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Faculty Council of the Philosophical Faculty
Meeting No 2/2025
Meeting date 27 February 2025

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Date and time 27 February 2025, 10:15 - 12:56

Place Teams

Participants	Role	Present for items
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Kurki Tuulikki	Professor, member	
Riionheimo Helka	Professor, deputy member	
Juvonen Antti	Professor, member	
Kantelinen Ritva	Professor, deputy member	
Kallinen Timo	Professor, member	1-13
Ubani Martin	Professor, deputy member	
Laasonen Marja	Professor, member	1-13
Virtanen Marianna	Professor, deputy member	
Venäläinen Juhana	Other staff, member	1-13
Suokas Juho	Other staff, deputy member	
Kasanen Kati	Other staff, member	8-13
Tamminen Merja	Other staff, deputy member	1-2,4-13
Sormunen Kari	Other staff, member	1-13
Kröger Tarja	Other staff, deputy member	

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Mikkola Sini	Other staff, member	12-13
Hurskainen Heta	Other staff, deputy member	1-13
Korkki Jyrki	Other staff, member	1-2,4-13
Räty-Záborszky Sinikka	Other staff, deputy member	3
Uutela Tuuli	Student, member	
Baljashkin Janina	Student, deputy member	1-2,4-13
Rissanen Tanja	Student, member	1-2,4-13
Vidanagamage Yoshitha	Student, deputy member	1-2,4-12
Saramäki Noora	Student, member	4-11,13
Palkovuori Teemu	Student, deputy	
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	Student, member	
To be named later	Student, deputy member	
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To be named later	Student, deputy member	
Nevalainen Henni	Executive Head of Administration, secretary, preparer	1-13
Other preparers		
Anttonen Salli	Academic Affairs Specialist	1-5
Parviainen Maiju	Academic Affairs Specialist	1-5
Kouki Satu	Head of Academic Affairs	1-13

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§ 1

Opening of the meeting

The chair opened the meeting at 10:15.

It was agreed that a break be taken if the addressing of the agenda items will not last until 12:35.

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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 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 20 February 2024.

In accordance with 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 body 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 Assi Kukkonen's doctoral dissertation in the field of Sociology of 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 Assi Kukkonen's doctoral dissertation and study "Pahantapaisesta kelpo mieheksi. Tutkimus rangaistusten käytöstä Koivikon kasvatuslaitoksessa toiminnan alkuvaiheissa vuosina 1885–1920" was examined publicly on 31 January 2025. The opponent Professor emeritus Hannu Simola (University of Helsinki) 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 of



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

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A link to the dissertation: [Pahantapaisesta kelpo mieheksi: Tutkimus rangaistusten käytöstä Koivikon kasvatuslaitoksessa toiminnan alkuvaiheissa vuosina 1885-1920](#)

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

Decision As proposed.

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| 1 | Statements on the dissertation (opponent Professor emeritus Hannu Simola, custos Professor Sanna Vehviläinen, doctoral candidate MEd Assi Kukkonen) |
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Record entry No 5343/03.00.01/2024

Prepared by Maiju Parviainen

§ 4

Curriculum for the doctoral programme of the Philosophical Faculty 2025–2028

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council shall decide on curricula.

The doctoral programme of the Philosophical Faculty (FILOTO) has submitted its proposal for the curriculum for postgraduate education for the academic years 2025–2028.

Motion The Faculty Council approves the curriculum for the FILOTO doctoral programme for 2025–2028 as set out in the Annexes and delegates any clarifications and corrections to the Vice Dean.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

2	Curriculum for postgraduate education at the Philosophical Faculty 2025–2028
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Record entry No 5343/03.00.01/2024

Prepared by Satu Kouki

§ 5

Approval of the curricula for Bachelor's and Master's level education 2025–2028 and transitional rules

According to section 9(4) of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council shall decide on curricula. According to section 18 of the Education Regulations, the curriculum of each degree programme must indicate, among others, the degree the scientific and professional objectives of the education; the degree structure (including the courses and their scopes), learning outcomes, contents, methods of completion and assessment of the degree and its parts, the names of the degrees, study modules and courses in Finnish and English, and the course descriptions in the language of instruction of the course.

According to section 3 of the Education Regulations, on the basis of a proposal by the head responsible for education of a school or a department, the Faculty Councils shall confirm the admission criteria as well as the curricula and syllabi for the faculties' teaching in the next academic year, in accordance with an annual schedule approved by the Vice Rector for Education.

According to the decision of the Academic Rector (17/2024, 26.4.2024), the faculty councils will confirm curricula (incl. course descriptions) by the end of February.

According to the decision, the course offering, which will be confirmed by the end of March, will be introduced as a new phase of syllabus description.

