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Faculty Council of the Philosophical Faculty

Meeting No 11/2025

Meeting date 18 December 2025

Date and time 18 December 2025, 10:15 - 10:58

Place Teams, Futura hall F210

Participants	Role	Present for items
Members		
Pietarinen Janne	Dean, Chair	1-11
Manninen Jyri	Professor, member	1-11
Honkalampi Kirsi	Professor, deputy member	
Kurki Teo	Professor, member	1-11
Riionheimo Helka	Professor, deputy member	
Juvonen Antti	Professor, member	
Kantelinen Ritva	Professor, deputy member	1-11
Kallinen Timo	Professor, member	1-11
Ubani Martin	Professor, deputy member	1-11
Laasonen Marja	Professor, member	1-11
Virtanen Marianna	Professor, deputy member	
Venäläinen Juhana	Other staff, member	1-11
Suokas Juho	Other staff, deputy member	
Kasanen Kati	Other staff, member	1-11
Tamminen Merja	Other staff, deputy member	1-2,6-11
Sormunen Kari	Other staff, member	1-11
Kröger Tarja	Other staff, deputy member	



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Mikkola Sini	Other staff, member	
Hurskainen Heta	Other staff, deputy member	
Korkki Jyrki	Other staff, member	1-2,6-11
Räty-Záborszky Sinikka	Other staff, deputy member	
Uutela Tuuli	Student, member	1-2,6-11
Baljashkin Janina	Student, deputy member	
Rissanen Tanja	Student, member	
Vidanagamage Yoshitha	Student, deputy member	1-2,6-11
Saramäki Noora	Student, member	
Palkovuori Teemu	Student, deputy member	1-2,6-11
Nuutinen Niina-Hannele	Student, member	1-2,6-11
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	1-11
Other preparers		
Anttonen Salli	Academic Affairs Specialist	1-11



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§ 1

Opening of the meeting

The chair opened the meeting at 10:16.

§ 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 11 December 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 as a hybrid meeting (Teams / room F210 in Futura).

Motion The meeting is deemed lawful and quorate. The agenda and the supplementary agenda are approved.

Decision As proposed. The order of agenda items was changed so that the following supplementary item, listed under item 5, was addressed: Grading MA Cloneria Jatileni's doctoral dissertation in the field of Educational Science.

Record entry 152/03.04.09/2025

Prepared by Salli Anttonen

§ 3

**Grading MEd Heidi Chydenius's doctoral dissertation in the field of Educational Science,
Counselling**

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 Heidi Chydenius's doctoral dissertation and study

“Varhaiskasvatuksen opettajaopiskelijan opetusharjoittelun pedagoginen yhteisöohjaus päiväkodin työyhteisössä” was examined publicly on 21 November 2025. The opponent the Associate Professor Eija Sevón (University of Jyväskylä) 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: <https://erepo.uef.fi/items/f969490f-4889-4a8f-b0c8-5d503c8a85e7>

Motion Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades MEd Heidi Chydenius's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

- 1 Statements on the dissertation: opponent Associate Professor Eija Sevón; custos Docent, Research Director Sanna Vehviläinen; doctoral candidate MEd Heidi Chydenius

Record entry 152/03.04.09/2025

Prepared by Salli Anttonen

§ 4

Grading MA Temitayo Olatoye's doctoral dissertation in the field of English Language and Culture

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 Temitayo Olatoye's doctoral dissertation and study "We all speak more of American English": Investigating the Americanisation of Nigerian English was examined publicly on 5 December 2025. The opponent Professor Marcus Callies (University of Bremen) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in philosophy and proposes the grade Pass with distinction.

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: <https://erepo.uef.fi/items/d5beb07a-5bbe-468c-bf92-b9c4dddffea5>

The online version of the doctoral dissertation does not include all articles contained in it. The doctoral dissertation has been submitted to the Faculty Council in PDF format as an e-mail attachment.

Motion Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades MA Temitayo Olatoye's doctoral dissertation as Pass with distinction.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

- 2 Statements on the dissertation: opponent Professor Marcus Callies, custos Professor Mikko Laitinen, doctoral candidate MA Temitayo Olatoye

Record entry 152/03.04.09/2025

Prepared by Salli Anttonen

§ 5

Grading MA Cloneria Jatileni'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 Cloneria Jatileni's doctoral dissertation and study "Bring Your Own Device Approach in the Namibian Basic Education: A Behavioural Analysis of Students' and Teachers' Intentions in Mathematics Education" was examined publicly on 14 November 2025. The opponent Professor Erkki Sutinen (University of Turku) 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: <https://erepo.uef.fi/items/d54b0270-6de9-414f-9db0-e75b6525a172>

Motion Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades MA Cloneria Jatileni's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

- 3 Statements on the doctoral dissertation: opponent Professor Erkki Sutinen, custos Professor Sari Havu-Nuutinen, doctoral candidate MA Cloneria Jatileni



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Record entry 1160/01.01.02/2025

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 6

The Dean's proposal on the appointment of PhD (Psychology) Suvi Savinen to the post of Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), Clinical Psychology, in particular Forensic Psychology: 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 Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), Clinical Psychology, in particular Forensic Psychology, is hosted by the School of Educational Sciences and Psychology. According to the description of the post: "The fixed-term post of Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), Clinical Psychology, in particular Forensic Psychology, is hosted by the School of Educational Sciences and Psychology at the Philosophical Faculty on the Joensuu campus.

