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Date and time 17 December 2025 at 13:00 -

Place F111 + ME201 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	
Virtanen Jani	Professor	
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	

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Kokkonen Petri	Other staff, deputy member
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Vainikainen Hanne	Other staff, member
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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
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Helvelahti Tomi	Student, member
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Riikka Levänen

Niina Laatikainen

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1**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 10 December 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 as a hybrid meeting.

Motion The meeting is deemed lawful and quorate. The agenda is approved.

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3

Description of the post of Professor, Material Technology, and the Dean's proposal to invite Research Director, PhD Arto Koistinen to the position. Hearing of the Faculty Council

The faculty's human resources plan includes the filling of a professorship in Material Technology. The post will be hosted by the Department of Technical Physics at the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology. It is proposed that Research Director, PhD Arto Koistinen be invited to the post as of 1 March 2026 or as agreed until further notice.

The faculty's evaluation committee in accordance with section 30 of the UEF University Regulations consisted of Dean of the Faculty Kari Lehtinen (Chair), Professor Petro Julkunen (Head of the Department of Technical Physics as from 1 January 2026) and Head of the Department of Chemistry and Sustainable Technology, Professor Mika Suvanto.

Koistinen's CV, teaching portfolio and list of publications are enclosed with this agenda item as annexes.

According to section 33 of the Universities Act (558/2009), the professorship may be filled by invitation without a public notice of vacancy when an academically distinguished person is being invited to take the position or a candidate is

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appointed to the position for a fixed period. Only a person who indisputably fulfils the qualification requirements may be appointed to the post by invitation. 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, practical knowledge of the scope of the post.

According to section 10 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Dean will decide on the scope and specifications of the professor's position after consulting the Faculty Council. The Dean will decide whether the professor is required to have practical knowledge of the scope of the post.

The Dean will make a proposal to the Rector on a person to be appointed as a professor for two years or more after consulting the Faculty Council.

The description of the post of Professor, Material Technology, includes the scope and specifications of the post as required by the UEF University Regulations, and a proposal on the person to be invited to the post. A draft description of the post is enclosed with this agenda item as an appendix.

The professor is not expected to have practical familiarity with the field of the post.

The person proposed to be invited to the post has accepted the description and specifications of the post.

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Motion

The Faculty Council will discuss the description of the post of Professor, Material Technology, and the Dean's proposal on the person to be invited to it.

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| Annex 2 | Description of the post: Material Technology |

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4

The Dean's proposal on the person to be appointed to the post of Assistant Professor, Quantum Photonics and Optoelectronics (Tenure Track): Hearing of the Faculty Council

According to section 10 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 Department of Physics and Mathematics intends to fill the post of Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) of Quantum Photonics and Optoelectronics by recruiting DSc (Tech.) Antti Moilanen to it without a public call.

The description of the post is as follows:

The research field of Assistant Professor is Quantum Photonics and Optoelectronics. The aim is to utilise the existing photonics research infrastructure in the research. The person to be appointed to the post is expected to be skilled in the design of micro- and nanophotonics structures and to have in-depth expertise in the various areas of quantum nano-optoelectronics, such as research in strong light-matter interaction, the

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optoelectronics of 2D materials and the development of nanoscale light sources.

The appointments committee in accordance with section 30 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland consisted of Dean Kari Lehtinen (Chair), Head of the Department of Physics and Mathematics Professor Jyrki Saarinen and Professor Tanja Tarvainen from the Department of Technical Physics.

The selection memorandum prepared by the Appointments Committee is enclosed as an annex. The expert statements of Professor William L. Barnes (Physics and Astronomy, University of Exeter, UK) and Professor Lei Shin (Department of Physics, Fudan University, Shanghai, China) are also enclosed.

DSc (Tech.) Antti Moilanen is exempted from the requirement to give a trial lecture because he has sufficient experience of university-level teaching and supervision that supports his appointment to the post. It can be stated that he has the good teaching skills required by the post. Moilanen's CV, teaching portfolio, and list of publications are enclosed with this agenda item as annexes.

The Dean's proposal to the Rector is that DSc (Tech.) Antti Moilanen be appointed to the post of Assistant Professor, Quantum Photonics and Optoelectronics, as of 1 January 2026 (or as agreed) for a fixed period of 4

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years. The position is filled for a fixed term due to it being a Tenure Track position.

