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§ 1

Opening of the meeting

The chair opened the meeting at 14:00.

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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 19 February 2026.

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 via Teams.

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

Decision As proposed. The order of agenda items was changed based on a unanimous decision as follows: after items 1-3, items 8-10 were addressed, followed by items 4-7 and items 11-18.

Record entry No 130/00.03.05/2026

Prepared by Marko Junkkarinen

§ 3

For information, the indicator-based funding model, the allocation of the faculty's basic funding in 2026 and the preliminary result for 2025

The funding of the faculties has been allocated in accordance with the principles verified for the internal allocation of funds by the Board. The funding of the faculties consists of indicator-based funding, funding based on the strategic programmes of the university, and other agreed items allocated based on strategic principles.

The basic funding of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Business Studies for 2026, totalling EUR 22.8 million, consists of:

- funding allocated through the indicator-based funding model
- funding for additional study places
- strategic funding allocated by the University
- strategy-based funding of the faculties/equalisation instalments

The faculty's internal distribution of funds follows the indicator-based funding allocation model, where the weighting of education indicators is 50% and the weighting of research indicators is 50%.



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Motion The indicator-based funding model, the allocation of the faculty's basic funding in 2026 and the preliminary result for 2025 are marked for information.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

- 1 The Faculty of Social Sciences and Business Studies, basic funding in 2026
- 2 Funding model and basic funding 2026

Record entry No 386/03.00.01/2025

Prepared by Annikki Honkanen

§ 4

The curriculum and student admission criteria for the specialist field of welfare services of the specialisation studies in social work

Specialisation studies mean long-term education completed after a university degree and aimed at persons with working experience to promote professional development and specialisation. The aim of the education is to meet the skills needs specified jointly by higher education institutions and working life actors. The goals of the education are regulated in the Government Decree on University Degrees and Specialisation Education (794/2004, section 20a).

In Social Work, specialisation training is provided in four fields: 1) Adult social work and social rehabilitation, 2) Welfare services, 3) Child, youth and family social work, and 4) Structural social work. The trainings are prepared by Sosnet – the Finnish National University Network for Social Work.

Studies in the field of welfare services will be organised jointly by the University of Eastern Finland and the University of Helsinki between 2027 and 2029. The studies will be implemented as blended teaching, making use of digital learning environments so that it can be completed alongside working. The training is targeted at social workers who have completed a Master's degree at a university (Act on Social Welfare Professionals

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817/2015, section 7), who have the right to practise and experience in social work.

The State may compensate costs resulting from the training to the university that organises specialisation studies in social work (Sections 60a and 60b of the Social Welfare Act 1301/2014), but only if no tuition fee has been charged for the studies. Therefore, no tuition fees are to be charged for the now addressed trainings.

According to section 9(4), subsection 6 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council will make decisions concerning curricula, degree requirements and student admission criteria.

Motion

1. The Faculty Council approves the admission criteria and student intake (17) of the specialist field of welfare services in accordance with Appendix 1. At the University of Eastern Finland, the training will be organised if there are at least eight students (8). No tuition fees will be charged for the training.
2. The Faculty Council approves the curriculum for the specialist field of welfare services of the specialisation studies in social work in accordance with Annex 2.



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Decision 1. As proposed.

2. As proposed.

Annexes

3 Admission criteria 2026 (LasuHypa)

4 Curriculum, specialist field of welfare services 2027–2029

Record entry No 386/03.00.01/2025

Prepared by Minna Paronen

§ 5

Approving the amendments to the curricula of Bachelor's and Master's degree education for the academic year 2026–2027 and approving the common study guide texts of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Business Studies for the academic year 2026–2027

The departments and schools of the faculty have prepared amendments to the curricula of the Faculty that will take effect in the academic year 2026–2027.

In addition, the faculty has prepared the common study guide texts of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Business Studies for the academic year 2026–2027 (in Kamu).

According to section 9 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 decided at its meeting of 22 January 2026 to transfer the Faculty Council's decision-making power in matters related to curricula.

Motion

1. The Faculty Council approves amendments to the curricula of the Department of Geographical and Historical Studies, Business School,

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Law School, Department of Social and Health Management and
Department of Social Sciences starting from the academic year 2026–
2027 in accordance with the Annexes.