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The availability of courses in the next academic year will be confirmed in the course offering: semester(s) when implemented or, if desired, the study period(s). According to Decision 284/2024 of the Vice Dean of the Philosophical Faculty (29 August 2024), it is confirmed at the same time whether the teaching is organised on campus or remotely.

According to the decision of the Academic Rector, the Faculty Council may, when deciding on the curriculum, delegate decision-making related to the course offering to the Dean/the Dean in charge of education.

According to the decision of the Academic Rector, syllabi are confirmed by the end of May. The Faculty Councils may delegate decision-making on the curriculum to the Heads of departments and schools /the Director responsible for education.

On 26 January 2022, the Faculty Council of the Philosophical Faculty delegated its decision-making powers in curricula matters: The confirmation of the curriculum has been delegated to the Vice Dean in charge of education. Minor changes to curricula during the academic year are approved by the Vice Dean. Changes to the curriculum during the academic year are approved by the head responsible for education of the school.

The pedagogical leaders of the schools have presented the curricula of the schools for the academic years 2025-2028 and transitional rules for the approval of the Faculty Council.

The curriculum of the School of Humanities

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The curriculum of the School of Educational Sciences and Psychology
(includes the 60 ECTS change to the curriculum for 2024–2028 as regards
university pedagogy studies)

The curriculum for the Bachelor's degree Programme of the School of
Educational Sciences and Psychology, taught in English

The curriculum for Bachelor's and Master's level education of the School of
Applied Educational Science and Teacher Education and transitional rules

The curriculum for minor subject studies of the School of Applied
Educational Science and Teacher Education

The curriculum for the Master's Programmes of the School of Applied
Educational Science and Teacher Education, taught in English, and
transitional rules

The curriculum of the School of Theology and transitional rules

The curriculum for courses available for exchange students 2025–2028

The courses offered to exchange students in 2025–2026 are proposed to be
confirmed for one academic year.

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Motion

I propose that the Faculty Council approves the curricula and transitional rules for Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes for the academic years 2025-2028 in accordance with the Annexes. The missing transitional rules will be confirmed no later than in connection with the correlation tables at the Faculty Council's April meeting.

I further propose that the courses offered to exchange students be approved for one academic year 2025–2026.

I further propose that the delegation decision made by the Faculty Council on 26 January 2022 will not be amended and that the Faculty Council will delegate to the Vice Dean in charge of education the approval of the course offering by the end of March.

Decision

As proposed.

Annexes

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| 3 | School of Humanities: curriculum 2025–2028 |
| 4 | School of Educational Sciences and Psychology: curriculum 2025-2028 |
| 5 | School of Educational Sciences and Psychology: Bachelor's degree programme Lifelong Learning and Sustainable Development (LLLSus), New curriculum 2025-2028 |
| 6 | School of Applied Educational Science and Teacher Education: curricula for Bachelor's and Master's level education 2025-2028 |

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- 7 School of Applied Educational Science and Teacher Education: curricula for minor subjects 2025-2028
- 8 School of Applied Educational Science and Teacher Education: amendments to curricula for Master's Programmes, taught in English, 2025-2028
- 9 School of Theology: curriculum 2025-2028
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- 11 Philosophical Faculty: Courses for Exchange Students 2025-2028
- 12 Philosophical Faculty: Courses for exchange students, academic year 2025-2026

Record entry 2315/01.01.03/2024

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 6

**A proposal to appoint PhD Samuli Hägg to the post of University Lecturer, Literature:
Hearing of the Faculty Council**

According to section 10(10) of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Dean shall, after hearing the Faculty Council, decide on persons to be appointed to permanent positions that comply with the four-stage career model (excluding professors, senior university lecturers and senior clinical lecturers).

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 University Lecturer, Literature, is located in the School of Humanities. Filling the post through direct recruitment is the most appropriate option from the point of view of the School. The School of Humanities has proposed that PhD Samuli Hägg be appointed to the post of University Lecturer, Literature, starting from 1 August 2025. The School's proposal and its grounds are enclosed with this agenda item as an Appendix.

Persons to be appointed as University Lecturers must hold a suitable doctoral degree and have good teaching skills (University Regulations, section 31). Samuli Hägg has worked as a fixed-term University Lecturer of

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Literature since 1 August 2024. The fixed-term post is due to end on 31 July 2025.

The good teaching skills required by the post of University Lecturer can be verified on the basis of Hägg's teaching portfolio.

Samuli Hägg meets the requirements laid down in the UEF University Regulations for the employment of a university lecturer and the requirements set for the position of University Lecturer, Literature.

The current proposal of the Head of the School of Humanities is that PhD Samuli Hägg be appointed to the post of University Lecturer, Literature, starting from 1 August 2025.

Motion

The Dean will hear the Faculty Council on the proposed appointment of PhD Samuli Hägg to the post of University Lecturer from 1 August 2025 onwards. At the same time, the Faculty Council will discuss the scope and specifications of the said post, which have been described in the School's proposal.

