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Place Teams

Participants	Role	Present for items
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Lappalainen Hanna	Professor, member	1–14
Saresma Tuija	Professor, deputy member	
Kantelinen Ritva	Professor, member	1–14
Tuominen Heta	Professor, deputy member	1–14
Ubani Martin	Professor, member	1–14
Kallinen Timo	Professor, deputy member	
Mikkonen Simo	Professor, member	
Sointu Erkko	Professor, deputy member	1–7
Laakkonen Erja	Staff, member	
Waltzer Katariina	Staff, deputy member	
Arminen Elina	Staff, member	1–14
Suokas Juho	Staff, deputy member	
Kaivosaaari Annu	Staff, member	1–14



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Salonen Anna	Staff, member	1-14
Mikkola Sini	Staff, deputy member	
Korkki Jyrki	Staff, member	1-14
Räty-Záborszky Sinikka	Other staff, deputy member	
Kivikoski Emilia	Student, member	
Närhi Jasmin	Student, deputy member	5-14
Baljashkin Janina	Student, member	
Lahtinen Matilda	Student, deputy member	
Koskelo Marko	Student, member	1-14
Palkovuori Jutta	Student, deputy member	
Palkovuori Teemu	Student, member	1-14
Sillanpää Silja	Student, deputy member	
Pesonen Jussi	Student, member	1-14
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Nevalainen Henni	Executive Head of Administration, secretary, preparer	1-14
Other preparers		
Parviainen Maiju	Academic Affairs Specialist	1-6
Myllys Riikka	Academic Affairs Specialist	6



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§ 1

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 16 April 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 No 5343/03.00.01/2024

Prepared by Maiju Parviainen

§ 3

Changes to the curricula for the doctoral programme of the Philosophical Faculty 2026–2027

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council shall decide on curricula.

The steering committee of the doctoral programme of the Philosophical Faculty (FILOTO) has submitted its proposal for changes to the the curriculum for postgraduate education for the academic years 2026–2027.

Motion

The Faculty Council approves the changes to the FILOTO Doctoral Programme for 2026–2027 as set out in the Annexes and delegates any clarifications and corrections to the Vice Dean.

Decision

As proposed.

Annexes

- 1 Changes to the curriculum for the doctoral programme of the Philosophical Faculty for the academic year 2026–2027



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Prepared by Maiju Parviainen

§ 4

Admission criteria for the doctoral programme of the Philosophical Faculty 2026–2027

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council will make decisions concerning admission criteria.

The steering committee of the doctoral programme of the Philosophical Faculty (FILOTO) has submitted its proposal for the admission criteria for the academic year 2026–2027.

Motion The Faculty Council approves the admission criteria for the FILOTO doctoral programme for the academic year 2026–2027 as set out in the Annex and delegates any specifications and corrections to the Vice Dean.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

- 2 Admission criteria for the doctoral programme of the Philosophical Faculty for the academic year 2026-2027



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Prepared by Maiju Parviainen

§ 5

Discontinuing the major subject of German language in doctoral studies

It is outlined in section 6 of the Education Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland that the Faculty Council shall decide, within the scope of the faculty's educational responsibility, on the establishment and discontinuation of major subjects. Section 7b of the Universities Act regulates on the discontinuation of degree programmes and the related transfer of education. When a degree programme is discontinued, the faculty must provide students who have been granted a right to study in the said programme with an opportunity to complete their studies, taking account of the normative duration of study and the option to apply for an extension to the right to study.

The Faculty Council will decide on the transitional arrangements.

The Faculty Council of the Philosophical Faculty decided at its meeting of 31 August 2016 to propose to the UEF Board that the university give up its educational responsibility as regards the German language as of 1 January 2017. The UEF Board verified this at its meeting of 7 September 2016. The major subject of German language were, therefore, previously discontinued in undergraduate education. Now it is proposed that this discontinuation of a main subject be extended to postgraduate education.



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There are currently no active postgraduate students in German language and culture and German language and translation. In the Peppi system, there are five persons with the right to pursue postgraduate studies in German language, of which four were granted for doctoral and one for licentiate studies. These postgraduate students have not registered as being present or absent. If they want to activate their right to pursue postgraduate studies later, they can change their major subject to General Linguistics or Translation Studies, depending on their research topic and supervisors.

Motion

The Faculty Council decides to discontinue German language and culture and German language and translation as major subjects for postgraduate studies, following the earlier discontinuation of German language as a major subject for undergraduate education.

