

## Agenda

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**Date and time** 22 January 2026 at 14:00 -

**Place** Teams

<b>Participants</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Additional information</b>
Members		
Turtiainen Matti	Dean, Chair	
Rissanen Sari	1st Vice Dean, Vice Chair	
Makkonen Teemu	Professor, member	
Lammintakanen Johanna	Professor, deputy member	
Peltola Taru	Professor, member	
Räsänen Tuomas	Professor, deputy member	
Koponen Jonna	Professor, member	
Heilmann Pia	Professor, deputy member	
Castrén Anna-Maija	Professor, member	
Finell Eerika	Professor, deputy member	
Aaltonen Mikko	Professor, member	
Pölönen Ismo	Professor, deputy member	
Tammenlehto Laura	Staff, member	
Muukkonen Matti	Staff, deputy member	
Suonio Mari	Staff, member	
Hirvonen Helena	Staff, deputy member	



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Karhapää Sari-Johanna	Staff, member
Honkamäki Tuomas	University Lecturer, deputy member
Parpei Kati	Staff, member
Halonen Maija	Staff, deputy member
Kivivirta Ville	Staff, member
Virkkunen Joni	Staff, deputy member
Kortelainen Janne	Student, member
Akiala Matias	Student, deputy member
Thapa Kshitij	Student, member
Huotari Timi	Student, deputy member
Baljashkin Janina	Student, member
Valolempi Aarni	Student, deputy member
Ojalehto Päivikki	Student, member
Eklund Essi	Student, deputy member
Packalén Joonatan	Student, member
Huitula Jutta	Student, deputy member
Junkkarinen Marko	Executive Head of Administration, secretary, preparer
Other preparers	
Honkanen Annikki	Head of Academic Affairs
Korhonen Anne	Academic Affairs Specialist
Paronen Minna	Amanuensis



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Romppanen Jarmo

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### **Opening of the meeting**

The chair will open the meeting.

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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 15 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.

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Record entry 830/01.08.00/2025

Prepared by Marko Junkkarinen

### 3

#### **Granting the title of docent to LLD Aleksii Heinilä**

LLD Aleksii Heinilä has applied for the title of Docent in Environmental Law, especially Planning and Building Law, at the University of Eastern Finland. The application for the title of docent was initiated on 12 June 2025 at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Business Studies 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 Law School has considered the title of docent applied for by LLD Aleksii Heinilä to be purposeful for the teaching and research of the School based on the following grounds: "Heinilä is a specialist of planning law, which is a key area of education in environmental law. The School does not have sufficient corresponding expertise and, therefore, Heinilä's title of docent supports the School's education in environmental law in an excellent manner. As an expert in planning and, more broadly, environmental law, Heinilä is also an excellent partner for research projects. Heinilä's

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application is preceded by a long-term employment relationship with the University of Eastern Finland and, before this employment relationship, concrete educational cooperation, which served the needs of the School.”

The Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Business Studies decided to invite LLD, President of the Supreme Administrative Court of Finland (Emeritus) Pekka Vihervuori (Helsinki) and Professor, Emerita Eija Mäkinen (University of Vaasa) to provide expert statements on the scientific qualifications of LLD Aleksi Heinilä for the title of docent in Environmental Law, especially Planning and Building Law. Both experts are in favour of awarding the title of docent to Heinilä.

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 19 December 2025, the Dean has exempted Heinilä 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.

The applicant meets the qualification requirements specified in section 89 of the Universities Act and the criteria set out in the docentship guidelines

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docent.

### **Motion**

The Faculty Council states that LLD Aleksi Heinilä meets the criteria set for the title of docent in the Universities Act and awards Heinilä the title of docent in Environmental Law, especially Planning and Building Law, at the University of Eastern Finland.

### **Decision**

#### Annexes

- 1 Heinilä's CV, list of publications and teaching portfolio
- 2 Expert statement, joint statement (Vihervuori and Mäkinen)

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Record entry 5951/01.08.00/2024

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## 4

### **Granting the title of docent to DSocSc Tiina Saari**

DSocSc Tiina Saari has applied for the title of docent in Sociology, especially Working Life Research, at the University of Eastern Finland. The application for the title of docent was initiated on 4 October 2024 at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Business Studies 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 Department of Social Sciences has considered the title of docent applied for by DSocSc Tiina Saari to be purposeful for the teaching and research of the department based on the following grounds: "Saari's research is sociological working life research and is, therefore, naturally linked with the department's profile. Saari's research covers the field of working life research quite extensively, both thematically and methodologically. She has examined, for example, the digitalisation of work and related consequences, well-being at work in different contexts,

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such as in industrial work, in the service sector, and in public administration roles. Especially her most recent research contributions to research in performance-based work complement the research carried out at the department excellently.”

The Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Business Studies decided to invite Professor Sami Paavola (University of Helsinki) and Docent Mira Karjalainen (University of Helsinki) as experts to provide statements on the scientific qualifications of DSocSc Tiina Saari for the title of docent in Sociology, especially Working Life Research. Both experts are in favour of awarding the title of docent to Saari.

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 dated 19 December 2025, the Dean has exempted Saari from the requirement to give a trial lecture and has determined her teaching merits on the basis of application documents.

According to section 9 of the UEF University Regulations, the Faculty Council shall decide on awarding the title of docent.

The applicant meets the qualification requirements specified in section 89 of the Universities Act and the criteria set out in the docentship guidelines



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docent.

### **Motion**

The Faculty Council states that DSocSc Tiina Saari meets the criteria set for the title of docent in the Universities Act and awards her the title of docent in Sociology, especially Working Life Research at the University of Eastern Finland.

### **Decision**

#### Annexes

- 3 Tiina Saari's CV, list of publications and teaching portfolio
- 4 Expert statements (Paavola and Karjalainen)

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Record entry 890/01.01.02/2025

Prepared by Marko Junkkarinen

### 5

#### **The Dean's proposal on the person to be appointed to the post of Professor, Commercial Law, especially Accounting Law and Company Law: 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 call for applications to the post of Professor, Commercial Law, especially Accounting Law and Company Law, ended on 18 September 2025. Applications were received from the following persons (2): LLD Collin Jesse and DEd Kaisanlahti Timo.

In accordance with section 31 of the Universities Act (558/2009), statements must be requested before the appointment on the qualification and merits of the applicants or the person to be invited to the post in question from a minimum of two experts when the person is being recruited for an employment relationship that will be effective until further notice or for a fixed period of at least two years. Sections 27–29 of the Administrative Procedure Act on disqualification shall be applied to the experts. Where required, the selection, scope of work and duties of the experts shall be defined in the UEF University Regulations.

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On a proposal of the Appointments Committee (Professor Matti Turtiainen, Professor Katja Weckström, University Lecturer Kimmo Malin and Dean Sari Rissanen), both applicants were selected as key candidates.

Expert statements were requested on the qualification and merits of the applicants from the following persons, based on the Dean's decision of 1 October 2025: Professor (emeritus) Matti J. Sillanpää, University of Turku, and Professor Veikko Vahtera, University of Tampere.

The Appointments Committee of the post of Professor, Commercial Law, especially Accounting Law and Company Law, has proposed that Jesse Collin be appointed to the post. The selection memorandum that includes a comparison of applicants is enclosed with this agenda item.

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, have practical knowledge of the scope of the post.

Jesse Collin meets the qualification requirements of a professor referred to in section 31 of the UEF University Regulations. He is scientifically qualified for the post of Professor, Commercial Law, especially Accounting

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Law and Company Law. By the decision of the Chair of the Appointments Committee, Collin has been exempted from the requirement to give a trial lecture. The teaching skills of Collin have been estimated to meet the requirements of section 31 of the UEF University Regulations (good teaching skills).

The Dean's proposal to the Rector is that LLD Jesse Collin be appointed to the post of Professor, Commercial Law, especially Accounting Law and Company Law, for a fixed term of four years and that the post will begin as agreed or no later than on 1 February 2026 and will end on 31 December 2029. The post is filled for a fixed term due to it being a temporary post.

**Motion** The Dean shall consult the Faculty Council on the proposal to appoint LLD Jesse Collin to the post of Professor, Commercial Law, especially Accounting Law and Company Law.

## Decision

### Annexes

- 5 Jesse Collin's application documents
- 6 Expert statements (Sillanpää and Vahtera)
- 7 Selection memorandum

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Prepared by Annikki Honkanen

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

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

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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 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**

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- 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 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.

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Prepared by Anne Korhonen

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

According to section 9.4(6) of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council will make decisions concerning curricula and student admission criteria.

The Faculty Council of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Business Studies approved the admission criteria for programmes taught in Finnish for 2026 at its meeting of 23 September 2025. 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 the admission criteria are the same as in the joint admissions in the spring.

The admission criteria for supplementary admissions have been prepared for the enclosed programmes. If all study places of the 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 annexes.



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### **For information**

Public examinations and doctoral degrees on 12 January 2026

### **Motion**

Marked for information

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### **Closing of the meeting**

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