jesus through Affective Rhetoric and Narrative Persuasion" was examined publicly on 22 March 2024. The opponent Associate Professor Eric Ottenheijm (Utrecht University) is in favour of the doctoral dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in theology 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 statement. The statements of the opponent and the custos 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

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of a multi-member administrative body who have a degree or completed study attainments of an equivalent level or who have been appointed professors.

The dissertation has not been published in the faculty's publication series, i.e., no e-publication is available. The doctoral dissertation has been submitted to the Faculty Council in PDF format as an e-mail attachment.

**Motion** Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades MTh Antti Kyytsönen's dissertation as Pass.

**Decision** As proposed.

### Appendices

- 1 Opponent Eric Ottenheim's statement: grading of a doctoral dissertation, Antti Kyytsönen
- 2 Clarification requested from the opponent: grading of a doctoral dissertation, Antti Kyytsönen
- 3 Custos Lauri Thurén's statement: grading of a doctoral dissertation, Antti Kyytsönen
- 4 Statement of the doctoral candidate on the statements: grading of a doctoral dissertation, Antti Kyytsönen

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Record entry 3530/03.01.00/2023

Prepared by Riikka Myllys

§ 4

### **Student admission criteria for the separate right to study forensic psychology subject to a fee and for basic studies in the French language and culture at an open university**

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 attached student admission criteria for the separate right to study forensic psychology subject to a fee and the student admission criteria for basic studies in the French language and culture available at an open university for the academic year 2024–2025 are discussed. The admission criteria have been prepared by the departments/schools and the academic subjects, and the Centre for Continuous Learning.

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

**Decision** As proposed.

#### Appendices

- 5 Admission criteria, separate right to study forensic psychology subject to a fee, academic year 2024–2025



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- 6 Admission criteria, basic studies in the French language and culture available at an open university, academic year 2024–2025

Record entry 291/01.01.03/2024

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 5

**The Dean's proposal on the person to be appointed to the post of University Lecturer,  
Church History: hearing of the Faculty Council**

According to section 10(9) 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 post of University Lecturer, Church History, is hosted by the School of Theology on the Joensuu campus. University lecturers must hold a suitable doctoral degree, have good teaching skills (University Regulations, section 31), be fluent in English, and have excellent Finnish language skills. In addition, demonstrable achievements in active postdoctoral research are required. Studies in university pedagogy or a solid experience of university-level teaching, research and teaching activities in the focus areas of the School of Theology (border and regional history, encounters of the eastern and western traditions), diverse methodological skills in historical research, and language skills are considered advantages.

The call for applications to the post ended on 26 February 2024. Seven applicants applied for the post by the deadline: ThD Huovinen Harri, PhD Kangas Sini, PhD Kuha Miia, ThD Laine Esko, PhD Parppei Kati, ThD

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Salminen Joona and PhD Välimäki Mari. Sini Kangas, Miia Kuha and Joona Salminen were invited to the interviews conducted on 20 March 2024 based on a suitable doctoral degree and postdoctoral research.

Based on the teaching merit portfolio and interviews, the candidates invited to an interview have the good teaching skills required by the UEF University Regulations for the post of University Lecturer, Church History.

Based on the interview and application documents, Joona Salminen meets the requirements laid down in the UEF University Regulations for the employment of a University Lecturer, Church History, and the conditions required for the post of a university lecturer. Salminen has the language skills required for the post.

The School of Theology has proposed that Joona Salminen be appointed as University Lecturer, Church History, starting from 1 August 2024. It is proposed that Miia Kuha be the second-choice candidate, should Salminen not accept the offered post. The School's proposal and its grounds are enclosed with this agenda item as an Appendix.

The Dean's proposal to the Academic Rector is that Joona Salminen be appointed to the post of University Lecturer, Church History, until further notice starting on 1 August 2024. It is proposed that Miia Kuha be the second-choice candidate. Salminen's and Kuha's CVs, lists of publications and teaching portfolios are enclosed with this agenda item as appendices.