Decision

As proposed.

Record entry 2046/03.01.00/2024

Prepared by Riikka Myllys

§ 6

Student admission criteria for studies requiring a separate right to study and subject to a fee, and for basic studies in the French language and culture at the open university for the academic year 2026–2027

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

The Deputy Head for Education of the School of Humanities and the School of Educational Sciences and Psychology have proposed to the Faculty Council that the enclosed admission criteria, prepared by the departments, academic subjects, and the Centre for Continuous Learning, be approved:

- student admission to study forensic psychology requiring separate right to study and subject to a fee, academic year 2026–2027
- student admission criteria for basic studies in French language and culture available at the open university for the academic year 2026–2027.
- student admission to study French language and culture (intermediate studies) requiring separate right to study and subject to a fee, academic year 2026–2027

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- student admission to study Swedish language requiring separate right to study and subject to a fee, academic year 2026–2027
- student admission to study Ukrainian language and culture requiring separate right to study and subject to a fee, academic year 2026-2027
- student admission to study Russian language requiring separate right to study and subject to a fee, academic year 2026–2027.

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

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

- 3 Admission criteria: Studies in forensic psychology requiring separate right to study and subject to a fee
- 4 Admission criteria: Basic studies in French language and culture as open university studies
- 5 Admission criteria: Subject studies in French language and culture requiring separate right to study and subject to a fee
- 6 Admission criteria: Studies in Swedish language requiring separate right to study and subject to a fee
- 7 Admission criteria: Studies in Ukrainian language and culture requiring separate right to study and subject to a fee



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- 8 Admission criteria: Studies in Russian language requiring separate right to study and subject to a fee

Record entry 1537/01.08.00/2025

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 7

Granting the title of docent to DSocSc Maria Pietilä

DSocSc Maria Pietilä has applied for the title of docent in Educational Sciences, especially Higher Education Research, at the University of Eastern Finland. The application for the title of docent was initiated on 15 December 2025 at the Philosophical Faculty 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 School of Educational Sciences and Psychology has considered the docentship applied for by DSocSc Maria Pietilä to be purposeful for the teaching and research of the School based on the following grounds: “DSocSc Pietilä is applying for a title of docent in order to become more strongly connected to the academic community of the University of Eastern Finland, especially the Philosophical Faculty, enabling, e.g., research and teaching collaboration. Pietilä has conducted research on, e.g., the following themes: university organisations, academic recruitment, researcher evaluation and gender equality in higher education institutions.

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Pietilä's expertise in higher education research would strengthen expertise in general education and university pedagogy and the wide-ranging teaching and research activities of the academic subject of Education and Adult Education, thus adding to the expertise of the entire School."

The Dean of the Philosophical Faculty decided to invite (on 9 February 2026) Director, Research Professor Taina Saarinen (University of Jyväskylä) and Docent, University Researcher Nina Haltia (University of Turku) as experts to provide their statements on the scientific qualifications of DSocSc Maria Pietilä for the title of docent in Educational Sciences, Especially Higher Education Research. Both experts are in favour of awarding the title of docent to Pietilä.

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 30 March 2026, the Dean has exempted Pietilä from the requirement to give a trial lecture and has determined her 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.

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The applicant meets the qualification requirements of a docent specified in section 89 of the Universities Act and the criteria set out in the docentship guidelines of the Philosophical Faculty for the title of docent.

Motion

The Faculty Council states that DSocSc Maria Pietilä meets the criteria set for the title of docent in the Universities Act and awards Pietilä the title of docent in Educational Sciences, Especially Higher Education Research at the University of Eastern Finland.

Decision

As proposed.

Annexes

- 9 Expert statement, Director, Research Professor Taina Saarinen: awarding the title of docent
- 10 Expert statement, Docent, University Researcher Nina Haltia: awarding the title of docent
- 11 Application documents, DSocSc Maria Pietilä: awarding the title of docent



Record entry 187/01.01.02/2026

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 8

The Dean's proposal to appoint PhD (Psychology) Maija Korhonen to the post of Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Psychology, Qualitative Research in Life Course and 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), Psychology, Qualitative Research in Life Course and 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 Psychology, supervising doctoral researchers, acquiring external funding for research projects and developing their own research group activities. The Associate Professor will develop research in the field through multidisciplinary collaboration within the university, especially from the perspective of qualitative research in life course and education, and will organise multidisciplinary research projects. The duties of the Associate Professor include giving teaching in psychology as part of education offered by the School in different subjects, as well as supervising Master's theses and doctoral dissertations.

