



## Minutes

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Meeting No 3/2025  
Meeting date 25 March 2025

**Date and time** 25 March 2025, 10:15 - 11:06

**Place** Teams

<b>Participants</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Present for items</b>
Members		
Pietarinen Janne	Dean, Chair	1-9
Manninen Jyri	Professor, member	1-6
Honkalampi Kirsi	Professor, deputy member	
Kurki Tuulikki	Professor, member	
Riionheimo Helka	Professor, deputy member	
Juvonen Antti	Professor, member	
Kantelinen Ritva	Professor, deputy member	
Kallinen Timo	Professor, member	1-9
Ubani Martin	Professor, deputy member	1-9
Laasonen Marja	Professor, member	1-9
Virtanen Marianna	Professor, deputy member	
Venäläinen Juhana	Other staff, member	
Suokas Juho	Other staff, deputy member	1-9
Kasanen Kati	Other staff, member	1-9
Tamminen Merja	Other staff, deputy member	1-2,5-9
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	1-2,5-9
Räty-Záborszky Sinikka	Other staff, deputy member	
Uutela Tuuli	Student, member	1-2,5-9
Baljashkin Janina	Student, deputy member	
Rissanen Tanja	Student, member	5-9
Vidanagamage Yoshitha	Student, deputy member	1-2,5-9
Saramäki Noora	Student, member	
Palkovuori Teemu	Student, deputy member	1-2,5-9
Nuutinen Niina-Hannele	Student, member	1-2,5-9
To be named later	Student, deputy member	
Backlund Lidia	Student, member	1-2,5-9
To be named later	Student, deputy member	
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Other preparers		
Anttonen Salli	Academic Affairs Specialist	1-6
Parviainen Maiju	Academic Affairs Specialist	1-6



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### **Opening of the meeting**

The chair opened the meeting at 10:17.

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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 18 March 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 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 Annukka Paloniemi'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 Annukka Paloniemi's doctoral dissertation and study "Yleisen ja erityisen rajalla: osa-aikaisen erityisopetuksen käytäntöjen muotoutuminen alakoulussa" was examined publicly on 14 February 2025. The opponent Professor Kristina Ström (Åbo Akademi) 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.



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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 dissertation: [Yleisen ja erityisen rajalla: osa-aikaisen erityisopetuksen käytäntöjen muotoutuminen alakoulussa](#)

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

**Decision** As proposed.

### Annexes

- 1 Statements on the dissertation (opponent Professor Kristina Ström, custos Professor Emerita Eija Kärnä, doctoral candidate MEd Annukka Paloniemi)



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Prepared by Salli Anttonen

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### **Grading MA Siiri Ahtola's doctoral dissertation in the field of Educational Science**

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.

MA Siiri Ahtola's doctoral dissertation "Tune into Creativity. Harnessing Technology for Productive Music Education" was examined publicly on 21 February 2025. The opponent Professor Heidi Partti (Sibelius Academy, Uniarts 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 a multi-member administrative body who have a degree or completed





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study attainments of an equivalent level or who have been appointed professors.

A link to the dissertation: [Tune into creativity: harnessing technology for productive music education](#)

**Motion** Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades MA Siiri Ahtola's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

**Decision** As proposed.

### Annexes

- 2 Statements on the dissertation (opponent Professor Heidi Partti, custos Professor Antti Juvonen, opponent MA Siiri Ahtola)



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Prepared by Maiju Parviainen

§ 5

**Admission criteria for the doctoral programme of the Philosophical Faculty for the academic year 2025–2026**

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

The steering committee of the doctoral programme of the Philosophical Faculty (FILOTO) has submitted its proposal for the admission criteria for the academic year 2025–2026.

**Motion** The Faculty Council approves the admission criteria for the FILOTO doctoral programme for 2025–2026 as set out in the Annexes and delegates any specifications and corrections to the Vice Dean.

