

## Minutes

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**Date and time** 21 January 2026, 13:00 - 13:46

**Place** Teams

Participants	Role	Additional information
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Peltola Heli	2nd Vice Dean	1-10
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Jänis Janne	Professor, deputy member	
Lähde Anna	Professor, member	1-10
Roussey Matthieu	Professor, deputy member	
Tuittila Eeva-Stiina	Professor, member	1-10
Toivanen Pekka	Professor, deputy member	1-10
Vauhkonen Jari	Professor, member	1-10
Berninger Frank	Professor, deputy member	1-10
Tedre Matti	Professor, member	1-10
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Mertano Heta	Staff, deputy member	1-10
Kopra Juho	Staff, member	1-10
Mikkonen Santtu	Staff, deputy member	1-10
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**1****Opening of the meeting**

The chair will open the meeting at 13.00.

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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 14 January 2026.

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.

**Decision**      As proposed.

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### **3**

#### **The proposal of the Head of the School of Computing on the persons to be appointed as University Teacher/University Lecturer in the field of 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 Teacher/University Lecturer in the field of information and communication technology was approved at the meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology on 24 September 2025.

The posts will be hosted by the School of Computing at the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology on the Joensuu and Kuopio campuses.

A public call for applications was organised for the position. Applicants who submitted their application by the deadline of 24 November 2025 are listed in the selection memorandum that is enclosed with this agenda item as an annex. The selection memorandum will be added later.

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Erkki Pesonen and Simo Juvaste, Deputy Heads of the School of Computing, have represented the employer in the recruitment process. The same persons acted as interviewers and prepared a comparison of the applicants.

Pesonen and Juvaste propose in the summary of their selection memorandum that PhD Ana Gebejes be appointed to vacant position on the Joensuu campus and PhD Mohammad Al-Sa'd be appointed to vacant position on the Kuopio campus as from 1 February 2025 (or as agreed) until further notice under the title of University Lecturer.

The evaluators/interviewers propose that PhD Ana Gebejes and PhD Mohammad Al-Sa'd be exempted from the requirement to give a trial lecture on the grounds that they have sufficient experience in university-level teaching and extensive practical knowledge in the field of instruction.

The selection memorandum (to be added later) and the CVs, teaching portfolios and lists of publications of Gebejes and Al-Sa 'd 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 post is required to have good skills in the English language and sufficient skills in the Finnish language.

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The Dean of the faculty has exempted PhD Ana Gebejes and PhD Mohammad Al-Sa'd from the requirement to give a trial lecture on the grounds that both have 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 Ana Gebejes and PhD Mohammad Al-Sa'd meet the qualification requirements of a University Lecturer referred to in the University Regulations and the prerequisites laid down in the specifications of the post.

The Dean of the Faculty will hear the Faculty Council on the proposal of the Deputy Heads of the School of Computing regarding the filling of the posts of University Lecturer, information and communication technology.

**Motion** The Faculty Council will address the proposal on the persons to be appointed to the posts.

**Decision** As proposed.

## Annexes

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| Annex 1 | Ana Gebejes's CV, publications and teaching portfolio               |
| Annex 2 | Mohammad Al-Sa'd's CV, teaching portfolio, and list of publications |



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## **4**

### **The scope and specifications of the post of University Lecturer in the field of Forest Planning that will become vacant at the Faculty. Hearing of the Faculty Council**

In accordance with the human resources plan of the faculty and the School of Forest Sciences, the aim is to open a call for the post of University Lecturer in Forest Planning at the School of Forest Sciences on the Joensuu campus.

The description of the post is as follows:

The University Lecturer's field of teaching is forest planning. The duties will include, in particular, the planning, development and implementation of teaching included in the Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes in forest sciences in the thematic area of forest planning. Teaching covers the entire forest planning process and related field teaching and continuous learning.

The University Lecturer participates in study counselling at Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral levels. The duties also include independent research, application for research funding and active participation in international teaching and research collaboration in the field of forest sciences. The University Lecturer's research will focus on the multi-

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objective forest planning of Finnish private forests, taking into account also public forests and international forest planning situations. The University Lecturer will participate in the development of forest planning and the commencement of research results in practical and societal forums.

The post requires strong expertise in forest planning in some of the following areas related to forest planning: optimising the treatment of a forest or forest area, decision analysis related to the use of forests, calculation and simulation related to forest planning. 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 the field of Forest Planning that will become vacant at the faculty.

**Decision** As proposed.

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Prepared by Maarit Merimaa-Piirainen

## **5**

### **Approval of admission criteria for supplementary admissions for 2026**

According to section 9(4), subsection 4 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council will make decisions concerning curricula, degree requirements and student admission criteria.