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The person to be appointed to the post is expected to participate in project activities, in the acquisition of national and international research funding, and in international research networks.

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

- a suitable doctoral degree,
- demonstrated experience in independent research in the field,
- experience in teaching and supervision at university level and good teaching skills; and
- fluency in the Finnish language and the ability to teach and supervise in English, and

When assessing the research achievements, the applicant's scientific publications, national and international research collaboration, experience in developing research in the field, and activity in applying 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 position will be filled for a fixed term of four (4) years from 1 August 2026 onwards 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), Psychology, Qualitative Research in Life Course and Education, involves the direct recruitment of PhD (Psychology) Maija Korhonen to the post. The direct recruitment was prepared by the

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Appointments Committee appointed by the Dean (Dean Ilkka Huhta (Chair), Professor Hille Janhonen-Abuquah, Senior University Lecturer Aino Äikäs, Professor Heidi Hyytinen and Professor Taina Hintsa).

Expert statements on the merits of Korhonen for the post of Associate Professor were requested from Professor Juha Holma (University of Jyväskylä) and Professor Kirsti Lempiäinen (University of Lapland). Based on the statements, Korhonen 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, Korhonen be appointed to the post of Associate Professor.

The Chair of the Appointments Committee has decided to exempt Korhonen from the requirement to give a trial lecture, as his teaching merits can be verified based on the application documents. Korhonen 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 Maija Korhonen be appointed to the post of Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Psychology, Qualitative Research in Life Course and Education, for a fixed term of four years as from 1 August 2026. The post is filled for a fixed term due to it being a Tenure Track position.



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Motion The Dean will hear the Faculty Council on the proposal to appoint PhD (Psychology) Maija Korhonen to the post of Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Psychology, Qualitative Research in Life Course and Education, as from 1 August 2026.

Decision As proposed.

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- 12 Expert statement, Professor Juha Holma: Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Psychology, Qualitative Research in Life Course and Education
- 13 Expert statement, Professor Kirsti Lempiäinen: Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Psychology, Qualitative Research in Life Course and Education
- 14 Application documents, Phd (Psychology) Maija Korhonen: Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Psychology, Qualitative Research in Life Course and Education

Record entry 546/01.01.03/2026

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 9

**A proposal to appoint PhD (Psychology) Marika Kontturi to the post of University Lecturer,
Psychology: Hearing of the Faculty Council**

According to section 10(10) of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Dean shall, after hearing the Faculty Council, decide on persons to be appointed to permanent positions that comply with the four-stage career model (excluding professors, senior university lecturers and senior clinical lecturers).

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 University Lecturer, Psychology, is hosted by the School of Educational Sciences and Psychology. In the school's view, filling the position through direct recruitment is a justified recruitment method from the perspective of the academic subject. The School of Educational Sciences and Psychology has proposed that PhD (Psychology) Marika Kontturi be appointed to the post of University Lecturer, Psychology, as from 1 August 2026. The School's proposal and its grounds are enclosed with this agenda item as an annex.

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Persons to be appointed as University Lecturers must hold a suitable doctoral degree and have good teaching skills (University Regulations, section 31). Marika Kontturi has worked in fixed-term positions as a junior researcher, doctoral researcher and university teacher in the academic subject of Psychology at the School of Educational Sciences and Psychology since 1 February 2021. The current employment relationship will end on 31 December 2026. The good teaching skills required by the post of University Lecturer can be verified based on Kontturi's teaching portfolio.

Marika Kontturi meets the requirements laid down in the UEF University Regulations for the employment of a university lecturer and the requirements set for the position of University Lecturer, Psychology.

The School of Educational Sciences and Psychology has proposed that PhD (Psychology) Marika Kontturi be appointed to the post of University Lecturer, Psychology, as from 1 August 2026.

Motion The Dean will hear the Faculty Council on the proposed appointment of PhD (Psychology) Marika Kontturi to the post of University Lecturer as from 1 August 2026. At the same time, the Faculty Council will discuss the scope and specifications of the said post, which have been described in the School's proposal.

Decision As proposed.

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- 15 Application documents, PhD (Psychology) Marika Kontturi:
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- 16 Proposal of the School of Educational Sciences and
Psychology: University Lecturer, Psychology



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§ 10

A proposal to appoint DEd Kirsi Raetsaari to the post of University Lecturer, Student and Career Counselling: Hearing of the Faculty Council

According to section 10(10) of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Dean shall, after hearing the Faculty Council, decide on persons to be appointed to permanent positions that comply with the four-stage career model (excluding professors, senior university lecturers and senior clinical lecturers).