**Decision** As proposed.

Annexes

- 3 Admission criteria for the doctoral programme of the Philosophical Faculty (FILOTO) for the academic year 2025-2026



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Record entry No 18/00.03.02/2025

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 6

**Hearing of the Faculty Council on the university's title of docent instructions**

The University of Eastern Finland is preparing to harmonise the faculties' instructions for applying for the title of docent into university-level guidelines. At the same time, the instructions will be updated as necessary. The guidelines contain instructions related to the significance of the title of docent, specification of the field of the docentship, the application process and the requirements for the title of docent. The matter has been prepared by the human resources services.

The draft guidelines "General guidelines on the title of docent at the University of Eastern Finland" are enclosed with the agenda item as an Annex.

**Motion** The Faculty Council will address the draft of the university-level instructions on the title of docent.

**Decision** As proposed.

Annexes

- 4 Common guidelines on the title of docent and the application process at the University of Eastern Finland



Record entry 5123/01.01.02/2024

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 7

**The Dean's proposal on the person to be appointed to the post of Professor, Educational Science, especially research addressing general education and teacher education: 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 Professor, Educational Science, especially research addressing general education and teacher education, was open for applications in a call that closed on 28 October 2024. Applications were received from the following persons (9): PhD Asikainen Mervi, DEd Eronen Lasse, PhD Harmoinen Sari, DEd Huttunen Rauno, DEd Koskela Teija, DEd Maaranen Katriina, PhD Moate Josephine, DEd Tuominen Heta and DEd Vilhunen Elisa.

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 Administrative Procedure Act on disqualification shall be applied to the

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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 Heidi Hyytinen and Professor Martin Ubani), applicants (2) 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: DEd Maaranen Katriina and DEd Tuominen Heta.

Expert statements on the qualification and merits of the applicants were requested from the following persons, based on the Dean's decision of 3 December 2024: Professor (Emeritus) Erno Lehtinen, University of Turku, and Professor A. Lin Goodwin, Boston College.

The Appointments Committee of the post of Professor, Educational Science, especially research addressing general education and teacher education, proposed that Heta Tuominen be appointed to the post. The selection memorandum that includes a comparison of applicants is enclosed with this agenda item.

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

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Heta Tuominen meets the qualification requirements of a professor referred to in section 31 of the UEF University Regulations. She is scientifically qualified for the post of Professor, Educational Science, especially research addressing general education and teacher education. By the decision of the Chair of the Appointments Committee, Tuominen has been exempted from the requirement to give a trial lecture. The teaching skills of Tuominen 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 DEd Heta Tuominen be appointed to the post of Professor, Educational Science, especially research addressing general education and teacher education, for a fixed term of five years and that the post will begin as agreed or no later than on 1 August 2025. Katriina Maaranen is proposed to be the second-choice candidate. Maaranen has been exempted from the requirement to give a trial lecture. The teaching skills of Maaranen 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 DEd Heta Tuominen to the post of Professor, Educational Science, especially research addressing general education and teacher education. Katriina Maaranen is proposed to be the second-choice candidate.

**Decision** As proposed.



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- 5 Expert statement, Professor Emeritus Erno Lehtinen: Professor, Educational Science, especially research addressing general education and teacher education
- 6 Expert statement, Professor A. Lin Goodwin: Professor, Educational Science, especially research addressing general education and teacher education
- 7 Application documents, DEd Heta Tuominen: Professor, Educational Science, especially research addressing general education and teacher education
- 8 Application documents, DEd Katriina Maaranen: Professor, Educational Science, especially research addressing general education and teacher education
- 9 Selection memorandum and comparison of the applicants: Professor, Educational Science, especially research addressing general education and teacher education



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Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 8

**The scope and specifications of the post: University Lecturer, Finnish Language**

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 following specifications of the post hosted by the School of Humanities are enclosed with this agenda item as an annex:  
University Lecturer, Finnish Language

**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.

Annexes

10 Description of the post: University Lecturer, Finnish Language





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### **Closing of the meeting**

The chair closed the meeting at 11:06.



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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.

Annexes

11 Translation of the agenda, 25 March 2025