Motion

1. The Faculty Council will address the proposal for the scope and specifications of the post of Associate Professor.
2. The Faculty Council will address the proposal for the person to be appointed to the position.

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Annex 3	Evaluation memorandum (Antti Moilanen)
Annex 4	Expert statements (William L. Barnes and Lei Shi)
Annex 5	Antti Moilanen's CV, teaching portfolio, and list of publications

Record entry 1255/01.01.02/2025

Prepared by Arja Hirvonen

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The Dean's proposal on the person to be appointed to the post of Associate Professor, Forest Health, in particular the risk of insect damage (Tenure Track): Hearing of the Faculty Council

According to section 10 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 School of Forest Sciences intends to fill the post of Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Forest Health, in particular the risk of insect damage by recruiting DSc (Agr. & For.) Olli-Pekka Tikkanen to it without a public call.

The description of the post is as follows:

The research and teaching field of the Associate Professor is Forest Health, in particular the risk of insect damage. The post requires strong expertise in various damage risks affecting forests and in observing them in forest management. The role is research-oriented and includes acquisition of external research funding, leading of research projects, high-quality publishing in the field, teaching and supervision duties (including the supervision of theses), and academic and societal expert duties. The post

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will strengthen international research networks and collaboration in the field of forest health. The post also includes the development of research infrastructure in the field.

The appointments committee in accordance with section 30 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland consisted of Vice Dean Jussi Kukkonen (Chair); Head of the School of Forest Sciences, Research Director Jukka Tikkanen; and Professor Jaakko Pohjoismäki from the Department of Environmental and Biological Sciences.

The selection memorandum prepared by the Appointments Committee is enclosed as an annex. Also enclosed in the joint expert statement of Professor Olle Anderbrandt (Lund University, Department of Biology, Sweden) and Professor Andrea Battisti (University of Padova, Department DAFNAE, Italy).

DSc (Agr. & For.) Olli-Pekka Tikkanen is exempted from the requirement to give a trial lecture because he has sufficient experience of university-level teaching and supervision that supports his appointment to the post. It can be stated that he has the good teaching skills required by the post. Tikkanen's CV, teaching portfolio, and list of publications are enclosed with this agenda item as annexes.

The Dean's proposal to the Rector is that DSc (Agr. & For.) Olli-Pekka Tikkanen be appointed to the post of Associate Professor, Forest Health, in particular the risk of insect damage, as of 1 January 2026 (or as agreed) for

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a fixed period of 4 years. The position is filled for a fixed term due to it being a Tenure Track position.

Motion

1. The Faculty Council will address the proposal for the scope and specifications of the post of Associate Professor.
2. The Faculty Council will address the proposal for the person to be appointed to the position.

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Annex 6	Assessment memorandum (Olli-Pekka Tikkanen)
Annex 7	Expert statement (Battisti and Anderbrant)
Annex 8	Olli-Pekka Tikkanen's CV, teaching portfolio and list of publications

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The proposal of the Head of the Department of Chemistry and Sustainable Technology on the person to be appointed to the post of University Lecturer, Chemical Technology and Virtual Environments. 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, Chemical Technology and Virtual Environments, was approved at the meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology on 22 October 2025.

The post will be hosted by the Department of Chemistry and Sustainable Technology 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 4 applicants applied to the post by the deadline of 21 November 2025: Samuel Girmay, Johanna Hakapää, Vsevolod Peshkov and Mika Torvinen.

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Professor Mika Suvanto, Head of the Department of Chemistry and Sustainable Technology, proposes in the summary of his selection memorandum that PhD Mika Torvinen be appointed to the vacant post as from 1 February 2026 or as agreed until further notice. Head of the Department, Professor Mika Suvanto and Deputy Head of the Department, Professor Juha Rouvinen, who interviewed the candidates, propose that PhD Mika Torvinen be exempted from the requirement to give a trial lecture, as he has extensive experience in university level teaching and supervision and has also completed pedagogical studies.

The selection memorandum and Torvinen'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 Mika Torvinen 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.

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PhD Mika Torvinen 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.

The Dean of the Faculty will hear the Faculty Council on a proposal of the Head of the Department regarding the filling of the post of University Lecturer, Chemical Technology and Virtual Environments.