The duties of the Assistant Professor include conducting research in the field of psychology, participating in doctoral education, supervising postgraduate students, applying for external funding for research projects, building a research group and strengthening their career stage of an independent researcher. The Assistant Professor promotes research into clinical psychology and in particular forensic psychology, and implements research projects. The duties of the Associate professors include giving

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teaching in psychology as part of education offered by the School in different subjects at the basic, intermediate and advanced levels, as well as supervising Master's theses. The Assistant Professor participates in societal influencing and interaction within their discipline.

The person to be appointed is expected to have:

- a suitable doctoral degree,
- good teaching skills,
- demonstrated achievements in scientific research (including publications and research funding)
- a track record of international scientific activities,
- teaching and supervision experience
- fluency in the Finnish language and the ability to teach and supervise in English, and

The following will be considered an advantage:

- national and international research networks
- societal impact and activities
- clinical work experience and expertise in assessment methods
- studies in university pedagogy or other pedagogical teaching merits.

When assessing the research achievements, the applicant's scientific publications, national and international research collaboration, experience in leading a research group, and acquired external funding will be taken into consideration. When assessing teaching and supervision

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achievements, the applicant's teaching portfolio and experience in supervising theses at different levels will be taken into consideration.

The person to be appointed to the position is expected to be fluent in Finnish and be able to give teaching and supervise students in English.

The post will be filled for a four-year (4) term as agreed. The post is filled for a fixed term due to it being a Tenure Track position. The post will begin on 1 February 2026 or as agreed."

The post of Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), Clinical Psychology, in particular Forensic Psychology, involves the direct recruitment of PhD (Psychology) Suvi Savinen. The direct recruitment was prepared by the Appointments Committee appointed by the Dean (Dean Janne Pietarinen (Chair), Professor Sari Havu-Nuutinen, University Lecturer Kristiina Lappalainen and Professor Kirsi Honkalampi).

Expert statements have been requested on the merits of Suvi Savinen to the post of Assistant Professor from Professor Pekka Santtila (NYU Shanghai). Based on the statements, Suvi Savinen has the qualifications and merits required by the post of Assistant Professor and the prerequisites to meet the qualification requirements of Professor by the end of the tenure track term.

The Appointments Committee of the post proposes unanimously that, based on the expert statements and application documents, Suvi Savinen be appointed to the post of Assistant Professor.

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The Chair of the Appointments Committee has decided to exempt Suvi Savinen from the requirement to give a trial lecture, as her teaching merits can be verified based on the application documents. Suvi Savinen meets the requirements laid down in the UEF University Regulations for the employment of Assistant Professor and the requirements indicated in the description of the post.

The Dean's proposal to the Rector is that PhD (Psychology) Suvi Savinen be appointed to the post of Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), Clinical Psychology, in particular Forensic Psychology, for a term of four years as from 1 February 2026 or as agreed. The post is filled for a fixed term due to it being a Tenure Track position.

Motion The Dean will hear the Faculty Council on the proposal to appoint PhD (Psychology) Suvi Savinen to the post of Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), Clinical Psychology, in particular Forensic Psychology, as from 1 February 2026 or as agreed.

Decision As proposed.

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- 4 Expert statement, Professor Pekka Santtila: Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), Clinical Psychology, in particular Forensic Psychology
- 5 Application documents, PhD (Psychology) Suvi Savinen: Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), Clinical Psychology, in particular Forensic Psychology



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Record entry 1301/01.01.02/2025

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 7

The scope and specifications of the post: Professor/Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Education, in particular research into learning differences, school well-being and pedagogical interaction processes

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.

Professor/Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Education, in particular research into learning differences, school well-being and pedagogical interaction processes, is to be filled as agreed either at the Professor level for an indefinite period or at the Associate Professor (Tenure Track) level for a fixed term of four (4) years.

The members of the Appointments Committee of the post are: Dean Janne Pietarinen (Chair), Professor Sari Havu-Nuutinen, University Lecturer Kristiina Lappalainen, Professor Ilkka Huhta, Professor Heidi Hyytinen, Executive Head of Administration Henni Nevalainen and HR specialist Nina Miinalainen.



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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

- 6 Description of the post: Professor/Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Education, in particular research into learning differences, school well-being and pedagogical interaction processes

Record entry 1219/01.01.03/2025

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 8

A proposal on the person to be appointed to the post of University Lecturer, English Language: 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, English language, is hosted by the School of Humanities on the Joensuu campus. Persons to be appointed as University Lecturers must hold a suitable doctoral degree and have good teaching skills (University Regulations, section 31). In addition, excellent Finnish and English language skills are required.