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 University Lecturer, Student and Career Counselling, is hosted by the School of Educational Sciences and Psychology. Filling the position through direct recruitment is a justified recruitment method from the perspective of the academic subject. The School of Educational Sciences and Psychology has proposed that DEd Kirsi Raetsaari be appointed to the post of University Lecturer, Student and Career Counselling, as from 1 August 2026. The School's proposal and its grounds are enclosed with this agenda item as an annex.

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Persons to be appointed as University Lecturers must hold a suitable doctoral degree and have good teaching skills (University Regulations, section 31). Raetsaari has worked as a fixed-term university lecturer in Student and Career Counselling since 1 August 2025. The current fixed-term post is due to end on 30 June 2027. The good teaching skills required by the post of University Lecturer can be verified based on Raetsaari's teaching portfolio.

Kirsi Raetsaari meets the requirements laid down in the UEF University Regulations for the employment of a university lecturer and the requirements set for the position of University Lecturer, Student and Career Counselling.

The Head of the School of Educational Sciences and Psychology has proposed that DEd Kirsi Raetsaari be appointed to the post of University Lecturer, Student and Career Counselling, as from 1 August 2026.

Motion The Dean will hear the Faculty Council on the proposed appointment of DEd Kirsi Raetsaari to the post of University Lecturer as from 1 August 2026. At the same time, the Faculty Council will discuss the scope and specifications of the said post, which have been described in the School's proposal.

Decision As proposed.



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- 17 Application documents, DEd Kirsi Raetsaari: University Lecturer, Student and Career Counselling
- 18 Proposal of the School of Educational Sciences and Psychology: University Lecturer, Student and Career Counselling

Record entry 547/01.01.03/2026

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 11

A proposal to appoint PhD Kaisa Viinikka to the post of University Lecturer, Education, especially Worldview Education: Hearing of the Faculty Council

According to section 10(10) of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Dean shall, after hearing the Faculty Council, decide on persons to be appointed to permanent positions that comply with the four-stage career model (excluding professors, senior university lecturers and senior clinical lecturers).

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 University Lecturer, Education, especially Worldview Education is hosted by the School of Applied Educational Science and Teacher Education. Filling the post through direct recruitment is the most appropriate option from the point of view of the School. The School of Applied Educational Science and Teacher Education has proposed that PhD Kaisa Viinikka be appointed to the post of University Lecturer, Education, especially Worldview Education as from 1 August 2026. The School's proposal and its grounds are enclosed with this agenda item as an annex.

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Persons to be appointed as University Lecturers must hold a suitable doctoral degree and have good teaching skills (University Regulations, section 31). Kaisa Viinikka has acted as a fixed-term university teacher and university lecturer since 5 September 2022. The current fixed-term post is due to end on 31 July 2026. The good teaching skills required by the post of University Lecturer can be verified based on Viinikka's teaching portfolio.

Kaisa Viinikka meets the requirements laid down in the UEF University Regulations for the employment of a university lecturer and the requirements set for the post of University Lecturer, Education, especially Worldview Education.

The Head of the School of Applied Educational Science and Teacher Education has proposed that PhD Kaisa Viinikka be appointed to the post of University Lecturer, Education, especially Worldview Education as from 1 August 2026.

Motion The Dean will hear the Faculty Council on the proposed appointment of PhD Kaisa Viinikka to the post of University Lecturer as from 1 August 2026. At the same time, the Faculty Council will discuss the scope and specifications of the said post, which have been described in the School's proposal.

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- 19 Application documents, PhD Kaisa Viinikka: University Lecturer, Education, especially Worldview Education
- 20 Proposal of the School of Applied Educational Sciences and Teacher Education: University Lecturer, Education, specially Worldview Education



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§ 12

The scope and specifications of the post: University Teacher, Psychology

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 following specifications of the post by the School of Educational Sciences and Psychology are enclosed with this agenda item as an annex:

University Teacher, Psychology

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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21 Description of the post: University Teacher, Psychology



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§ 13

The scope and specifications of the post: University Lecturer/University Teacher, English Language and Translation

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 following specifications of the post hosted by the School of Humanities are enclosed with this agenda item as an annex:

Description of the post: University Lecturer/University Teacher, English Language and Translation

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.

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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.

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23 Translation of the agenda, 23 April 2026