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Meeting No 4/2026

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Date and time 22 April 2026, 13:00 - 14:15

Place Teams

Participants	Role	Present for items
Members		
Lehtinen Kari	Dean, Chair	1-13
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	1-13
Roussey Matthieu	Professor, deputy member	
Tuittila Eeva-Stiina	Professor, member	1-13
Toivanen Pekka	Professor, deputy member	1-13
Vauhkonen Jari	Professor, member	1-13
Berninger Frank	Professor, deputy member	
Tedre Matti	Professor, member	1-13
Virtanen Jani	Professor, deputy member	
Kainulainen Samu	Staff, member	1-13
Mertano Heta	Staff, deputy member	1-13
Kopra Juho	Staff, member	
Mikkonen Santtu	Staff, deputy member	1-13
Mäkelä Janne	Staff, member	1-13
Kumlin Timo	Staff, deputy member	



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Miettinen Tuire	Staff, member	1-13
Vainikainen Hanne	Staff, deputy member	
Leinonen Risto	Staff, member	1-13
Vartiainen Paavo	Staff, deputy member	
Kitunen Kielo	Student, member	1-13
Heikkinen Wilma	Student, member	1-13
Airaksinen Johannes	Student, member	1-13
Miettinen Mikko	Student, member	1-13
Palkovuori Teemu	Student, member	1-13
Kannan Bharath	Student, deputy member	1-13
Afzaal Muhammad	Student, deputy member	1-13
Shahwaiz		
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Other preparers		
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Riikka Levänen		
Niina Laatikainen		



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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 15 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 The order of agenda items was changed so that the following items: For information, Closing the Meeting and Translation of the Agenda/Minutes, were moved after supplementary items.

Record entry 379/01.01.02/2025

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§ 3

**The Dean's proposal on the person to be appointed to the post of Professor,
Computational Mechanobiology. Hearing of the Faculty Council**

According to section 10 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, to permanent teaching and research positions compliant with the four-stage research career model, and to Tenure Track positions after hearing the Faculty Council.

The call for applications to the post of Professor/Associate Professor in the field of Computational Mechanobiology ended on 10 June 2025. A total of 6 applicants submitted their application to the post by the deadline. A list of applicants can be found in the selection memorandum that is enclosed with this agenda item as an annex.

Regarding the post of professor: 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

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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.

Expert statements were requested on the qualification and merits of Professor David Pierce for the post of Professor, Computational Mechanobiology from Professor Damien Lacroix (University of Sheffield) and Professor Jari Hyttinen (University of Tampere). Expert statements are enclosed with this agenda item as annexes.

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.

Professor David Pierce is exempted from the requirement to give a trial lecture because he has sufficient experience of university-level teaching and supervision that supports his appointment to the post. It can be stated that he has the good teaching skills required by the post.

The Dean of the faculty proposes to the Rector that Professor David Pierce be appointed to the post of Professor, Computational Mechanobiology, as of 1 August 2026 or as agreed until further notice. Pierce's CV, list of publications and teaching portfolio are enclosed with this agenda item as Annexes.



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Motion The Faculty Council will address the proposal on the person to be appointed to the post of Professor, Computational Mechanobiology.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

- Annex 1 Selection memorandum computational mechanobiology
- Annex 2 Expert statements (Damien Lacroix and Jari Hyttinen)
- Annex 3 David Pierce's CV, teaching portfolio, and list of publications



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Record entry 564/01.01.02/2026

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§ 4

Description of the post of Professor of Data Technology, especially Data Analysis Methods.

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 School of Computing 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.

The description of the post of Professor of Data Technology, especially Data Analysis Methods (Annex) includes the scope and specifications of the post as required by the University Regulations.

Motion

The Faculty Council will discuss the description of the post.



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Decision As proposed.

Annexes

Annex 4 Description of the post



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Record entry 561/01.01.02/2026

Prepared by Arja Hirvonen

§ 5

Description of the post of Professor/Associate Professor of Sustainable Energy Technology.