The call for applications to the post ended on 18 November 2025. Nine applicants applied for the post by the deadline: MA Ahonen Tuuli; PhD, docent Ghasemi Mehdi; MA Hämäläinen Veera; PhD Korhonen Annamari;

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MA Merikallio Anna; MA Olatoye Temitayo; MA Rasskazova Tatiana; PhD Salmi Hanna; and PhD Savela Timo.

Based on a suitable doctoral degree, good teaching skills and excellent Finnish and English language skills, Annamari Korhonen was invited to an interview conducted on 5 December 2025.

Based on the teaching merit portfolio and the interview, the candidate invited to an interview has the good teaching skills required by the UEF University Regulations for the post of University Lecturer, English Language.

Based on the interview and application documents, Annamari Korhonen meets the requirements laid down in the UEF University Regulations for the employment of a University Lecturer, English Language, and the requirements for the post of a university lecturer.

The School of Humanities has proposed that Annamari Korhonen be appointed as University Lecturer, English Language, as from 1 January 2026. The School's proposal and its grounds are enclosed with this agenda item as an annex. Kohonen's CV, list of publications and teaching portfolio are enclosed with this agenda item as appendices.

It is proposed that Annamari Korhonen be appointed as University Lecturer, English Language, as from 1 January 2026 until further notice.



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Motion The Dean will hear the Faculty Council on the proposal to appoint PhD Annamari Korhonen to the post of University Lecturer, English Language.

Decision As proposed.

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- 7 Selection memorandum: University Lecturer, English Language
- 8 Application documents, PhD Annamari Korhonen: University Lecturer, English Language

Record entry 1218/01.01.03/2025

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 9

**A proposal on the person to be appointed to the post of University Lecturer,
Communication Sciences: 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, Communication Sciences, is hosted by the School of Humanities on the Joensuu campus. Persons to be appointed as University Lecturers must hold a suitable doctoral degree and have good teaching skills (University Regulations, section 31). In addition, the persons are expected to have research merits related to digital communications and new media, as well as excellent skills in the Finnish language and the ability to teach in English.

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The call for applications to the post ended on 18 November 2025. Twelve (12) applicants applied for the post by the deadline: DSocSc Ampuja Marko, PhD Antola Laura, DSocSc Hellsten Iina, PhD Holappa Anne, DSocSc Kortesoja Matti, DSc (Econ.) Kuikka Anna, PhD Kääntä Liisa, DSc (Econ.) Lillqvist Ella, DSocSc Oivo Teemu, DSocSc Pyrhönen Niko, DSocSc Salojärvi Virpi and DSc (Econ.) Soini Aleksii. Based on a suitable doctoral degree, a strong track record of postdoctoral research in digital communication and new media, teaching experience and experience in supervising theses, Marko Ampuja, Iina Hellsten, Ella Lillqvist ja Virpi Salojärvi were invited to interviews conducted on 2 December 2025.

Based on the teaching merit portfolio and interviews, the candidates invited to an interview have the good teaching skills required by the UEF University Regulations for the post of University Lecturer, Communication Sciences.

Based on the interview and application documents, Virpi Salojärvi meets the requirements laid down in the UEF University Regulations for the employment of a University Lecturer, Communication Sciences, and the requirements for the post of a university lecturer.

The School of Humanities has proposed that Virpi Salojärvi be appointed to the post of University Lecturer, Communication Sciences, as from 1 January 2026. It is proposed that Marko Ampuja be the second-choice candidate, should Salojärvi not accept the offered post. The School's proposal and its grounds are enclosed with this agenda item as an annex.

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It is proposed that Virpi Salojärvi be appointed as University Lecturer, Communication Sciences, as from 1 January 2026 until further notice. It is proposed that Marko Ampuja be the second-choice candidate. Salojärvi's and Ampuja's CVs, lists of publications and teaching portfolios are enclosed with this agenda item as appendices.

Motion

The Dean will consult the Faculty Council on the proposal to appoint DSocSc Virpi Salojärvi to the post of University Lecturer, Communication Sciences. It is proposed that DSocSc Marko Ampuja be the second-choice candidate.

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As proposed.

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| 9 | Description of the post: University Lecturer, Communication Sciences |
| 10 | Application documents, DSocSc Virpi Salojärvi: University Lecturer, Communication Sciences |
| 11 | Application documents, DSocSc Marko Ampuja: University Lecturer, Communications Sciences |



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Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 10

Performance report of degrees between 1 September - 30 November 2025

Performance report of degrees completed between 1 September 30
November 2025.

Motion Marked for information.

Decision As proposed.

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| 12 | Degrees completed at the Philosophical Faculty between
January and November 2025 |
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Closing of the meeting

The chair closed the meeting at 10:58.



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§ 12

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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14 Translation of the agenda, 18 December 2025