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**Motion** The Dean will consult the Faculty Council on the proposal to appoint Joona Salminen to the post of University Lecturer, Church History. It is proposed that Miia Kuha be the second-choice candidate.

**Decision** As proposed.

### Appendices

- 7 Application documents, Joona Salminen: University Lecturer, Church History
- 8 Application documents, Miia Kuha: University Lecturer, Church History
- 9 School of Theology's proposal: University Lecturer, Church History

Record entry 292/01.01.03/2024

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 6

**The Dean's proposal on the person to be appointed to the post of University Lecturer,  
Systematic Theology: hearing of the Faculty Council**

According to section 10(9) 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 post of University Lecturer, Systematic Theology, is hosted by the School of Theology on the Joensuu campus. University lecturers must hold a suitable doctoral degree, have good teaching skills (University Regulations, section 31), be fluent in English, and have excellent Finnish language skills. In addition, demonstrable achievements in active postdoctoral research are required. Studies in university pedagogy or a solid experience of university-level teaching in the field of systematic theology, research and teaching activities in the focus areas of the School of Theology (patristics, ecumenics, encounters of the eastern and western traditions) and diverse language skills are considered advantages.

The call for applications to the post ended on 26 February 2024. Ten applicants applied for the post by the deadline: ThD Ala-Opas Taneli, PhD Holm Tea, ThD Karimies Ilmari, ThD Kojonen Rope, PhD Launonen Lari,

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ThD Nisula Timo, ThD Palmén Ritva, ThD Salminen Joona, PhD Tervashonka Ari and ThD Visala Aku. Rope Kojonen, Ritva Palmén, Joona Salminen and Aku Visala were invited to the interviews conducted on 4 and 5 April 2024 based on a suitable doctoral degree and postdoctoral research.

Based on the teaching merit portfolio and interviews, the candidates invited to an interview have the good teaching skills required by the UEF University Regulations for the post of University Lecturer, Systematic Theology History.

Based on the interview and application documents, Ritva Palmén meets the requirements laid down in the UEF University Regulations for the employment of a University Lecturer, Systematic Theology, and the conditions required for the post of a university lecturer. Palmén has the language skills required for the post.

The School of Theology has proposed that Ritva Palmén be appointed to the post of University Lecturer, Systematic Theology History, starting from 1 August 2024. It is proposed that Joona Salminen be the second-choice candidate and Rope Kojonen be the third-choice candidate should Palmén not accept the offered post. The School's proposal and its grounds are enclosed with this agenda item as an Appendix.

The Dean's proposal to the Academic Rector is that Ritva Palmén be appointed to the post of University Lecturer, Systematic Theology, until further notice starting on 1 August 2024. It is proposed that Joona

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Salminen be the second-choice candidate and Rope Kojonen be the third-choice candidate. Palmén's, Salminen's and Kuha's CVs, lists of publications and teaching portfolios are enclosed with this agenda item as appendices.

**Motion** The Dean will consult the Faculty Council on the proposal to appoint Ritva Palmén to the post of University Lecturer, Systematic Theology. It is proposed that Joona Salminen be the second-choice candidate and Rope Kojonen be the third-choice candidate.

**Decision** As proposed.

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| 11 | Application documents, Rope Kojonen: University Lecturer, Systematic Theology |
| 12 | School of Theology's proposal: University Lecturer, Systematic Theology       |

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Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

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### Meetings in the autumn semester 2024

The Faculty Council meetings in the autumn semester 2024 are as follows:

Thu 29 August

Thu 26 September

Thu 24 October

Thu 21 November

Wed 18 December

The meetings will begin at 10:15.

**Motion** The meetings for the autumn semester 2024 will be stated.

**Decision** As proposed.



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### **Closing of the meeting**

The chair closed the meeting at 10:33.

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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.

#### Appendices

13	Translation of the agenda, 26 April 2023
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