2. The Faculty Council approves the common study guide texts of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Business Studies for the academic year 2026–2027 as set out in the Annex.

Decision

1. As proposed with the following additional specifications: The instructions set out in the curriculum for online education will be examined and their legality checked. Where required, they will be returned to and approved by the Faculty Council.

2. As proposed.

Annexes

- 5 Department of Geographical and Historical Studies, changes to curricula
- 6 Business School, changes to curricula
- 7 Law School, changes to curricula
- 8 Department of Social and Health Management, changes to curricula
- 9 Department of Social Sciences, changes to curricula
- 10 Faculty of Social Sciences and Business Studies, common study guide texts 2026–2027

Record entry No 386/03.00.01/2025

Prepared by Anne Korhonen

§ 6

Master's degree programme in Social Work in Kymenlaakso: approval of the curriculum and student admission criteria

The University of Eastern Finland, the City of Kouvola and the Wellbeing Services County of Kymenlaakso have concluded a cooperation agreement on the organisation of Master's degree studies in Social Work in Kymenlaakso. Master's level education in Social Work will be implemented in the period from 1 August 2026 to 31 December 2028. The education has been planned in cooperation with the University of Eastern Finland and the Wellbeing Services County of Kymenlaakso. Contact teaching included in the degree will be organised in Kouvola as daytime education. A total of 25 students who major in social work will be admitted in separate admissions organised in spring 2026 to pursue a Master of Social Sciences degree.

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.

Motion

1. The Faculty Council approves the curriculum for the studies in accordance with Appendix 1.

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2. The Faculty Council approves the admission criteria and student intake for the studies in accordance with Appendix 2.

Decision

1. As proposed.

2. As proposed.

Annexes

- 11 Annex 1 Master's degree programme in Social Work,
Kymenlaakso, curriculum for 2026–2028
- 12 Appendix 2 Master's degree programme in Social Work,
Kymenlaakso, admission criteria 2026

Record entry 83/03.04.09/2026

Prepared by Annikki Honkanen

§ 7

Grading MSc (Environment and Development) Kennedy Chifundo Adamson's doctoral dissertation in the field of Environmental Policy

MSc (Environment and Development) Kennedy Chifundo Adamson's doctoral dissertation and study "*Mining for Resilience: Exploring artisanal and small-scale mining as a pathway for climate change adaptation in rural Malawi*" was examined publicly on 29 January 2026. The opponent, Professor of Natural Resources and Development Roy Maconachie (University of Bath) 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 (558/2009), 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.

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland (12 December 2023), the Faculty Council grades doctoral dissertations. According to Section 32 of the Education Regulations of the

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University of Eastern Finland, dissertations are graded on the scale fail - pass - pass with distinction.

According to section 29 of the Universities Act (558/2009), 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.

Link to the publication: <https://erepo.uef.fi/items/af8bc000-0335-49b7-8b72-2cefac50d0be>.

Motion Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades MSc (Environment and Development) Kennedy Chifundo Adamson's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

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| 13 | Opponent's statement (Maconachie) |
| 14 | Custos' statement (Sairinen) |

Record entry 83/03.04.09/2026

Prepared by Annikki Honkanen

§ 8

Grading MSocSc Jere Immonen's doctoral dissertation in Social Policy

MSocSc Jere Immonen's doctoral dissertation and study "Unveiling Platform Work in the Context of the Nordic Model: Insights from Online Labour Platform Operations and Perceptions of Fairness" was examined publicly on 23 January 2026. The opponent, docent, DSocSc, Senior University Lecturer Markku Sippola (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 (558/2009), 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 (558/2009), 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.

Link to the publication: <https://erepo.uef.fi/handle/123456789/36517>

Motion Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades MSocSc Jere Immonen's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

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| 15 | Custos' statement (Jakonen) |
| 16 | Opponent's statement (Sippola) |

Record entry 83/03.04.09/2026

Prepared by Annikki Honkanen

§ 9

Grading LLM Kaisa Näkki's doctoral dissertation in the field of Welfare Law

LLM Kaisa Näkki's doctoral dissertation and study "*Assessment of Mental Capacity and the Need for Legal Guardianship in Individuals with Dementia: Legal and Medical Perspectives*" was examined publicly on 23 January 2026. The opponent, Docent Kati Juva (University of Helsinki) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Law and proposes the grade Pass with distinction.

