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Faculty Council of the Philosophical Faculty

Meeting No 1/2025

Meeting date 30 January 2025

Date and time 30 January 2025, 10:15 – 10:55

Place Teams

Participants	Role	Present for items
Members		
Pietarinen Janne	Dean, Chair	1-9
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Honkalampi Kirsi	Professor, deputy member	
Kurki Tuulikki	Professor, member	1-9
Riionheimo Helka	Professor, deputy member	
Juvonen Antti	Professor, member	1-9
Kantelinen Ritva	Professor, deputy member	1-9
Kallinen Timo	Professor, member	1-9
Ubani Martin	Professor, deputy member	4-9
Laasonen Marja	Professor, member	
Virtanen Marianna	Professor, deputy member	1-9
Venäläinen Juhana	Other staff, member	1-9
Suokas Juho	Other staff, deputy member	
Kasanen Kati	Other staff, member	1-9
Tamminen Merja	Other staff, deputy member	4-9
Sormunen Kari	Other staff, member	1-9
Kröger Tarja	Other staff, deputy member	



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Hurskainen Heta	Other staff, deputy member	
Korkki Jyrki	Other staff, member	
Räty-Záborszky Sinikka	Other staff, deputy member	1-9
Uutela Tuuli	Student, member	1-2,4-9
Baljashkin Janina	Student, deputy member	1-2,4-9
Rissanen Tanja	Student, member	1-2,4-9
Vidanagamage Yoshitha	Student, deputy member	1-2,4-9
Saramäki Noora	Student, member	1-2,4-9
Palkovuori Teemu	Student, deputy member	
Nuutinen Niina-Hannele	Student, member	1-2,4-9
To be named later	Student, deputy member	
Backlund Lidia	Student, member	1-2,4-9
To be named later	Student, deputy member	
Nevalainen Henni	Executive Head of Administration, secretary, preparer	1-9
Other preparers		
Anttonen Salli	Academic Affairs Specialist	1-4
Myllys Riikka	Academic Affairs Specialist	1-5



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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 body must be sent at least seven days prior to the meeting, unless the administrative body has decided otherwise.

The meeting notice was sent on 23 January 2025.

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.

Record entry 152/03.04.09/2025

Prepared by Salli Anttonen

§ 3

Grading MEd Mirva Poikola'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 Mirva Poikola's doctoral dissertation and study "Perspectives on Inclusive Education and Student Participation at the Intersection of Education and Law" was examined publicly on 17 January 2025. The opponent Docent Tanja Vehkakoski (University of Jyväskylä) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Education 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 annexes.

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 dissertation: <https://erepo.uef.fi/items/ee28e15e-efa8-4220-b55f-561a045647de>

Motion Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades MEd Mirva Poikola's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

- 1 Statements on the dissertation (opponent Docent Tanja Vehkakoski, custos Professor Emerita Eija Kärnä, doctoral candidate MEd Mirva Poikola)

Record entry 2046/03.01.00/2024

Prepared by Riikka Myllys

§ 4

Approval of admission criteria for supplementary admissions for 2025

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 Faculty Council of the Philosophical Faculty adopted the admission criteria for programmes leading to a Bachelor's or a Master's degree for 2025 at its meeting on 26 September 2024.

In August 2025, supplementary admissions will be organised to programmes, in which all available study places were not filled in the second joint admission of spring 2023. In the supplementary admissions, certificate grades are solely used, and the admission criteria are the same as in the joint admissions in the spring. The supplementary admission round is part of a separate admission process.

The School of Humanities has prepared admission criteria for supplementary admissions to five programmes, the School of Educational Sciences and Psychology to one programme and the School of Theology to three programmes. Admission criteria for supplementary admissions have been prepared for the following programmes:

- English Language, Culture and Translation, Joensuu
- Education and Adult Education, Joensuu
- Cultural Studies, Joensuu
- Western Theology, theologian, Joensuu

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- Orthodox Theology, church music, Joensuu
- Orthodox Theology, theologian, Joensuu
- Swedish Language, Joensuu
- Finnish Language and Literature, Joensuu
- Russian Language, Joensuu

If all study places of the programmes are not filled in the joint admission round, supplementary admissions will be organised to fill the unfilled study places.

