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Faculty Council of the Philosophical Faculty

Meeting No 5/2026

Meeting date 20 May 2026

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Place Hybrid: Teams or room F210

Participants	Role	Present for items
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Lappalainen Hanna	Professor, member	
Saresma Tuija	Professor, deputy member	1-11
Kantelinen Ritva	Professor, member	1-11
Tuominen Heta	Professor, deputy member	1-11
Ubani Martin	Professor, member	1-11
Kallinen Timo	Professor, deputy member	4-11
Mikkonen Simo	Professor, member	1-11
Sointu Erkko	Professor, deputy member	
Laakkonen Erja	Staff, member	1-11
Waltzer Katariina	Staff, deputy member	
Arminen Elina	Staff, member	1-11
Suokas Juho	Staff, deputy member	
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Mikkola Sini	Staff, deputy member	1-11
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Kivikoski Emilia	Student, member	1-2, 7-11
Närhi Jasmin	Student, deputy member	
Baljashkin Janina	Student, member	1-2, 7-11
Lahtinen Matilda	Student, deputy member	
Koskelo Marko	Student, member	7-11
Palkovuori Jutta	Student, deputy member	
Palkovuori Teemu	Student, member	1-2, 7-11
Sillanpää Silja	Student, deputy member	
Pesonen Jussi	Student, member	1-2, 7-11
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Anttonen Salli	Academic Affairs Specialist	1-7
Kouki Satu	Head of Academic Affairs	1-9
Myllys Riikka	Academic Affairs Specialist	1-8



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§ 1

Opening of the meeting

The chair opened the meeting at 9:03.

§ 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 13 May 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 as a hybrid meeting (Teams / room F210).

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

Decision As proposed.



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Prepared by Salli Anttonen

§ 3

Grading MEd Anu Liljeström's doctoral dissertation in the field of Educational Sciences

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 Anu Liljeström's doctoral dissertation and study "Ilmiökeskeinen oppimisen ekosysteemi – Design-tutkimus luonto- ja kulttuuriympäristöön laajanevasta oppimisesta" was examined publicly on 17 April 2026. The opponent Professor Kalle Juuti (University of Helsinki) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Education 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 statement. The statements of the opponent and the custos are enclosed with this agenda item as annexes.

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

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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/0ea02f93-74b8-44cb-ad2b-d513bde1ea6c>

The entire doctoral dissertation was submitted to the Faculty Council in PDF format by e-mail.

Motion Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades MEd Anu Liljeström's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

- 1 Statements on the dissertation (opponent Professor Kalle Juuti, custos Professor Sirpa Kokko, doctoral candidate MEd Anu Liljeström)



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§ 4

Grading MTh, MSc, Professional Teacher Jussi Leppäniemi's doctoral dissertation in the field of Church History

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.

MTh, MSc, Professional Teacher Jussi Leppäniemi's doctoral dissertation and study "Diakoniatyön muuntuminen osaksi terveydenhuoltoa vuosina 1929–1952" was examined publicly on 17 April 2026. The opponent Docent Ville Jalovaara (University of Helsinki) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Theology 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 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:

[Diakoniatyön muuntuminen osaksi terveydenhuoltoa vuosina 1929–1952.](#)

The entire doctoral dissertation was submitted to the Faculty Council in PDF format by e-mail.

Motion Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades MTh, MSc, Professional Teacher Jussi Leppäniemi's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

- 2 Statements on the doctoral dissertation (opponent Docent Ville Jalovaara, custos Professor Ilkka Huhta, MTh, MSc, Professional Teacher Jussi Leppäniemi)

Record entry 50/03.04.09/2026

Prepared by Salli Anttonen

§ 5

Grading MTh, MSc (Mil.Sc.) Reetta Kallanne's doctoral dissertation in the field of Church History

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.

