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Meeting date 31 March 2026

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Date and time 31 March 2026, 13:00 - 13:28

Place Teams

Participants	Role	Present for items
Members		
Lehtinen Kari	Dean, Chair	1-9
Hauta-Kasari Markku	1st Vice Dean, Vice Chair	
Peltola Heli	2nd Vice Dean	
Kolehmainen Ville	Professor, member	
Jänis Janne	Professor, deputy member	
Lähde Anna	Professor, member	1-9
Roussey Matthieu	Professor, deputy member	1-9
Tuittila Eeva-Stiina	Professor, member	1-9
Toivanen Pekka	Professor, deputy member	
Vauhkonen Jari	Professor, member	1-9
Berninger Frank	Professor, deputy member	
Tedre Matti	Professor, member	
Virtanen Jani	Professor, deputy member	
Kainulainen Samu	Staff, member	1-9
Mertano Heta	Staff, deputy member	1-9
Kopra Juho	Staff, member	
Mikkonen Santtu	Staff, deputy member	1-9
Mäkelä Janne	Staff, member	
Kumlin Timo	Staff, deputy member	1-9



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Vainikainen Hanne	Staff, deputy member	
Leinonen Risto	Staff, member	1-9
Vartiainen Paavo	Staff, deputy member	
Kitunen Kielo	Student, member	
Heikkinen Wilma	Student, member	1-9
Airaksinen Johannes	Student, member	1-9
Miettinen Mikko	Student, member	1-9
Palkovuori Teemu	Student, member	1-9
Kannan Bharath	Student, deputy member	1-9
Afzaal Muhammad	Student, deputy member	3-9
Shahwaiz		
Hirvonen Arja	Executive Head of Administration, secretary, preparer	1-9

Other preparers

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§ 1

Opening of the meeting

The chair opened 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 24 March 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.

Record entry 208/01.08.00/2026

Prepared by Arja Hirvonen

§ 3

Granting the title of docent to PhD Tuukka Turtiainen in the field of Environmental Radiation

PhD Tuukka Turtiainen has applied for the title of docent in the field of Environmental Radiation at the Department of Environmental and Biological Sciences of the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology of the University of Eastern Finland. PhD Turtiainen's application and related attachments are enclosed with the agenda item as annexes.

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 in some other manner, and good teaching skills.

According to section 9(8) of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council shall decide on awarding the title of docent.

The Dean of the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology has, by decision of 29 January 2026, appointed Associate Professor Ivelina Dimitrova, (Sofia University, Faculty of Physics, Bulgaria) and Research Manager Jussi Paatero (Finnish Meteorological Institute, Helsinki) to

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provide expert statements on the scientific qualifications of PhD Tuukka Turtiainen in order to be awarded the title of docent in the field of Environmental Radiation. The experts have stated that PhD Tuukka Turtiainen is scientifically qualified in the field that his title of docent application concerns. The statements of the experts are enclosed with this agenda item as annexes.

A person to be awarded the title of docent is required to have good teaching skills (Universities Act 558/2009). As a rule, good teaching skills are assessed on the basis of application documents and, if this cannot be verified on the basis of merits, the Dean may decide that a trial lecture be required. By a decision of 30 January 2026, the Dean has exempted PhD Tuukka Turtiainen from the requirement to give a trial lecture and has determined his teaching merits based on the application documents.

Motion The Faculty Council states that PhD Tuukka Turtiainen meets the criteria set out in the Universities Act for the title of docent and grants him the title of docent at the University of Eastern Finland in the field of Environmental Radiation as of 1 April 2026.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

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| Annex 1 | Tuukka Turtiainen's application with attachments |
| Annex 2 | Expert statements (Ivelina Dimitrova and Jussi Paatero) |

Record entry 486/01.01.02/2026

Prepared by Arja Hirvonen

§ 4

The scope and specifications of the post of Professor/Associate Professor of Technical Physics that will become vacant at the Faculty: 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 post is hosted by the Department of Technical Physics at the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology.

According to the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, a person to be appointed to a professorship shall be scientifically or artistically qualified, have good teaching skills and, if important for attending to the duties, have practical familiarity with the field of the post.

Based on the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, 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, the person shall have the prerequisites to fulfil the qualification requirements of a professor by the end of the tenure track term.

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The criteria, goals and results to be achieved during the term in order to proceed to the next level of the Tenure Track (Professor) will be agreed upon in detail with the person appointed to the Associate Professor position when the contract of employment is signed.

The description of the post of Professor/Associate Professor of Technical Physics (Annex) includes the scope and specifications of the post as required by the UEF University Regulations.

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

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

Annex 3 Description of the post, Technical physics

Record entry 81/03.04.09/2026

Prepared by Riikka Levänen

§ 5

Grading Lic.Phil. Kati Räsänen's doctoral dissertation in the field of Environmental Science

According to section 9 of the UEF University Regulations, the Faculty Council grades doctoral dissertations. According to Section 32 of the Education Regulations, dissertations are graded on the scale pass with distinction, pass, and fail.

Lic.Phil. Kati Räsänen's doctoral dissertation and study [Changes in plant protection in Finnish open field vegetable production in the 21st century: The importance of regulation and ecotoxicological information](#) was examined publicly on 20 March 2026. The opponent, Professor Emeritus Juha Helenius (Helsinki Institute for Sustainability Science, University of Helsinki) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Philosophy and proposes the grade Pass.

According to section 44 of the Universities Act (24.7.2009/558), before a doctoral dissertation is graded, the author must be given an opportunity to submit his or her response to the preliminary examiner's, the examiner's or the opponent's statement. The doctoral candidate has no comments on the doctoral statement, which is enclosed with this agenda item as an Annex.

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According to section 29 of the Universities Act (24.7.2009/558), a study attainment may be assessed only by those members or deputy members of a multi-member administrative body who have a degree or completed study attainments of an equivalent level or who have been appointed professors.

Motion Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades Lic.Phil. Kati Räsänen's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

Annex 4 Opponent's statement, Juha Helenius



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Record entry No 131/00.03.03/2026

Prepared by Arja Hirvonen

§ 6

Faculty Council meetings in the autumn semester 2026

The meetings of the spring semester 2026 are proposed to be held starting **at 14:00** as follows:

Thursday, 27 August

Thursday, 24 September

Thursday, 22 October

Thursday, 26 November

Thursday, 17 December

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

Decision As proposed.



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For information

Statistics on the faculty's Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees on 28

February 2026 (Appendix)

Topical faculty matters.

Motion Marked for information.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

Annex 5 Tutkintotilasto_2_2026



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Closing of the meeting

The chair closed the meeting at 13:28.



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§ 9

Translation of the agenda/minutes

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

Annexes

Annex 6 Translation of the agenda