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Date and time 22 October 2025, 13:00 – 15:00

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	
Tanska Petri	Other staff, member	
Haapala Antti	Other staff, deputy member	
Mononen Maini	Other staff, member	
Turunen Mikael	Other staff, deputy member	
Kopra Juho	Other staff, member	
Pohjoismäki Jaakko	Other staff, member	

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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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Opening of the meeting

The chair will open the meeting.

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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 15 October 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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Supplementing the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology: Professor quota

Professor Pekka Toivanen, a deputy member of the Professor quota of the Faculty Council, has been appointed as a member of the UEF Board for the remainder of the Board's term of office, so he cannot continue as a deputy member of the Faculty Council (section 9 of the UEF University Regulations). A new deputy member cannot be appointed in his place (as the deputy of Professor Pauli Miettinen) on the basis of the results of the elections, as the number of candidates in the said quota was the same as the number of selected candidates (10).

According to section 13(2) and (4) of the Elections Regulations, (1 July 2021):

If a member of the University Collegiate Body or the Faculty Council loses their eligibility or resigns from the administrative body at their own request, the person's personal deputy member shall take the person's place for the remaining period. If a deputy member loses their eligibility, resigns at their own request, or becomes a member of the administrative body, the University Collegiate Body shall appoint a new deputy member to the University Collegiate Body, and the Faculty Council shall appoint a new deputy member to the Faculty Council for the remaining term on the

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basis of the results of the election or, if this is not possible, after having heard the opinion of the group concerned.

When selecting a deputy member to the University Collegiate Body or a member to the Board in the middle of the term, the procedure by which the staff group concerned is heard shall be decided by the chair of the University Collegiate Body; and when selecting a deputy member to the Faculty Council, by the Dean.

The Dean of the Faculty has decided that the Faculty Council's quotas will be supplemented in accordance with the instructions of the Election Commission as follows: The Executive Head of Administration shall convene the relevant staff groups by e-mail. The invitation shall state that the matter concerns supplementing an administrative body and that the person to be proposed will be selected at the event. The proposed persons will be presented at the meeting. If the number of candidates is higher than the number of available places, those who have arrived at the event will vote on the person to be proposed. In this case, the hearing process will be carried out when the candidate is selected. The process is the same for both professors and other staff (Annex to the Dean's decision).

The meeting concerning the professor quota was organised on 26 September 2025, and Professor Jani Virta from the Department of Physics and Mathematics of the Faculty was proposed to be appointed as a personal deputy of Professor Pauli Miettinen, and his appointment to the

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said post was supported, for the remainder of the term of office that ends on 31 December 2025. No other proposals were made at the meeting (annex to the memorandum enclosed).

Motion

The Faculty Council appoints Jani Virtanen as the deputy member of Pauli Miettinen for the remainder of the term of office.

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| Annex 1 | The Dean's decision: Appointment procedure of the Deputy Members of the Faculty Council |
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Supplementing the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology: Other teaching and research staff and other staff quota

Senior Laboratory Technician Tarja Virrantalo, member of the Other teaching and research staff and other staff quota of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology, is no longer employed by the university and is therefore no longer eligible for election. Her personal deputy, University Lecturer Juho Kopra, will replace her as a member of the Faculty Council. A new deputy member cannot be appointed for Kopra on the basis of the results of the elections, as the number of candidates in the said quota was the same as the number of selected candidates (10).

According to section 13(2) and (4) of the Elections Regulations, (1 July 2021):

If a member of the University Collegiate Body or the Faculty Council loses their eligibility or resigns from the administrative body at their own request, the person's personal deputy member shall take the person's place for the remaining period. If a deputy member loses their eligibility, resigns at their own request, or becomes a member of the administrative body, the University Collegiate Body shall appoint a new deputy member to the University Collegiate Body, and the Faculty Council shall appoint a new deputy member to the Faculty Council for the remaining term on the

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The meeting concerning the quota for other teaching and research staff and other staff was organised on 26 September 2025, and Project Researcher Petri Kokkonen from the Department of Technical Physics of the Faculty was proposed to be appointed as a personal deputy of

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University Lecturer Juho Kopra, and his appointment to the said post was supported, for the remainder of the term of office that ends on 31 December 2025. No other proposals were made at the meeting (Annex).

Motion

The Faculty Council appoints Petri Kokkonen as the deputy member of Juho Kopra for the remainder of the term of office.

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| Annex 3 | The Dean's decision; Appointment procedure of the Deputy Members of the Faculty Council |
| Annex 4 | Lumet Quota Meeting Memorandum _ 2025 |

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The scope and specifications of the post of University Lecturer in chemical technology and virtual environments that will become vacant at the Faculty. Hearing of the Faculty Council

In accordance with the human resources planning of the faculty and the Department of Chemistry and Sustainable Technology, the aim is to open a call for the post of University Lecturer, in the field of chemical technology and virtual environments, at the Department of Chemistry and Sustainable Technology on the Joensuu campus. The post will support the department's research in the functional materials sector.

The description of the post is as follows:

The University Lecturer's role is teaching-oriented and the field of teaching is chemical technology and virtual environments. The duties will include teaching and supervision duties included in the Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes of the department, including the planning, development and implementation of teaching, in particular in the thematic areas of teaching and laboratory training in chemistry and in cooperation with other actors in the field. The duties also include the development of multidisciplinary learning environments and teaching methods, with a

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special focus on digital virtual environments in laboratory teaching of chemistry and technology. The duties include independent research and related acquisition of resources.

The University Lecturer will act as the responsible teacher in the PSP counselling of Bachelor students of chemistry, in the identification of skills (RPL) and in LUMA cooperation. The person to be appointed to the position is expected to have good skills in the Finnish language and be able to teach in English and in also online learning environments.

According to section 11 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 and Tenure Track positions.

Motion The Faculty Council will discuss the scope and specifications of the post of University Lecturer in Chemical Technology and Virtual Environment that will become vacant at the faculty.

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Prepared by Riikka Levänen

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Grading MSc Juho Halonen's doctoral dissertation in the field of Mathematics

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 Juho Halonen's doctoral dissertation and study [Tropical Nevanlinna theory and its applications to ultradiscrete equations](#) was examined publicly on 7 October 2025. The opponent, Professor Katsuya Ishizaki (Faculty of Liberal Arts, The Open University of Japan, Japan), 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.

Motion

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

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Annex 5 Statement by the opponent Katsuya Ishizaki

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Prepared by Niina Laatikainen

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Grading MSc Olli Väisänen's doctoral dissertation in the field of Applied Physics

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 Olli Väisänen's doctoral dissertation and study [Studies on aerosol composition and hygroscopicity: From emissions to cloud droplet formation](#) was examined publicly on 26 September 2025. The opponent, Group Leader Eija Asmi (Aerosols and Climate research group, Finnish Meteorological Institute) 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 Olli Väisänen's dissertation as Pass.

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Statement of the opponent, Eija Asmi

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Prepared by Riikka Levänen

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Grading MEng Hongxin Yan's doctoral dissertation in the field of Computer Science

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.

MEng Hongxin Yan's doctoral dissertation and study [Human-AI integrated adaptive practicing to foster self-regulated learning in online STEM education](#) was examined publicly on 14 October 2025. The opponent, Professor Peter Reimann (Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, the University of Sydney, Australia), 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 MEng Hongxin Yan's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

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Opponents statement Peter Reimann

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For information

Statistics on the faculty's Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees on 14
October 2025 (Annex).

Topical faculty matters.

Motion Marked for information.

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10**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.