



## Minutes

Faculty Council of the Philosophical Faculty

Meeting No 3/2026

Meeting date 26 March 2026

**Date and time** 26 March 2026, 10:15 - 10:36

**Place** Teams

<b>Participants</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Present for items</b>
Members		
Huhta Ilkka	Dean, Chair	1-7
Laasonen Marja	1st Vice Dean, Vice Chair	
Honkalampi Kirsi	Professor, member	1-7
Souto Anne-Mari	Professor, deputy member	
Lappalainen Hanna	Professor, member	1-7
Saresma Tuija	Professor, deputy member	
Kantelinen Ritva	Professor, member	1-7
Tuominen Heta	Professor, deputy member	1-7
Ubani Martin	Professor, member	
Kallinen Timo	Professor, deputy member	1-7
Mikkonen Simo	Professor, member	1-7
Sointu Erkko	Professor, deputy member	
Laakkonen Erja	Staff, member	1-7
Waltzer Katariina	Staff, deputy member	
Arminen Elina	Staff, member	1-7
Suokas Juho	Staff, deputy member	
Kaivosaaari Annu	Staff, member	1-7



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Viinikka Kaisa	Staff, deputy member	1-7
Salonen Anna	Staff, member	1-7
Mikkola Sini	Staff, deputy member	1-7
Korkki Jyrki	Staff, member	1-2,4-7
Räty-Záborszky Sinikka	Other staff, deputy member	
Kivikoski Emilia	Student, member	1-2,4-7
Närhi Jasmin	Student, deputy member	
Baljashkin Janina	Student, member	
Lahtinen Matilda	Student, deputy member	
Koskelo Marko	Student, member	1-2,4-7
Palkovuori Jutta	Student, deputy member	
Palkovuori Teemu	Student, member	1-2,4-7
Sillanpää Silja	Student, deputy member	
Pesonen Jussi	Student, member	1-2,4-7
To be named later	Student, deputy member	
Nevalainen Henni	Executive Head of Administration, secretary, preparer	1-7
Other preparers		
Anttonen Salli	Academic Affairs Specialist	1-4
Kouki Satu	Head of Academic Affairs	1-5



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### **Opening of the meeting**

The chair opened the meeting at 10:15.

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**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 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 50/03.04.09/2026

Prepared by Salli Anttonen

§ 3

**Grading MEd Sanni Kahila's doctoral dissertation in the field of Education, especially Early Childhood Education**

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 Sanni Kahila's doctoral dissertation and study "Conforming to practices or developing them? - Students' discourses and practicum experiences on teacher expertise and leadership in multiprofessional early childhood education teams" was examined publicly on 27 February 2025. The opponent Professor (Emerita) Inkeri Ruokonen (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 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/5a46db6b-660e-4ea0-9c76-732c51c7803c>

**Motion** Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades MEd Sanni Kahila's doctoral dissertation as Pass with distinction.

**Decision** As proposed.

### Annexes

- 1 Statements on the dissertation (opponent Professor Inkeri Ruokonen, custos Professor Nina Sajaniemi, doctoral candidate MEd Sanni Kahila)

Record entry No 5343/03.00.01/2024

Prepared by Satu Kouki

§ 4

**Confirming the curricula for Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes in  
Communication Studies for the academic years 2026–2028**

According to section 9(4) of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council will decide on curricula, among other things. According to section 18 of the Education Regulations, the curriculum of each degree programme must indicate, among others, the degree structure (including the courses and their scope) and the desired learning outcomes, contents, methods of completion and assessment of the degree and its parts.

The School of Humanities has submitted a proposal for the curriculum for the new degree programme in Communication Studies for the academic years 2026–2028.

**Motion** The Faculty Council will approve the curricula for Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes in Communication Studies for the academic year 2026– 2028.

**Decision** As proposed.

Annexes

2 Communication Studies, MA 2026-2027: curriculum



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- 3 Communication Studies, BA 2026-2027: curriculum
- 4 Course of studies, Communication Studies, academic years  
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- 5 Communication Studies, minor subject



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Record entry 1159/01.01.02/2025

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

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### **The Dean's proposal to appoint DEd Soila Lemmetty to the post of Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Adult Education: 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), Adult Education, is hosted by the School of Educational Sciences and Psychology. According to the description of the post:

*The duties of the Associate Professor include conducting research in the field of adult education, participating in doctoral education, supervising postgraduate students, applying for external funding for research projects, and leading and developing a research group. The Associate Professor develops research in adult education, promotes interdisciplinary collaboration and organises research projects. The duties of the Associate Professor include giving teaching in adult education 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 Associate Professor will promote the societal impact and interaction in their field.*

*The person to be appointed is expected to have:*

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

*The following will be considered an advantage:*

- *national and international positions of trust,*
- *societal impact and activities, and*
- *studies in university pedagogy or other pedagogical teaching merits.*

*When assessing research achievements, the applicant's scientific publications, national and international research collaboration, experience in leading a research group, and applications for external funding will be taken into consideration. When assessing teaching and supervision achievements, the applicant's teaching portfolio and experience in supervising theses at different levels will be taken into consideration.*

*The post will be filled for a fixed term of four (4) years starting on 1 February, or as agreed. The post is filled for a fixed term due to it being a Tenure Track position."*

The post of Associate Professor (Tenure Track),

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adult education, involves the direct recruitment of Soila Lemmetty to the post. The direct recruitment was prepared by the Appointments Committee appointed by the Dean (Dean Ilkka Huhta (Chair), Professor Hille Janhonen-Abuquah, Senior University Lecturer Aino Äikäs, Professor Sonja Kosunen and Professor Heidi Hyytinen).

Expert statements have been requested on the merits of Soila Lemmetty to the post of Associate Professor from Professor Ulpuukka Isopahkala-Bouret (University of Turku) and Professor Hanna Toiviainen (University of Tampere). Based on the statements, Soila Lemmetty 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, Soila Lemmetty be appointed to the post of Associate Professor.

The Chair of the Appointments Committee has decided to exempt Soila Lemmetty from the requirement to give a trial lecture, as her teaching merits can be verified based on the application documents. Soila Lemmetty 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 DEd Soila Lemmetty is appointed to the post of Associate Professor (Tenure Track),

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Adult Education, for a fixed term of four years as from 1 April 2026 onwards. 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 DEd Soila Lemmetty to the post of Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Adult Education as from 1 April 2026 onwards.

### **Decision**

As proposed.

### Annexes

- 6 Expert statement, Professor Ulpukka Isopahkala-Bouret: Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Adult Education
- 7 Expert statement, Professor Hanna Toiviainen: Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Adult Education
- 8 Application documents, DEd Soila Lemmetty: Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Adult Education



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Record entry 211/01.01.02/2026

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 6

### **The scope and specifications of the post: Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Logopedics**

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 Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Logopedics, is to be filled for a fixed-term of four (4) years from 1 August 2026 onwards. The intention is to appoint PhD Satu Saalasti to the post through direct recruitment after evaluation.

The members of the Appointments Committee of the post are: Dean Ilkka Huhta (Chair), Professor Juhana Venäläinen, Associate Professor Suvi-Maria Saarelainen, Professor Marja Laasonen, Executive Head of Administration Henni Nevalainen and HR Specialist Nina Miinalainen.

**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.



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### **Closing of the meeting**

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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.

Annexes

10 Translation of the agenda, 26 March 2026