According to section 44 of the Universities Act (558/2009), 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.

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland (12 December 2023), the Faculty Council grades doctoral dissertations. According to Section 32 of the Education Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, dissertations are graded on the scale fail - pass - pass with distinction.

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Link to the publication: <https://erepo.uef.fi/items/be58623a-210a-4bfd-8ea6-321d5ce84d1a>.

Motion Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades LLM Kaisa Näkki's doctoral dissertation as Pass with distinction.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

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| 17 | Opponent's statement (Juva) |
| 18 | Custos' statement (Mäki-Petäjä-Leinonen) |

Record entry 83/03.04.09/2026

Prepared by Annikki Honkanen

§ 10

Grading MSocSc Mari Suonio's doctoral dissertation in Social Work

MSocSc Mari Suonio's doctoral dissertation and study "Vankien yhteiskuntasuhteen ilmeneminen rangaistusteoreettisessa ajattelussa 1800-luvulta 2000-luvulle suomalaisessa vankeinhoidossa" was examined publicly on 30 January 2026. The opponent, LLD, Docent Jussi Pajuoja is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Social Sciences and proposes the grade Pass.

According to section 44 of the Universities Act (558/2009), 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 (558/2009), 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.

Link to the publication: <https://erepo.uef.fi/handle/123456789/36578>

Motion Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades MSocSc Mari Suonio's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

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| 19 | Opponent's statement (Pajuoja) |
| 20 | Custos' statement (Toikko) |

Record entry 756/01.08.00/2025

Prepared by Marko Junkkarinen

§ 11

Granting the title of docent to LLD Joonas Alaranta

LLD Joonas Alaranta has applied for the title of docent in Law, especially Chemicals Law, at the University of Eastern Finland. The application for the title of docent was initiated on 03 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 Joonas Alaranta to be purposeful for the teaching and research of the School based on the following grounds: "Alaranta is a specialist of chemical law, which is a key area of education in environmental law. The School does not have corresponding expertise and, therefore, Alaranta's title of docent supports the School's education in environmental law in an excellent manner. As an expert in chemical law, Alaranta is an excellent partner for research projects. In addition, Alaranta's application is preceded by concrete educational and research cooperation, which has served the needs of the School."

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The Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Business Studies decided to invite Associate Professor Tiina Paloniitty (University of Helsinki) and Professor, Emerita Anne Kumpula (University of Turku) as experts to provide statements on the scientific qualifications of LLD Joonas Alaranta for the title of docent in Law, especially Chemicals Law. Both experts are in favour of awarding the title of docent to Alaranta.

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 6 February 2026, the Dean has exempted Alaranta 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 of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Business Studies for the title of docent.



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Motion The Faculty Council states that LLD Joonas Alaranta meets the criteria set for the title of docent in the Universities Act and awards the title of docent in Law, especially Chemicals Law to Alaranta at the University of Eastern Finland.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

- 21 Alaranta's CV, list of publications and teaching portfolio
- 22 Expert statement, joint statement (Paloniitty and Kumpula)

Record entry 164/01.01.02/2026

Prepared by Marko Junkkarinen

§ 12

Description of the post of Professor, Tourism Business, Business School, and the Dean's proposal to invite DSc (Econ.) Henna Konu to the post: Hearing of the Faculty Council

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 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

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person to be appointed as a professor for two years or more after consulting the Faculty Council.

The post of Professor, Tourism Business, is hosted by the faculty's Business School. The post is intended to be filled as from 16 August 2026 or as agreed until further notice. DSc (Econ.) Henna Konu is to be invited to the post.

The members of the faculty's Appointments Committee, as referred to in Section 30 of the University Regulations of Eastern Finland, are: Professor Saara Julkunen, Professor Pia Heilmann, Professor Irina Mihailova, Dean Matti Turtiainen, Executive Head of Administration Marko Junkkarinen and HR Specialist Tuula Ranne, Secretary.

Based on the submitted documents, the Appointments Committee came to the conclusion that the prerequisites to initiate the invitation procedure are met. The Appointments Committee supported the initiation of an evaluation process at its meeting of 29 January 2026.

