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Faculty Council of the Philosophical Faculty

Meeting No 8/2025

Meeting date 25 September 2025

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Date and time 25 September 2025, 10:15 - 10:50

Place Teams

Participants	Role	Present for items
Members		
Pietarinen Janne	Dean, Chair	1-7
Manninen Jyri	Professor, member	
Honkalampi Kirsi	Professor, deputy member	
Kurki Teo	Professor, member	1-7
Riionheimo Helka	Professor, deputy member	
Juvonen Antti	Professor, member	
Kantelinen Ritva	Professor, deputy member	1-7
Kallinen Timo	Professor, member	1-7
Ubani Martin	Professor, deputy member	1-7
Laasonen Marja	Professor, member	1-7
Virtanen Marianna	Professor, deputy member	
Venäläinen Juhana	Other staff, member	1-7
Suokas Juho	Other staff, deputy member	
Kasanen Kati	Other staff, member	1-7
Tamminen Merja	Other staff, deputy member	
Sormunen Kari	Other staff, member	1-7
Kröger Tarja	Other staff, deputy member	

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Mikkola Sini	Other staff, member	1–7
Hurskainen Heta	Other staff, deputy member	
Korkki Jyrki	Other staff, member	
Räty-Záborszky Sinikka	Other staff, deputy member	
Uutela Tuuli	Student, member	
Baljashkin Janina	Student, deputy member	
Rissanen Tanja	Student, member	
Vidanagamage Yoshitha	Student, deputy member	3–7
Saramäki Noora	Student, member	
Palkovuori Teemu	Student, deputy member	1–7
Nuutinen Niina-Hannele	Student, member	
To be named later	Student, deputy member	
Backlund Lidia	Student, member	
To be named later	Student, deputy member	
Nevalainen Henni	Executive Head of Administration, secretary, preparer	1–7
Other preparers		
Myllys Riikka	Academic Affairs Specialist	1–4

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§ 1

Opening of the meeting

The chair opened the meeting at 10:15.

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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 September 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.

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Record entry 2046/03.01.00/2024

Prepared by Riikka Myllys

§ 3

Deciding on the criteria for student admissions to the Philosophical Faculty for 2026

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. This agenda item concerns the approval of the enclosed student admission criteria for Bachelor's and Master's level study programmes taught in Finnish, the separate admissions of the open university route, transfer applications and for the separate admissions to qualification studies for 2026.

The admission criteria have been prepared by the departments and academic subjects. The admission criteria proposals include the number of study places in the degree programmes. The pedagogical leaders of the schools present to the Faculty Council that it approves the admission criteria as set out in the annexes.

By its decision of 16 April 2025 (10/2025), the Vice Rector for Education of the University of Eastern Finland confirmed the general student admission guidelines of the University of Eastern Finland for 2026. The Faculty Council confirms the shared sections of the student admission criteria for the education offered in Finnish as set out in the Annex, to the extent they are not specified in the admission criteria of individual study programmes. In the student admission criteria, the shared sections are linked to the

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relevant sub-page on the <https://www.uef.fi/en/study> website of the University of Eastern Finland.

The joint principles and schedules of the University of Eastern Finland will be applied to the submission of appendices. The exception is the application to the multi-modal early childhood education teacher education and study programmes included in nation-wide cooperation in the field of education, in the case of which the schedule agreed upon within the admissions cooperation network will be applied to the submission of annexes. The schedule will be confirmed as part of the relevant admission criteria.

The shared sections of the admission criteria include field-specific health requirements to support the SORA assessment. Health requirements were prepared in 2021 by a working group appointed by the OHA Forum and have been included in the university admission criteria recommendation from 2021 onwards. These health requirements will be confirmed as part of the student admission criteria for the fields of the Philosophical Faculty to which SORA legislation is applied. Applicants will be informed of them in the Studyinfo service. SORA legislation is applied to the following studies offered by the faculty: 1) the degree of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Logopedics, 2) the degree of Bachelor of Arts (Psychology) and Master of Arts (Psychology), 3) teacher education provided for in the Government Decree on University Degrees and Specialisation Education and 4) psychotherapist training provided for in the Government Decree on Health Care Professionals. The recommendation will be linked to the admission criteria for the relevant degree programmes.

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The scoring and threshold criteria for certificate-based admissions from 2026 onwards were confirmed at the Faculty Council meeting of 31 August 2023 as being valid until further notice. Field-specific equal points criteria in logopedics and psychology were approved at the Faculty Council meeting of 28 September 2023. After autumn 2023, a new subject Science, Technology and Society (STS) has been added to the EB degree subjects and errors in the maximum scoring specified in the scoring scales have been corrected. The Faculty Council will confirm the corrected scoring scales that will be valid from 2026 onwards until further notice in accordance with separate annexes.