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 Chemistry and Sustainable Technology 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.

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



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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 Sustainable Energy Technology (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 5 Description of the post



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Record entry 158/01.01.03/2026

Prepared by Arja Hirvonen

§ 6

The proposal of the Head of the School of Forest Sciences on the person to be appointed to the post of University Lecturer, Forest Planning. 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 description of the post of University Lecturer, Forest Planning, was approved at the meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology on 21 January 2026. The post will be hosted by the School of Forest Sciences at the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology on the Joensuu campus.

An open call for applications was organised for the post. A total of 3 applicants applied to the post by the deadline of 26 February 2026: Ruotsalainen Roope, Selkimäki Mari and Vähä-Konka Ville.

Jukka Tikkanen, Head of the School of Forest Sciences, proposes in the summary of his selection memorandum that DSc (Agr. & For.) Roope Ruotsalainen be appointed to the vacant post as from 1 May 2026 or as agreed until further notice.

The selection memorandum and Ruotsalainen's CV, teaching portfolio and list of publications are enclosed with the agenda item as annexes.

Persons to be appointed as University Lecturers must hold a suitable doctoral degree and have good teaching skills (University Regulations, section 31). The person to be appointed to the post is expected to be fluent in Finnish and be able to teach in English.



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DSc (Agr. & For.) Roope Ruotsalainen gave a trial lecture on 10 April 2026 for the position he applied for on the topic of Spatial optimisation in forest planning. The trial lecture confirms that he has the good teaching skills required for the position. Roope Ruotsalainen meets the qualification requirements of a university lecturer, as referred to in the UEF University Regulations, and the prerequisites laid down in the specifications of the post.

The Dean of the Faculty will hear the Faculty Council on the proposal of the Head of the School regarding the filling of the post of University Lecturer, Forest Planning.

Motion

The Faculty Council will address the proposal on the person to be appointed to the post.

Decision

As proposed.

Annexes

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| Annex 6 | Selection memorandum, University Lecturer, Forest Planning |
| Annex 7 | Roope Ruotsalainen's CV, teaching portfolio, and list of publications |

Record entry 1149/01.01.03/2025

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§ 7

The proposal of the Head of the School of Computing on the person to be appointed as a University Lecturer, information and communication technology. Hearing of the Faculty Council

The description of the post of University Teacher/University Lecturer in the field of information and communication technology was approved at the meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology on 24 September 2025. The posts will be hosted by the School of Computing at the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology on the Joensuu and Kuopio campuses. A public call for applications was organised for the positions (2 with the same description) and closed on 24 November 2025. The Faculty Council of the Faculty was heard on the persons proposed for the positions (PhD Ana Gebejes and PhD Mohammad Al-Sa'd) at the Faculty Council meeting held on 21 January 2026.

The Dean of the Faculty supports the proposal of the Head of the School of Computing that, in addition to the above, PhD Maiju Karjalainen be also appointed from among the applicants to the above call for the position of University Lecturer, Information and Communication Technology, as of 1 June 2026 until further notice. She was among the top candidates in the call and was interviewed in connection with the selection process. The

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arrangement aims to ensure that the new Master's degree programme in data technology has sufficient teaching resources.

Enclosed are the selection memorandum and Maiju Karjalainen's CV, list of publications and teaching portfolio.

Persons to be appointed as University Lecturers must hold a suitable doctoral degree and have good teaching skills (University Regulations, section 31). The person to be appointed to the post is required to have good skills in the English language and sufficient skills in the Finnish language.

The Dean of the Faculty supports the proposal of the Head of the school to exempt PhD Maiju Karjalainen from the requirement to give a trial lecture, taking into account her previous experience in university-level teaching and supervision in the field of the position.

It is stated that PhD Maiju Karjalainen meets the qualification requirements of a university lecturer, as referred to in the UEF University Regulations, and the prerequisites laid down in the specifications of the post.