The description of the post includes the scope and specifications of the post required by the UEF University Regulations. The professor is not expected to have practical knowledge of the scope of the post. The description of the post has been reviewed with the person to be invited to it.

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

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

- 23 Description of the post, Tourism Business
- 24 Henna Konu's application documents
- 25 Memorandum, Tourism Business (Henna Konu)

Record entry 84/01.01.02/2026

Prepared by Marko Junkkarinen

§ 13

Description of the post of Professor (15%), Sociology, in particular biotechnicality of care, Department of Social Sciences, and the Dean's proposal to invite PhD Ayo Wahlberg to the post: Hearing of the Faculty Council

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 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

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person to be appointed as a professor for two years or more after consulting the Faculty Council.

The post of Professor, Sociology, in particular biotechnicality of care, is hosted by the faculty's Department of Social Sciences. The post of is intended to be filled by invitation as from 1 August 2026 or as agreed for a fixed term of three (3) years. The person intended to be invited to the post is PhD Ayo Wahlberg.

The members of the faculty's Appointments Committee, as referred to in Section 30 of the University Regulations of Eastern Finland, are: Dean Matti Turtiainen (Chair), Professor Sari Rissanen, Professor Ilpo Helén, Professor Elisa Tiilikainen, Executive Head of Administration Marko Junkkarinen and HR Specialist Tuula Ranne (Secretary).

Based on the submitted documents, the Appointments Committee came to the conclusion that the prerequisites to initiate the invitation procedure are met. The Appointments Committee supported the initiation of an evaluation process at its meeting of 20 January 2026.

The description of the post includes the scope and specifications of the post required by the UEF University Regulations. The professor is not expected to have practical knowledge of the scope of the post. The description of the post has been reviewed with the person to be invited to it.



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

Decision As proposed.

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- 26 Description of the post, Sociology, in particular biotechnicality of care
- 27 Application documents of Ayo Wahlberg
- 28 Memorandum, Sociology, in particular biotechnicality of care (Wahlberg)

Record entry 1196/01.01.02/2025

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The Dean's proposal to appoint LLD, PhD Mirella Miettinen to the post of Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Regulation of Chemicals and Advanced Materials: 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 Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Regulation of Chemicals and Advanced Materials, is hosted by the Law School. According to the description of the post: "The task will focus on research and teaching related to chemical regulation and advanced materials. The Associate Professor (Tenure Track) is required to have experience in the field and to have a clear motivation to develop their academic profile. The work is carried out in close cooperation with other disciplines.

The duties of the Associate Professor (Tenure Track) is to conduct research in the above described fields, to supervise doctoral researchers, to participate in the acquisition of national and international research funding and in project tasks related to international research networks, to give teaching at all levels and to participate in other activities of the School and the university's research communities.

The person to be appointed to the post is expected to have

A suitable doctoral degree, demonstrated achievements in research in the field of the post and in general research, which is supplemented by skills to direct research towards the field later on, as indicated in the plan, as well as to develop research in the field, experience in university-level teaching and supervision, ability to teach and supervise students in English.

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

A person to be appointed as an Associate Professor in the Tenure Track shall hold a suitable doctoral degree and have good teaching skills. Furthermore, a person to be appointed as an Associate Professor in the Tenure Track shall have the prerequisites for fulfilling the qualification requirements of a Professor by the end of the Tenure Track term (UEF University Regulations, section 31).

The post will be filled for a fixed term of four (4) years as from 1 January 2026, or as agreed."

The post of Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Regulation of Chemicals and Advanced Materials, involves the direct recruitment of LLD, PhD Mirella Miettinen to the post. The direct recruitment was prepared by the Appointments Committee appointed by the Dean (University Lecturer Kimmo Malin (Chair), Associate Professor Kaisa Huhta, Associate Professor Sanna Mustasaari, Professor Niko Soinen, Dean Sari Rissanen until 31 December 2025, Dean Matti Turtiainen).

Expert statements on Miettinen's merits to the post of Associate Professor were requested in accordance with the Dean's decision of 5 December 2025 from Professor Geert Van Calster, KU Leuven and Professor Bettina Lange, Oxford University. Based on the statements, Miettinen has the qualifications and merits required by the post of Associate 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, Miettinen be appointed to the post of Associate Professor.