Motion The Faculty Council approves the shared sections of the student admission criteria for the education offered in Finnish for 2026 as proposed, confirms the corrected scoring scales for certificate-based admissions from 2026 onwards until further notice as set out in the separate annexes and approves the admission criteria for study programmes as set out in the annexes.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

- 1 Student admission criteria 2026 - shared sections
Philosophical Faculty
- 2 Scoring scales from 2026 onwards
- 3 Exceptions to equal points criteria

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- 4 Main changes to admission criteria for 2026
- 5 Admission criteria for study programmes of the School of Humanities 2026
- 6 Admission criteria for study programmes of the School of Educational Sciences and Psychology for 2026
- 7 Admission criteria for study programmes of the School of Applied Educational Science and Teacher Education 2026
- 8 Admission criteria for study programmes of the School of Theology 2026
- 9 Admission criteria for teacher education for 2026
- 10 Communication sciences: description of the education
- 11 Communication sciences: structure and learning outcomes

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Record entry 471/01.08.00/2025

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 4

Granting the title of docent to PhD (Psychology) Mika Paananen

PhD (Psychology) Mika Paananen has applied for the title of docent in Special Education, especially Preventive and Rehabilitative Support Methods for Self-Regulation and Behavior at the University of Eastern Finland. The application for the title of docent was initiated on 13 March 2025 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) Mika Paananen to be purposeful for the teaching and research of the School based on the following grounds: "Mika Paananen's research focuses on preventive and rehabilitative support methods for self-regulation and behaviour. Practical development and research into this topic are being carried out, in particular, in the ProKoulu and ProVaka projects of the academic subject of special education at the University of Eastern Finland. In addition to cooperating in these projects, Paananen also engages in research cooperation with the academic subject of special education in check in-

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check out intervention. Mika Paananen's expertise would increase and expand, in particular, the wide-ranging multidisciplinary teaching and research activities of the academic subject of Special Education, thus adding to the expertise of the School and the faculty also more widely.”

The Dean of the Philosophical Faculty decided (on 15 May 2025) to invite Professor Minna Kyttälä (University of Turku) and Docent, Emeritus Matti Kuorelahti (University of Jyväskylä) as experts to provide statements on the scientific qualifications of PhD (Psychology) Mika Paananen for the title of Docent in Special Education, especially Preventive and Rehabilitative Support Methods for Self-Regulation and Behavior. Both experts are in favour of awarding the title of docent to Paananen

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 9 September 2025, the Dean has exempted Paananen from the requirement to give a trial lecture and has determined his 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.

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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.

Motion

The Faculty Council states that PhD (Psychology) Mika Paananen meets the criteria set out in the Universities Act for the title of docent and grants him the title of docent at the University of Eastern Finland in the field of Special Education, especially Preventive and Rehabilitative Support Methods for Self-Regulation and Behavior.

Decision

As proposed.

Annexes

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| 12 | Expert statement, Professor Minna Kyttälä: awarding the title of docent |
| 13 | Expert statement, Docent, Emeritus Matti Kuorelahti: awarding the title of docent |
| 14 | Application documents, PhD (Psychology) Mika Paananen: awarding the title of docent |

Record entry 1119/01.01.03/2025

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 5

Proposal on the appointment of DEd Heidi Vartiainen Huilla to the post of University Lecturer, Education and Adult Education: 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, Education and Adult Education is hosted by the School of Educational Sciences and Psychology. Filling the post through direct recruitment is the most appropriate option from the point of view of the School. The School of Educational Sciences and Psychology has proposed that DEd Heidi Vartiainen Huilla be appointed as University Lecturer, Education and Adult Education, starting from 1 October 2025. The School's proposal and its grounds are enclosed with this agenda item as an annex.

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Persons to be appointed as University Lecturers must hold a suitable doctoral degree and have good teaching skills (University Regulations, section 31). Heidi Vartiainen Huilla has acted as a Postdoctoral Researcher in fixed-term employment relationships since 1 October 2023. The current fixed-term post is due to end on 31 July 2027. The good teaching skills required by the post of University Lecturer can be verified based on Vartiainen Huilla's teaching portfolio.

Heidi Vartiainen Huilla 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, Education and Adult Education.

The School of Educational Sciences and Psychology has proposed that DEd Heidi Vartiainen Huilla be appointed as University Lecturer, Education and Adult Education, starting from 1 October 2025.

Motion

The Dean will hear the Faculty Council on the proposed appointment of DEd Heidi Vartiainen Huilla to the post of University Lecturer as from 1 October 2025. 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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- 16 Application documents, DEd Heidi Vartiainen Huilla: University Lecturer, Education and Adult Education

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Record entry No 18/00.03.02/2025

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 6

Performance report of degrees between 1 January - 31 August 2025

Performance report of degrees completed between 1 January and 31 August 2025 for information.

Motion Marked for information.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

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| 17 | Degrees completed at the Philosophical Faculty, January – August in 2023–2025 |
| 18 | Philosophical Faculty: Degrees in 2022-2024 |

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Closing of the meeting

The chair closed the meeting at 10:50.

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§ 8

Translation of the agenda/minutes

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

Annexes

19	Translation of the agenda, 25 September 2025
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