In August 2026, supplementary admissions will be organised to programmes, in which all available study places were not filled in the second joint admission of spring 2023. In the supplementary admissions, certificate grades are used, and other admission criteria are the same as in the joint admissions.

Admission criteria for supplementary admissions have been prepared for the following programmes:

- Photonics, Joensuu
- Sustainable Technologies, Joensuu
- Technical physics, Kuopio
- Chemistry, Joensuu
- Mathematics, Joensuu
- Computer Science, Joensuu and Kuopio
- Data Technology, Joensuu and Kuopio

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- Business Economics and Computer Science, Joensuu and Kuopio (applied  
for jointly with Social Sciences and Business Studies)

If all study places of the above programmes are not filled in the joint  
admission round, supplementary admissions will be organised to fill the  
unfilled study places.

**Motion** The Faculty Council will approve the admission criteria as set out in the Appendix.

**Decision** As proposed.

## Annexes

Annex 3      Annex LUMET supplementary admissions, admission  
criteria

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## **6**

### **Transfer of the decision-making power of the Faculty Council in matters related to curricula and student admission criteria for the period 2026–2029**

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council will make decisions, among others, concerning curricula, degree requirements and student admission criteria. The Faculty Council may devolve a matter which would fall within its remit to be resolved by the Dean or by a head of a unit which is subordinate to the faculty. From the point of view of smooth operations, it is purposeful that the faculty council delegates its decision-making power in the manner described below.

The curriculum refers to an entity that consists of the degree structure and the learning outcomes, contents, methods of completion and assessment methods of the degree and its parts (section 2 of the Education Regulations). Offered courses refer to the implementation of studies verified in the curricula in the next academic year and, possibly, a more detailed implementation schedule (e.g., at semester or period level). The syllabus refers to the teaching and examination schedules. The syllabus can also confirm, for example, the teachers and examiners, study materials and literature, implementation of teaching as remote or on-campus teaching and location information, if these are not confirmed

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elsewhere (for more details, see the Academic Rector's decision 17/2024, 26 April 2024 [Guidelines for the development of Bachelor's and Master's degree courses in curriculum work for 2025–2028](#)).

### **1. Transfer of decision-making power to the Vice Dean for Research**

- Approving minor changes to curricula for scientific postgraduate studies.

Significant changes are always be approved by the Faculty Council. Significant changes include changes in the structure of a degree and the discontinuation of a course that was previously approved for the curriculum in such a way that it can no longer be completed in any way.

- Approving the courses offered to scientific postgraduate students for the next academic year.
- Approving the syllabi for scientific postgraduate studies for the next academic year.
- Approving minor changes to student admission criteria for scientific postgraduate studies.
- Grading doctoral dissertations during the period between the last Faculty Council meeting of the semester and the first Faculty Council meeting of the following semester.

### **2. Transfer of decision-making power to the Vice Dean for Education**

- Approving minor changes to curricula for other than scientific postgraduate studies (excluding syllabi).

Significant changes are always be approved by the Faculty Council. Significant changes include changes in the structure of

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a degree and the discontinuation of a course that was  
previously approved for the curriculum in such a way that it can  
no longer be completed in any way.

- Approving the courses offered to other than scientific postgraduate students for the next academic year.
- Approving minor changes to student admission criteria for other than scientific postgraduate studies.

### **3. Transfer of decision-making power to the Deputy Head in charge of education**

- Approving the syllabi for other than scientific postgraduate studies for the next academic year.

If the teaching concerns more than one department/school, the Vice Dean for Education shall decide on the syllabus after consulting the Deputy Heads of the departments/schools.

**Motion** The Faculty Council approves the transfer of its decision-making power in matters related to curricula and student admission criteria as set out in the above.

**Decision** As proposed.

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Prepared by Maarit Merimaa-Piirainen

## **7**

### **Faculty Council meetings in the spring semester 2026**

The meetings of the spring semester 2026 are proposed to be held starting at 13:00 as follows:

Wednesday 21 January

Wednesday 25 February

Tuesday 31 March

Wednesday 22 April

Tuesday 26 May

Wednesday 17 June

**Motion**      The Faculty Council approves the proposed meeting schedule for the  
autumn semester 2026.

**Decision**    As proposed.



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**8****For information**

Statistics on the Faculty's degree programmes dated 31 December 2025  
(Annex)

University Regulations 1.1.2026.

Topical faculty matters.

**Motion**      Marked for information.

**Decision**    As proposed.

**Annexes**

Annex 4      Tutkintotilasto\_2025



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### **Closing of the meeting**

The chair will close the meeting at 13.46.

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**10****Translation of the agenda/minutes**

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