Motion The Faculty Council approves the admission criteria for supplementary admissions to the programmes listed in the Annexes.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

- 2 Admission criteria, Supplementary admissions 2025: English Language, Culture and Translation
- 3 Admission criteria, Supplementary admissions 2025: Education and Adult Education
- 4 Admission criteria, Supplementary admissions 2025: Cultural Studies
- 5 Admission criteria, Supplementary admissions 2025: Western Theology, theologian
- 6 Admission criteria, Supplementary admissions 2025: Orthodox Theology, church music

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- 7 Admission criteria, Supplementary admissions 2025: Orthodox
Theology, theologian
- 8 Admission criteria, Supplementary admissions 2025: Swedish
Language
- 9 Admission criteria, Supplementary admissions 2025: Finnish
Language and Literature
- 10 Admission criteria, Supplementary admissions 2025: Russian
Language:

Record entry 5264/01.08.00/2024

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 5

Awarding the title of docent to PhD Johanna Tigert

PhD Johanna Tigert has applied for the title of docent in Teacher Education, especially Multilingual and Language Aware Instruction, at the University of Eastern Finland. The application for the title of docent was initiated on 23 August 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 Applied Educational Science and Teacher Education has considered the docentship applied for by PhD Johanna Tigert to be purposeful for the teaching and research of the School based on the following grounds: "Tigert's research focuses on the studying, learning and teaching of multilingual students particularly, in recent years, from the perspective of humanistic pedagogy. The fields of research are related to research carried out at the School of Applied Educational Science and Teacher Education and bring a good addition to research and development work carried out in various trainings. Johanna Tigert has

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started research collaboration with Professor Jenni Alisaari, and the docentship will strengthen the implementation of this collaboration.”

The Dean of the Philosophical Faculty decided (16 October 2024) to invite Professor Heidi Harju-Luukkainen (University of Jyväskylä) and Professor Elina Lehtomäki (University of Oulu) to provide statements on the scientific qualification of PhD Johanna Tigert for the title of docent in Teacher Education, especially Multilingual and Language Aware Instruction. Both experts are in favour of awarding the title of docent to Tigert.

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 3 January 2025, the Dean has exempted Tigert 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 Johanna Tigert meets the criteria set for the title of docent in the Universities Act and awards Tigert the title of docent in Teacher Education, especially Multilingual and Language Aware Instruction at the University of Eastern Finland.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

- 11 Expert statement, Professor Heidi Harju-Luukkainen: awarding the title of docent
- 12 Expert statement, Professor Elina Lehtomäki: awarding the title of docent
- 13 Application documents, PhD Johanna Tigert: awarding the title of docent

Record entry 5698/01.01.02/2024

Prepared by

§ 6

The Dean's proposal to appoint PhD Jingoo Kang to the post of Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Educational Science, especially Science Education Research: 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, and to Tenure Track positions after hearing the Faculty Council.

The post of Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Educational Science, especially Science Education Research, is hosted by the School of Applied Educational Science and Teacher Education. According to the description of the post: *"The Associate Professor in Educational Science (especially Science Education Research, a Tenure Track position) carries out science education research and participates in education in the field. Science education research focuses mainly on context- and inquiry-based science education, motivation, science performance and confidence among genders in education, and career aspirations, in international large-scale assessments and small-scale national and international studies. The Associate Professor will participate in the preparation and implementation of research projects, as well as in the application for external research funding. The Associate Professor will participate in the teaching duties of the degree programmes of the teacher education unit, supervise Master's theses and participate in the supervision of doctoral studies in the doctoral programme. The duties also include societal*

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tasks, such as engaging in science communication and serving in expert capacity, as well as expert and administrative tasks.

The factors to be taken into account in the assessment include: scientific publications and presentations at scientific conferences, application for research funding, teaching and supervision merits and participation in academic and societal expert tasks.

