



## Minutes

Faculty Council of the Philosophical Faculty

Meeting No 9/2024

Meeting date 24 October 2024

**Date and time** 24 October 2024, 10:15 – 11:03

**Place** Teams

<b>Participants</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Present for items</b>
Members		
Pietarinen Janne	Dean, Chair	1-10
Hirsto Laura	1st Vice Dean, Vice Chair	1-10
Manninen Jyri	Professor, member	1-10
Honkalampi Kirsi	Professor, deputy member	
Kurki Tuulikki	Professor, member	1-10
Riionheimo Helka	Professor, deputy member	
Juvonen Antti	Professor, member	
Kantelinen Ritva	Professor, deputy member	1-10
Kallinen Timo	Professor, member	1-10
Ubani Martin	Professor, deputy member	
Laasonen Marja	Professor, member	
Virtanen Marianna	Professor, deputy member	1-10
Venäläinen Juhana	Other staff, deputy member	1-10
Suokas Juho	Other staff, deputy member	
Kasanen Kati	Other staff, member	1-10
Tamminen Merja	Other staff, deputy member	
Sormunen Kari	Other staff, member	1-10



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Kröger Tarja	Other staff, deputy member	
Mikkola Sini	Other staff, member	1-10
Hurskainen Heta	Other staff, deputy member	
Korkki Jyrki	Other staff, member	
Räty-Záborszky Sinikka	Other staff, deputy member	
Uutela Tuuli	Student, member	1-2,6-10
Baljashkin Janina	Student, deputy member	
Rissanen Tanja	Student, member	8-10
Vidanagamage Yoshitha	Student, deputy member	1-2,6-10
Saramäki Noora	Student, member	6-10
To be named later	Student, deputy member	
Nuutinen Niina-Hannele	Student, member	1-2,6-10
To be named later	Student, deputy member	
Backlund Lidia	Student, member	1-2,6-10
To be named later	Student, deputy member	
Nevalainen Henni	Executive Head of Administration, secretary, preparer	1-10
Other preparers		
Anttonen Salli	Academic Affairs Specialist	1-6



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§ 1

### **Opening of the meeting**

The chair opened the meeting at 10:15.

§ 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 17 October 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 and the supplementary agenda are approved.

**Decision** As proposed. The order of the agenda items was altered so that the following supplementary item listed under item 5, was addressed: Grading MTh Anne Sumela's doctoral dissertation in the field of Systematic Theology.

Record entry 289/03.04.09/2024

Prepared by Salli Anttonen

§ 3

**M.Hum. Taufiqurrohman's doctoral dissertation in the field of English Language and Culture**

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.

M.Hum. Taufiqurrohman's doctoral dissertation and study "Mystical Mobility in the Poetry of the US Sufi Poet Daniel Abdal-Hayy Moore", was examined publicly on 26 September 2024. The opponent Professor Joel Kuortti (University of Turku) 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 statement. The statements of the opponent and the custos 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 doctoral dissertation: [eRepo - Mystical mobility in the poetry of the US Sufi poet Daniel Abdal-Hayy Moore \(uef.fi\)](#)

**Motion** Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades M.Hum. Taufiqurrohman's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

**Decision** As proposed.

### Appendices

- 1 Statements on the dissertation (opponent Professor Joel Kuortti, custos Professor Jopi Nyman, doctoral candidate M.Hum. Taufiqurrohman)



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Prepared by Salli Anttonen

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### **Grading MEd Reija Jyrkinen's doctoral dissertation in the field of Special 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 (24 May 2023), doctoral dissertations are graded on the scale fail – pass – pass with distinction.

MEd Reija Jyrkinen doctoral dissertation and study "Haasteesta harjoiteltavaksi taidoksi: Alakouluikäisten oppilaiden itsesäätelytaidot ja niiden tukeminen moniammatillisella yhteistyöllä" was examined publicly on 27 September 2024. The opponent Professor Elina Kontu (University of Tampere) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Educational Sciences 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.

A link to the doctoral dissertation: [eRepo - Haasteesta harjoiteltavaksi taidoksi: Alakouluikäisten oppilaiden itsesäätelytaidot ja niiden tukeminen moniammatillisella yhteistyöllä \(uef.fi\)](#)

**Motion** Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades MEd Reija Jyrkinen's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

**Decision** As proposed.

### Appendices

- 2 Statements on the dissertation (opponent Professor Elina Kontu, custos Professor Eija Kärnä, doctoral candidate MEd Reija Jyrkinen)

Record entry 289/03.04.09/2024

Prepared by Salli Anttonen

§ 5

### **Grading MTh Anne Sumela's doctoral dissertation in the field of Systematic Theology**

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 Anne Sumela's doctoral dissertation and study "Kuitenkin Jumala on." Jumalakäsityksen paradoksaalisuus esseisti Juhani Rekolan teologiassa" was examined publicly on 18 October 2024. The opponent Docent Jaakko Rusama (University of Helsinki) is in favour of the 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.