MTh, MSc (Mil.Sc.) Reetta Kallanne's doctoral dissertation and study "Holokausti lähellä – Kloogan työ- ja keskitysleiri Virossa suomalaisen sivussatoimijuuden paikkana 1941–1944" was examined publicly on 24 April 2026. The opponent Professor Tuomas Tepora (University of Helsinki) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Theology 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/e2ebd564-a897-480f-8793-d215b822079c>

Motion Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades MTh, MSc (Mil.Sc.) Reetta Kallanne's doctoral dissertation as Pass with distinction.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

- 3 Statements on the dissertation (opponent Professor Tuomas Tepora, custos Professor Ilkka Huhta, doctoral candidate MTh, MSc (Mil.Sc.) Reetta Kallanne)

Record entry 50/03.04.09/2026

Prepared by Salli Anttonen

§ 6

**Grading MEd, MSc Päivikki Liukkonen's doctoral dissertation in the field of Craft Science,
Textile Work**

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, MSc Päivikki Liukkonen's doctoral dissertation and study "Ecologies of Bio-oriented Creative Practices: Toward Transformative Engagement with the More Than Human in Learning by Making" was examined publicly on 24 April 2026. The opponent Professor Anna Keune (Technical University of Munich) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Philosophy 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.

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

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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/443c533f-7e12-4c51-a0eb-c1cdf0ff77c7>

Motion Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades MEd, MSc Päivikki Liukkonen's doctoral dissertation as Pass with distinction.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

- 4 Statements on the dissertation (opponent Professor Anna Keune, custos Professor Sirpa Kokko, doctoral candidate MEd, MSc Päivikki Liukkonen)



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Record entry No 5343/03.00.01/2024

Prepared by Satu Kouki

§ 7

Approving the study guide of the Philosophical Faculty for the academic year 2026–2027

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council will make decisions concerning curricula and degree requirements. According to section 18 of the Education Regulations, the faculties' curricula shall specify which degrees can be completed in the faculty and in which languages the degrees can be completed. The curriculum of the faculty shall contain the curricula of the degree programmes and the common regulations for all degree programmes. The curriculum of a degree programme must indicate the following: a plan for the guidance of major and minor subject students and the arrangement of guidance; the regulations concerning studies and degrees, such as the grounds for recognition of prior learning, the expiration of studies, the number of attempts to complete and repeat studies, the organisation of exams, and any transitional provisions.

Since the academic year 2019–2020, the University of Eastern Finland has used an electronic study guide that is available in Kamu (the current study guide). The guide includes matters jointly agreed within the university and, in particular, regulations concerning studies and degrees at the Philosophical Faculty that are decided by the Faculty Council. Following the reform of Kamu, the structure of the guide will change technically.



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Only minor changes are proposed to the guide. Updates have been discussed by the faculty's Development Committee for Education and by Student and Learning Services.

Motion I propose that the Faculty Council of the Philosophical Faculty approves the study guide of the Faculty for the academic year 2026–2027 in accordance with the proposal and delegates to the Vice Dean responsible for education the right to accept, by their decision, any corrections and clarifications to the study guide.

Decision As proposed.

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5 Study guide 2026-2027 of the Philosophical Faculty

Record entry 659/03.01.00/2026

Prepared by Riikka Myllys

§ 8

Approval of the consideration of the English-language matriculation examination in certificate-based admissions as from 2029

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

As from autumn 2028, the matriculation examination may be taken in Finnish, Swedish or English (Act on the Matriculation Examination 502/2019). The structure of the examination is the same in all languages. The English-language examination requires that the person has completed the Finnish as a second language (S2) or Swedish as a second language (R2) test. The test is determined by the language of instruction in upper secondary education. The English-language matriculation examinations implemented as translations, i.e., the content is the same in all languages.

Motion In accordance with the Act on the Organisation of the Matriculation Examination (502/2019), English-language matriculation examinations will, as from 2029, be observed in the certificate-based admissions of universities in the same way as corresponding matriculation examinations completed in Finnish or Swedish.

Decision As proposed.

Record entry 148/01.01.03/2026

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 9

**The Dean's proposal on the person to be appointed to the post of University Lecturer,
Education and Adult 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 and Adult Education, is hosted by the Department of Education and Psychology on the Joensuu campus. Persons to be appointed as University Lecturers must hold a suitable doctoral degree and have good teaching skills (University Regulations, section 31). The other requirements include completed pedagogical studies for teachers (60 ECTS), the readiness to teach both remotely and in person on the Joensuu campus, familiarity with and experience of online and blended learning, good command of the Finnish language and the

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ability and readiness to teach also in English, and post-doctoral peer-reviewed publication activities in the field of adult education.