Decision

As proposed.

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| 13 | Application documents, PhD Samuli Hägg: University Lecturer, Literature |
| 14 | Proposal of the School of Humanities: University Lecturer, Literature |

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Record entry 174/01.01.02/2025

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 7

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

Literature

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 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), Literature, is to be filled for a term of four (4) years from 1 September 2025 onwards.

The intention is to appoint PhD Anna-Leena Toivanen to the post through direct recruitment after evaluation.

The members of the Appointments Committee of the post are: Dean Janne Pietarinen (Chair), Professor Esa Penttilä, Professor Ilkka Huhta, Professor Kati Launis, 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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Description of the post: Associate Professor (Tenure Track),
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Record entry 282/01.01.02/2025

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 8

The scope and specifications of the post: Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Communication Sciences / Professor, Communication Sciences

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 Professor is intended to be filled with an open-ended contract as from 1 August 2025. The post of Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Communication Sciences, is to be filled for a fixed-term of four (4) years from 1 August 2025 onwards.

Practical familiarity with the field of the post is not required.

The members of the Appointments Committee of the post are: Dean Janne Pietarinen (Chair), Professor Esa Penttilä, Professor Ilkka Huhta, Professor Maarit Koponen, Professor Tuija Saresma, 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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Description of the post: Professor/Associate
Professor (Tenure Track), Communication
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Record entry 283/01.01.03/2025

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 9

The scope and specifications of the post: University Lecturer, 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 specifications of the following post at the School of Applied Educational Science and Teacher Education are enclosed with this agenda item as an Annex:

University Lecturer, Early Childhood Education

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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Record entry No 18/00.03.02/2025

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 10

Performance report of completed degrees for information, year 2024

Performance report of degrees completed between 1 January and 31 December 2024 for information.

Motion Marked for information.

Decision As proposed.

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18 Degrees in 2022-2024, Philosophical Faculty

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Record entry 238/00.02.00/2025

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 11

The number of members in the Faculty Council of the Philosophical Faculty and the number of persons representing different groups as from 1 January 2026

The term of office of the current Faculty Councils will end on 31 December 2025. Elections of, e.g., the new members of the Faculty Councils will be held in autumn 2025.

By letter dated 3 February 2025, the Director of Administration of the University requested the Faculty Councils to propose the number of members in the Faculty Councils starting on 1 January 2026 and the number of persons representing different groups. The letter of the Director of Administration is enclosed with the agenda item as an Annex. The UEF Board will make a decision on the matter at its meeting of 28 March 2025.

In accordance with section 9(1) of the UEF University Regulations, the Faculty Council is the multi-member administrative body referred to in the Universities Act which, by decision of the Board, may consist of a maximum of 16 members and an equal number of personal deputy members. The current composition of the Faculty Council of the Philosophical Faculty is 16 members (the Dean, 5 professors, 5 representatives of other staff and 5 students) and 15 personal deputies.

Motion

The Faculty Council will discuss and decide on its proposal to the UEF Board concerning the number of Faculty Council members and the number of persons representing different groups as from 1 January

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Decision

The Faculty Council proposes that the number of members in the Faculty Council and the number of persons representing different groups will not be changed (5+5+5).

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| 19 | Request to submit proposals on the number of Faculty Council members and the number of persons representing different groups from 1 January 2026 onwards |
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Record entry 6446/01.01.04/2024

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 12

Hearing of the Faculty Council of the Philosophical Faculty on the election of the Dean

In accordance with section 14(3) of the Universities Act, the board is charged with hiring the managerial staff working directly under the rector, unless the board has devolved the task to another body of the university.

According to section 10 of the UEF University Regulations, *“The Board shall, at the proposal of the Rector and after the Rector has heard the opinion of the Faculty Council, appoint the Dean for the term of office of the Faculty Council.*

The Dean is required to hold or to have held a permanent or a fixed-term (min. five years) post of professor or research professor, which is related to the faculty's fields of education and research.

The duties of the Dean are described in section 10 of the UEF University Regulations.

By the deadline of 30 January 2025, one (1) application was received for the post of Dean of the Philosophical Faculty for the period of 1 January 2026-31 December 2029. The applicant was ThD Ilkka Huhta.

The application documents have been delivered to the members of the Faculty Council separately.

Rector Tapio Määttä will participate in the Faculty Council meeting during the addressing of this agenda item. The purpose is to discuss the Faculty Council's views on the Dean's duties and the management of the faculty,



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as well as the Faculty Council's views on the applicants to the post of Dean.

Motion The Rector will hear the Faculty Council on the election of the Dean.

Decision The Rector heard the Faculty Council on the election of the Dean.



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Closing of the meeting

The chair closed the meeting at 12:56.

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§ 14

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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