The Dean of the Faculty will hear the Faculty Council on the proposal of the Head of the School of Computing regarding the filling of the post of University Lecturer, information and communication technology.



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Motion The Faculty Council will address the proposal on the person to be appointed to the post.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

- Annex 8 Proposal of the Head of the School of Computing
- Annex 9 Maiju Karjalainen's CV, teaching portfolio, and list of publications



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Record entry 571/01.01.03/2026

Prepared by Arja Hirvonen

§ 8

The scope and specifications of the post of University Lecturer in Information and Communication Technology that will become vacant at the faculty. Hearing of the Faculty Council

In accordance with the human resources planning of the faculty and the School of Computing, the aim is to open a call for the post of University Lecturer in Information and Communication Technology at the School of Computing. The role will support the Master of Science in Data Technology education, which will start at the University of Eastern Finland in autumn 2026. The data technology education includes training in data science, statistics and software development. The filling of the position is part of the recruitment needs of the said education.

The description of the post is as follows:

The post of University Lecturer is teaching-oriented and the field of teaching is information and communication technology. The position will involve, in particular, the planning, development and implementation of basic level teaching of advanced data management techniques (cloud, SQL, NonSQL, AI-based) and agile/continuous data development processes. The university lecturer will participate in evaluating and developing data technology education and continuous learning.

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The School of Computing provides teaching in Finnish and English. The person to be appointed to the post of University Lecturer is required to have good skills in the English language to provide teaching in English and sufficient skills in the Finnish language to provide student guidance, and must also be able to assess Finnish-language study attainments when necessary.

According to section 11 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 and Tenure Track positions.

- Motion** The Faculty Council will discuss the scope and specifications of the post of University Lecturer in Information and Communication Technology that will become vacant at the faculty.
- Decision** As proposed.



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Record entry No 575/03.00.01/2026

Prepared by Maarit Merimaa-Piirainen

§ 9

The curriculum and student admission criteria for the Doctoral Programme in Science, Forestry and Technology (LUMETO) for the academic year 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 in Science, Forestry and Technology (LUMETO) has submitted its proposal for the curriculum for postgraduate education for the academic years 2026-2028 and the admission criteria for the academic year 2026-2027. Changes have been made to the content of the currently valid curriculum and admission criteria. The changes reflect the development work of the University's doctoral school. Enclosed in a document listing the key changes.

Motion The Faculty Council approves the curriculum for the LUMETO doctoral programme for 2026–2028 and changes to the admission criteria for the academic year 2026-2027 as set out in the annexes, and delegates any specifications and corrections to the Vice Dean.

Decision As proposed.

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2027 |
| Annex 11 | LUMETO curriculum 1 August 2025–31 July 2028 |
| Annex 12 | LUMETO admission criteria 1 August 2026–31 July 2027 |



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Record entry 81/03.04.09/2026

Prepared by Niina Laatikainen

§ 10

Grading MSc Maaz Ahmed Qureshi's doctoral dissertation in the field of Physics

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.

MSc Maaz Ahmed Qureshi's doctoral dissertation and study [Waveguide-integrated 2D material photodetectors: fabrication and characterization](#) was examined publicly on 15 April 2026. The opponent, Associate Professor Sanshui Xiao (Department of Electrical and Photonics Engineering, Technical University of Denmark (DTU), Denmark) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Philosophy and proposes a 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 MSc Maaz Ahmed Qureshi's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

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Annex 13 Opponent's statement, Sanshui Xiao

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§ 11

For information

Instructions for preliminary examiners of doctoral dissertations (Annex)

Instructions for the opponent of a doctoral dissertation (Annex)

Statistics on the faculty's Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees on 31
March 2026 (Annex).

Topical faculty matters.

Motion Marked for information.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

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Closing of the meeting

The chair closed the meeting at 14:15.



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§ 13

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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