A link to the doctoral dissertation: [eRepo - "Kuitenkin Jumala on": Jumalakäsityksen paradoksaalisuus esseisti Juhani Rekolan teologiassa](#)

**Motion** Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades MTh Anne Sumela's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

**Decision** As proposed.

### Appendices

- 3 Statements on the dissertation (opponent Docent Jaakko Rusama, custos Professor Vesa Hirvonen, doctoral candidate MTh Anne Sumela)

Record entry 2583/01.08.00/2024

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 6

### **Granting the title of docent to PhD (Psychology) Katri Savolainen**

PhD (Psychology) Katri Savolainen has applied for the title of docent in Psychology, especially Well-being and Health in Environments at the University of Eastern Finland. The application for the title of docent was initiated on 30 April 2024 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 PhD (Psychology) Katri Savolainen to be purposeful for the teaching and research of the School based on the following grounds: "Savolainen's research focuses on health psychology, which is one of the key teaching and research areas in the field of psychology at the University of Eastern Finland. The questions of wellbeing and environmental psychology that her research focuses on are also relevant for future teaching and research cooperation. In addition, research into the relationship of children with nature may offer collaboration opportunities in the field of Educational Sciences. In

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addition, Katri Savolainen's expertise would increase the wide-ranging teaching and research activities of the academic subject of psychology, in particular, thus adding to the expertise of the School and the faculty also more widely."

The Dean of the Philosophical Faculty decided (on 26 June 2024) to invite Docent Laura Pulkki-Råback (University of Helsinki) and Professor Kalevi Korpela (University of Tampere) as experts to provide statements on the scientific competence of PhD (Psychology) Katri Savolainen for the title of docent in Psychology, especially Well-being and Health in Environments. Both experts are in favour of awarding the title of docent to Savolainen.

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 a decision of 25 September 2024, the Dean has exempted Savolainen from the requirement to give a trial lecture and has determined her teaching merits based on the application documents.

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

The applicant meets the qualification requirements of a docent specified in section 89 of the Universities Act and the criteria set out in the docentship guidelines of the Philosophical Faculty for the title of docent.



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**Motion** The Faculty Council states that PhD (Psychology) Katri Savolainen meets the criteria set for the title of docent in the Universities Act and awards Savolainen the title of docent in Psychology, especially Well-being and Health in Environments at the University of Eastern Finland.

**Decision** As proposed.

### Appendices

- 4 Expert statement, Docent Laura Pulkki-Råback: awarding the title of docent
- 5 Expert statement, Professor Kalevi Korpela: awarding the title of docent
- 6 Application documents, PhD (Psychology) Katri Savolainen: awarding the title of docent

Record entry 5752/01.01.02/2024

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

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**The scope and specifications of the post: Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Educational Science, especially Special Early Childhood Education**

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), Educational Science, especially Special Early Childhood Education, is to be filled for a fixed term of four (4) years from 1 January 2025 onwards. The intention is to appoint DEd Noora Heiskanen to the post through direct recruitment after evaluation.

The members of the Appointments Committee of the post are: Dean Janne Pietarinen (Chair), Professor Sari Havu-Nuutinen, University Lecturer Kristiina Lappalainen, Professor Erkkö Sointu, Executive Head of Administration Henni Nevalainen and HR Specialist 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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**Decision** As proposed.

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Educational Science, especially Special Early Childhood  
Education

Record entry 5698/01.01.02/2024

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

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**The scope and specifications of the post: Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Educational Science, especially Science Education Research**

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), Educational Science, especially Science Education Research, is to be filled for a fixed term of four (4) years from 1 April 2025 onwards. PhD Jingoo Kang is being assessed for this Tenure Track position.

The members of the Appointments Committee of the post are: Dean Janne Pietarinen (Chair), University Lecturer Kristiina Lappalainen, Professor Teemu Valtonen, Executive Head of Administration Henni Nevalainen and HR Specialist 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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Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 9

### **Performance report of completed degrees for information, autumn 2024**

Performance report of degrees completed between 1 January and 30 September 2024 for information.

**Motion**      Marked for information.

**Decision**     As proposed.

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### **Closing of the meeting**

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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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