Motion

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

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Grading MSc Mariia Beliaeva's doctoral dissertation in the field of Chemistry

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 Mariia Beliaeva's doctoral dissertation and study [Hybrid Phosphines Steering Tunable Emissive States in Silver and Gold Complexes](#) was examined publicly on 5 December 2025. The opponent, Professor Kari Rissanen (Department of Chemistry, University of Jyväskylä) 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 Mariia Beliaeva's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

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Statement of the opponent, Kari Rissanen

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Grading MSc Serajeddin Ebrahimian'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 Serajeddin Ebrahimian's doctoral dissertation and study [Influence of obstructive sleep apnea on cardiac repolarization: Modulatory effects of sleep stages, desaturations, and arousals](#) was examined publicly on 28 November 2025. Opponent, Associate Professor Frida Sandberg (Department of Biomedical Engineering, Lund University, Sweden) supports the approval of the dissertation 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 Serajeddin Ebrahimian's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

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Grading MSc Valentina Eremina's doctoral dissertation in the field of 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 Valentina Eremina's doctoral dissertation and study [Probing light-matter interactions in hybrid nanomaterials: carbon nanotubes, perovskites, and 2D heterostructures](#) was examined publicly on 26 November 2025. The opponent, Professor Mika Pettersson (Department of Chemistry, University of Jyväskylä) 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 Valentina Eremina's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

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Statement of the opponent, Mika Pettersson

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Grading MSc Antti Korhonen's doctoral dissertation in the field of Environmental 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.

MSc Antti Korhonen's doctoral dissertation [The role of exposure assessment in epidemiology and health impact assessment](#) was examined publicly on 28 November 2025. The opponent, University Lecturer, Docent Timo Hugg (Research Unit of Population Health, University of Oulu) 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 Antti Korhonen's dissertation as Pass.

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Statement of the opponent, Timo Hugg

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Grading MSc Fangfang Lin's doctoral dissertation in the field of 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 Fangfang Lin's doctoral dissertation and study [Fabrication of dielectric grating mirrors for lasers](#) was examined in public on 21 November 2025. The opponent, Dr Alke Meents (Center for Free Electron Laser Science (CFEL), Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron DESY, Germany) is in favour of the doctoral dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Philosophy and proposes the grade Pass with distinction. The preliminary examiners of the doctoral dissertation, Professor Benfeng Bai (Department of Precision Instrument, Tsinghua University, China) and Dr. Robert Kirchner (Heteromerge GmbH, Germany) agree with the grade proposed by the opponent.

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

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comments on the statements of the opponent and the preliminary examiners, which are enclosed with this agenda item as appendices.

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 statements, the Faculty Council grades MSc Fangfang Lin's dissertation as Pass with distinction.

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Annex 15	Statement of the opponent, Alke Meents
Annex 16	Preliminary examiner Benfeng Bai's opinion on the proposed grade
Annex 17	Preliminary examiner Robert Kirchner's opinion on the proposed grade

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Grading MSc (Agr. & For.) Aapo Tikka'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.) Aapo Tikka's doctoral dissertation and study [Aerosol emissions of forest biomass use and their climate impacts – a life cycle assessment perspective](#) was examined publicly on 5 December 2025. The Opponent, Professor Risto Soukka (School of Energy Systems, LUT University University of Applied Sciences), 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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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 (Agr. & For.) Aapo Tikka's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

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Statement of the opponent, Risto Soukka

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Grading MSc Chahira Zerouk'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 Chahira Zerouk's doctoral dissertation and study [Insights into the genomic and metabolomic adaptation of the fungal pathogens *Phacidium infestans* and *Colletotrichum salicis*](#) was examined publicly on 28 November 2025. The opponent, Professor Fred O. Asiegbu (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.

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 Chahira Zerouk's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision**Annexes**

Annex 19

Statement of the opponent, Fred O. Asiegbu

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For information

Expert statements experts (by Professor Ricardo Colomo-Palacios and Professor Francisco José García-Peñalvo) on Mohamed Saqr Abdelgalil (Mohammed Saqr) for the post of Professor of Educational Technology, in particular Learning Analytics.

Statistics on the faculty's Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees on 9 December 2025 (Annex).

Topical faculty matters.

Motion Marked for information.

Decision

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Annex 20	Expert statements (Mohammed Saqr)
Annex 21	Degree Statistics 08 December 2025



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The chair will close the meeting.

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16**Translation of the agenda/minutes**

The English translation of the agenda/minutes of the meeting is attached
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