A person to be appointed as an Associate Professor 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 requirements of a Professor by the end of the Tenure Track term (UEF University Regulations, section 31). Furthermore, the research activities of the person appointed to the post are required to focus on the aforementioned fields of research.

Fluency in the Finnish language is not required but the applicant must be able to give teaching and supervise students in English.

External foreign expert evaluation will be used in the recruitment.

The post will be filled for a four-year (4) term as from 1 April 2025.

The post is filled for a fixed term due to it being a Tenure Track position. A specifying agreement on the Tenure Track assessment criteria shall be prepared and appended to the employment contract, to be signed simultaneously with the person's employment contract. The agreement

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specifies what is expected of the employee during the term in order for them to proceed to the next level of the Tenure Track. The procedure by which an associate professor is invited to a professorship is based on expert statements."

The post of Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Educational Science, especially Science Education Research, involves the progress of PhD Jingoo Kang from one tenure track level to the next. The Appointments Committee appointed by the Dean (Dean Janne Pietarinen as Chair, University Lecturer Kristiina Lappalainen and Professor Teemu Valtonen as members) has prepared the progress from the Assistant Professor level to the Associate Professor level. Expert statements have been requested on the merits of Kang to the post of Associate Professor from Professor Maija Aksela (University of Helsinki) and Professor Emeritus Jari Lavonen (University of Helsinki). Based on the statements, Kang has the qualifications and merits required by the post of Associate Professor and the prerequisites to meet the qualification requirements of Professor by the end of the tenure track term.

The Appointments Committee of the post proposes unanimously that, based on the expert statements and application documents, Kang be appointed to the post. The Chair of the Appointments Committee has decided to exempt PhD Jingoo Kang from the requirement to give a trial lecture, as his teaching merits can be verified based on the application documents. Kang meets the requirements laid down in the UEF University Regulations for the employment of Associate Professor and the requirements indicated in the description of the post.

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The Dean's proposal to the Rector is that PhD Jingoo Kang be appointed to the post of Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Educational Science, especially Science Education Research for a four-year term from 1 April 2025 onwards. The post is filled for a fixed term due to it being a Tenure Track position.

Motion The Dean will hear the Faculty Council on the proposal to appoint PhD Jingoo Kang to the post of Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Educational Science, especially Science Education Research from 1 April 2025 onwards.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

- 14 Expert statement, Professor Maija Aksela: Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Educational Science, especially Science Education Research
- 15 Expert statement, Professor Emeritus Jari Lavonen: Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Educational Science, especially Science Education Research
- 16 Application documents, PhD Jingoo Kang: Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Educational Science, especially Science Education Research

Record entry No 18/00.03.02/2025

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 7

Update of the UEF University Regulations and the Regulations on Authorised Signatories

At its meeting of 18 December 2024, the Board of the University of Eastern Finland approved the update of the UEF University Regulations, which will enter into force on 1 January 2025:

The UEF Board approved the updated UEF University Regulations.

The Rector of the university confirmed the update of the UEF Regulations on Authorised Signatories on 2 January 2025.

With the update of the UEF University Regulations, the duties of the Faculty Council are specified and regular meetings established between the Faculty Council and the faculty's management or steering group. These measures enhance the transparency and preparation of decision-making and the flow of information.

The Faculty Council will discuss the practices that comply with the new University Regulations and the meetings of the Faculty Council and the management group.

Motion

The updates of the UEF University Regulations and the Regulations on Authorised Signatories are stated from the perspective of the Faculty Council's activities.



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Decision As proposed.

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- 17 New UEF University Regulations, 1 January 2025
- 18 New Regulations on Authorised Signatories, decision, 1
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- 19 New Regulations on Authorised Signatories, Annexes, 1
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- 20 New Regulations on Authorised Signatories, Amendments to
Annexes, 1 January 2025



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§ 9

Translation of the agenda/minutes

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

Annexes

21 Translation of the agenda, 30 January 2025