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

The Dean's proposal to the Rector is that LLD, PhD Mirella Miettinen be appointed to the post of the Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Regulation of



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Chemicals and Advanced Materials, for a fixed term of four years as from 1 March 2026 or as agreed. The position 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 LLD, PhD Mirella Miettinen to the post of Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Regulation of Chemicals and Advanced Materials, for a term of four years as from 1 March 2026 or as agreed.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

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| 29 | Description of the post |
| 30 | Mirella Miettinen's application documents |
| 31 | Expert statements (Van Calster and Lange) |
| 32 | Memorandum, Regulation of Chemicals and Advanced Materials (Mirella Miettinen) |

Record entry 299/01.01.03/2026

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§ 15

The scope and specifications of the post: University Lecturer, Social History, in particular subject teacher education, Department of Geographical and Historical Studies

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 specifications of the following post are enclosed as an annex:

University Lecturer, Social History, in particular subject teacher training. The post is intended to be filled with an open-ended contract as from 1 August 2026.

Motion The Faculty Council will discuss the specifications of the post.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

33 Specifications of the post, social history

Record entry 300/01.01.03/2026

Prepared by Marko Junkkarinen

§ 16

The scope and specifications of the post: University Lecturer, History of the early modern period and document management, Department of Geographical and Historical Studies

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 specifications of the following post are enclosed as an annex:

University Lecturer, History of the early modern period and document management. The post is intended to be filled with an open-ended contract as from 1 August 2026.

Motion The Faculty Council will discuss the specifications of the post.

Decision As proposed.

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34 Specifications of the post, History of the early modern period and document management

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For information

Expert statements by Professor Nicolas de Sadeleer and Professor Geert Van Calster on the qualification and merits of LLD Kaisa Huhta for the post of Professor, European Law, in particular Energy Law, as of 1 March 2026 until further notice (record entry 912/01.01.02.2025), which was addressed by the Faculty Council at its meeting of 23 September 2025 and a memorandum.

By the decision of the Chair of the Appointments Committee, Kaisa Huhta has been exempted from the requirement to give a trial lecture. On the basis of the teaching portfolio, Huhta has been found to meet the requirements of the UEF University Regulations (section 31).

Expert statements by Professor Elina Mäkinen, Professor Jarna Heinonen and Professor Juha Tuunainen on the qualification and merits of DSc (Econ.) Tero Montonen as Professor, Management, in particular Business Innovations, as from 1 February 2026 until further notice (record entry 396/01.01.02/2025), which was discussed by the Faculty Council at its meeting on 16 June 2025 and a memorandum.

By the decision of the Chair of the Appointments Committee, Tero Montonen has been exempted from the requirement to give a trial

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lecture. On the basis of the teaching portfolio, Montonen has been found to meet the requirements of the UEF University Regulations (section 31).

Expert statements by Professor Ellen Pullins and Christophe Fournier on the qualifications and merits of PhD Javier Marcos Cuevas for the post of Professor (20%), marketing, especially sales management, for the period 1 March 2026 to 28 February 2029 (record entry 1309/01.01.02/2025), which was discussed by the Faculty Council at its meeting of 24 November 2025 and a memorandum.

By decision of the Chair of the Appointments Committee, Javier Marcos Cuevas has been exempted from the requirement to give a trial lecture. On the basis of the teaching portfolio, Marcos Cuevas has been found to meet the requirements of the UEF University Regulations (section 31).

Discontinuation of the filling of a post: Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Physical Geography, dnro 1113/01.01.02/2025.

Public examinations and doctoral degrees on 17 February 2026

Motion Marked for information.

Decision As proposed.

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- 36 Doctoral dissertations on 17 February 2026
- 37 Expert statements by Professor Nicolas de Sadeleer and
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- 38 Expert statements by Professor Elina Mäkinen, Professor Jarna
Heinonen and Professor Juha Tuunainen (DSc (Econ.) Tero
Montonen)
- 39 Expert statements by Professor Ellen Pullins and Christophe
Fournier (PhD Javier Marcos Cuevas)



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Closing of the meeting

The chair closed the meeting at 15:38.



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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.

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40 The English translation of the agenda/minutes