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Place Teams

Participants	Role	Additional information
Members		
Lehtinen Kari	Dean, Chair	
Hauta-Kasari Markku	1st Vice Dean, Vice Chair	
Kukkonen Jussi	2nd Vice Dean	
Hujala Teppo	Professor, member	
Tuittila Eeva-Stiina	Professor, deputy member	
Lehto Vesa-Pekka	Professor, member	
Kuittinen Markku	Professor, deputy member	
Jänis Janne	Professor, member	
Pumpanen Jukka	Professor, deputy member	
Berninger Frank	Professor, member	
Tedre Matti	Professor, deputy member	
Miettinen Pauli	Professor, member	
Toivanen Pekka	Professor, deputy member	
Tanska Petri	Other staff, member	
Haapala Antti	Other staff, deputy member	
Mononen Maini	Other staff, member	
Turunen Mikael	Other staff, deputy member	
Virranta Tarja	Other staff, member	

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Kopra Juho	Other staff, deputy member
Pohjoismäki Jaakko	Other staff, member
Asikainen Mervi	Other staff, deputy member
Vainikainen Hanne	Other staff, member
Kumlin Timo	Other staff, deputy member
Merruntaus Kati	Student, member
Ahtonen Tiina	Student, deputy member
Palkovuori Teemu	Student, member
Törö Teemu	Student, deputy member
Partanen Silja	Student, member
Miettinen Mikko	Student, deputy member
Jankova Simona	Student, member
Rautiainen Kaisa	Student, deputy member
Helvelahti Tomi	Student, member
Sheng Li	Student, deputy member
Hirvonen Arja	Executive Head of Administration, secretary, preparer

Other preparers

Merimaa-Piirainen Maarit Head of Academic Affairs

Riikka Levänen

Niina Laatikainen

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1**Opening of the meeting**

The chair will open the meeting.

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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 7 May 2025.

According to the UEF University Regulations, multi-member administrative bodies 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.

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Prepared by Arja Hirvonen

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Hearing of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology on the election of Vice Deans

In accordance with section 10 of the UEF University Regulations, the Rector shall, at the proposal of the Dean and after having heard the opinion of the Faculty Council, appoint one or two Vice Deans for the term of office of the Faculty Council. If a faculty has two Vice Deans, the 1st Vice Dean will be the primary stand-in for the Dean. The Vice Dean is required to hold an applicable doctoral degree, 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. The Dean may devolve a matter in their remit to be resolved by the Vice Dean, the Administrative Principal of the Teacher Training School, or by another person at the faculty.

By the deadline of 28 April 2025, a total of five (5) applications were received for the post of Vice Dean of the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology for the term of office from 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2029. Applicants in alphabetical order were: Vice Dean, Professor, PhD Markku Hauta-Kasari (Education); Director of Research Infrastructure, PhD Arto Koistinen (Research); Vice Dean, Professor, PhD Jussi Kukkonen

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(Research); Professor, PhD Anna Lähde (Research) and Professor, DSc (Agr.
& For.) Heli Peltola (Research).

Documents of the applicants will be available to the Faculty Council
starting on 07 May 2025.

The Faculty Council will have the opportunity to meet the Vice Dean
candidates at a Teams meeting on 8 May 2025.

Motion

The Dean will hear the Faculty Council on the election of the Vice Deans.

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The proposal of the Head of the School of Computing on the person to be appointed as a University Lecturer, information and communication technology. Hearing of the Faculty Council

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 description of the post of University Lecturer, information and communication technology, was approved at the meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology on 19 March 2025.

The post will be hosted by the School of Computing at the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology on the Joensuu campus.

An open call for applications was organised for the post. A total of 7 applicants applied to the post by the deadline of 21 April 2025: Rhythm Batia, Gebejes Ana, Hyvönen Tuomas, Keronen Petri, Koskinen Jussi, Suovuo Tomi and Tyni Janne.

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Professor Markku Tukiainen, Head of the School of Computing, proposes in the summary of his selection memorandum that PhD Tomi Suovuo be appointed to the vacant post as from 1 August 2025 or as agreed until further notice. The Deputy Head of the School, University Lecturer Erkki Pesonen and Lecturer Simo Juvaste propose that PhD Tomi Suovuo be exempted from the requirement to give a trial lecture, taking into account his extensive teaching experience.

The selection memorandum and Suovuo's CV, teaching portfolio and list of publications are enclosed with the agenda item as annexes.

Persons to be appointed as University Lecturers must hold a suitable doctoral degree and have good teaching skills (University Regulations, section 31). The person to be appointed to the position is expected to be fluent in Finnish and be able to also teach in English where required.

The Dean of the faculty has exempted PhD Tomi Suovuo from the requirement to give a trial lecture on the grounds that he has sufficient practical experience in university-level teaching and, therefore, the good teaching skills required by the post of a university lecturer have been demonstrated.

PhD Tomi Suovuo meets the qualification requirements of a university lecturer, as referred to in the UEF University Regulations, and the prerequisites laid down in the specifications of the post.

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The Dean of the Faculty will hear the Faculty Council on a proposal of the Head of the School regarding the filling of the post of University Lecturer, information and communication technology.

Motion

The Faculty Council will address the proposal on the person to be appointed to the post.

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| Annex 2 | Tomi Suovuo's CV, teaching portfolio, and list of publications |

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A post of Professor/Associate Professor of Computational Mechanobiology (Tenure Track), description of the post: Hearing of the Faculty Council

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 Professor/Associate Professor of Computational Mechanobiology will be filled with the PROFI8 funding granted to the University of Eastern Finland by the Research Council of Finland. The post is hosted by the Department of Technical Physics at the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology.

According to the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, a person to be appointed to a professorship shall be scientifically or artistically qualified, have good teaching skills and, if important for attending to the duties, have practical familiarity with the field of the post.

According to the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, a person to be appointed as an associate professor in the tenure

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track shall hold a suitable doctoral degree and have good teaching skills. Furthermore, the person shall have the prerequisites to fulfil the qualification requirements of a professor by the end of the tenure track term.

The post of Professor will be filled via an open call for applications as of 1 October 2025 until further notice, and the post of Associate Professor for a four-year term as of 1 October 2025. The post of Associate Professor is filled for a fixed term due to it being a Tenure Track position. The Associate Professor will proceed to a permanent professorship in the field through an evaluation process, so that they can start in the professorship no later than 1 October 2029.

The criteria, goals and results to be achieved during the term in order to proceed to the next level of the Tenure Track (Professor) will be agreed upon in detail with the person appointed to the Associate Professor position when the contract of employment is signed.

The description of the post of Professor/Associate Professor of Computational Mechanobiology (Tenure Track) (Annex) includes the scope and specifications of the post as required by the UEF University Regulations.

Motion The Faculty Council will discuss the description of the post.

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Prepared by Niina Laatikainen

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Grading MSc Vincent Biard's doctoral dissertation in the field of Biology

According to section 9 of the UEF University Regulations, the Faculty Council grades doctoral dissertations. According to Section 32 of the Education Regulations, dissertations are graded on the scale pass with distinction, pass, and fail.

MSc Vincent Biard's doctoral dissertation and study [Moulting behaviour of the Saimaa ringed seal: exploration of socio-spatio-temporal fidelity patterns](#) was examined publicly on 11 April 2025. The opponent, Professor Toni Laaksonen (Department of Biology, 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 doctoral statement, which is enclosed with this agenda item as an Annex.

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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.

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Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades MSc Vincent Biard's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

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Grading MSc Essi Rytkönen's doctoral dissertation in the field of Chemistry

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MSc Essi Rytkönen's doctoral dissertation and study [Unspecific Peroxygenases as Catalysts for Sustainable Oxyfunctionalization of Hydrocarbons and Phenolics](#) was examined publicly on 28 April 2025. The opponent, professor Henrik Grénman (Laboratory of Industrial Chemistry and Reaction Engineering, Åbo Akademi) 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 doctoral statement, which is enclosed with this agenda item as an Annex.

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Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades MSc Essi Rytönen's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

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Statement by opponent Henrik Grénman

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Prepared by Niina Laatikainen

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Grading MSc (Agr. & For.) Janne Toivonen's doctoral dissertation in the field of Forestry

According to section 9 of the UEF University Regulations, the Faculty Council grades doctoral dissertations. According to Section 32 of the Education Regulations, dissertations are graded on the scale pass with distinction, pass, and fail.

MSc (Agr. & For.) Janne Toivonen's doctoral dissertation and study [Assessing the structural biodiversity of forests with airborne laser scanning and optical data](#) was examined publicly on 25 April 2025. The opponent, Senior Lecturer Eva Lindberg (Department of Forest Resource Management (SRH), Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Agriculture and Forestry 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 doctoral statement, which is enclosed with this agenda item as an Annex.

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Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades MSc (Agr. & For.) Janne Toivonen's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

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Statement by opponent Eva Lindberg

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Prepared by Maarit Merimaa-Piirainen

9

Admission criteria for the doctoral programme of the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology 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 in Science, Forestry and Technology (LUMETO) has submitted its proposal for the admission criteria for the academic years 2025–2026.

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

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10**For information**

- Statistics on the faculty's Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees on 6 May 2025 (Annex).
- General student admission of the University of Eastern Finland guidelines 2026
- A joint statement by experts, Professor Vladyslav Vyazovski (University of Oxford, Department of Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics, UK) and Professor Michael Chee-Kuan Khoo (Viterbi School of Engineering, University of Southern California, USA) on the qualifications of Associate Professor Timo Leppänen for the post of Professor of Biomedical Engineering, in particular sleep analytics.
- Topical faculty matters.

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Marked for information.

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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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MSc Olusegun Olaitan Akinyemi's doctoral dissertation and study [Phenotyping intraspecific trait variation of forest trees by chlorophyll fluorescence and spectral reflectance](#) was examined publicly on 9 May 2025. The opponent, Professor Albert Porcar-Castell (Department of Forest Sciences, University of Helsinki) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Philosophy and proposes the grade Pass.

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Motion Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades MSc Olusegun Olaitan Akinyemi's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

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Annex 1 Statement by opponent Albert Porcar-Castell