The call for applications to the post ended on 26 March 2026. 20 applicants submitted their application to the post by the deadline: DEd Panu Forsman, DEd Nina Herajärvi, PhD Sakari Hyrkkö, PhD Heli Kaatrakoski, DEd Heli Kallio, PhD Tuija Kasa, DEd Sara Keronen, MEd Teppo Knuutinen, DEd Hanna Laalo, DEd Jasmiina Leskinen, DEd Timo Martikainen, DEd Salla Myyry, DEd Tuula Nygård, DEd Henri Pesonen, DEd Jani Pulkki, DSSc Anni Rannikko, DEd Anna Rawlings, DEd Mari Simola, DEd Tuomas Tervasmäki and DEd Inka Turunen. The top candidates Panu Forsman, Hanna Laalo and Jasmiina Leskinen were invited to the interviews held on 28 and 29 April 2026.

Based on the teaching merit portfolio and interviews, the candidates invited to an interview have the good teaching skills required by the UEF University Regulations for the post of University Lecturer, Education and Adult Education.

Based on the interview and application documents, Jasmiina Leskinen meets the requirements laid down in the UEF University Regulations for the employment of University Lecturer, Education and Adult Education, and the requirements set for the position of University Lecturer. Leskinen has the language skills required for the post.

The School of Educational Sciences and Psychology has proposed that DEd Jasmiina Leskinen be appointed as University Lecturer, Education and

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Adult Education, starting from 1 August 2026. Should Leskinen not accept the offered post, it is proposed that DEd Panu Forsman be the second-choice candidate and DEd Hanna Laalo be the third-choice candidate. The School's proposal and its grounds are enclosed with this agenda item as an annex.

The Dean's proposal to the Academic Rector is that DEd Jasmiina Leskinen be appointed to the post of University Lecturer, Education and Adult Education, until further notice as from 1 August 2026. It is proposed that DEd Panu Forsman be the second-choice candidate and DEd Hanna Laalo be the third-choice candidate. The CVs, lists of publications and teaching portfolios of Leskinen, Forsman and Laalo are enclosed with this agenda item as annexes.

Motion

The Dean will hear the Faculty Council on the proposal to appoint for Jasmiina Leskinen to the post of University Lecturer, Education and Adult Education. 1.

It is proposed that DEd Panu Forsman be the second-choice candidate and DEd Hanna Laalo be the third-choice candidate.

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As proposed.

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- 6 Application documents, DEd Jasmiina Leskinen, University Lecturer, Education and Adult Education

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- 7 Application documents, DEd Panu Forsman: University
Lecturer, Education and Adult Education
- 8 Application documents, DEd Hanna Laalo: University
Lecturer, Education and Adult Education
- 9 Selection memorandum: University Lecturer, Education and
Adult Education

Record entry 292/01.01.03/2026

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 10

**The Dean's proposal on the person to be appointed to the post of University Lecturer,
Communication Studies: 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, Communication Studies, is hosted by the School of Humanities on the Joensuu campus. Persons to be appointed as University Lecturers must hold a suitable doctoral degree and have good teaching skills (University Regulations, section 31). In addition, the persons are expected to have research merits related to digital communications and new media, as well as excellent skills in the Finnish language and the ability to teach and supervise in English.

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The call for applications to the post ended on 31 March 2026. 12 applicants submitted their application to the post by the deadline: DSocSc Marko Ampuja, PhD Anne Holappa, PhD Kaisu Hynnä-Granberg, DEd Juho Kahila, PhD Noora Kallioniemi, DSSc Matti Kortesoja, PhD Liisa Kääntä, DSc (Econ.) Ella Lillqvist, PhD Heta Mulari, PhD Tiina Räisä, PhD Tommi Römpötti and DSc (Econ.) Aleksi Soini. Marko Ampuja, Juho Kahila, Matti Kortesoja and Ella Lillqvist were invited to the interviews conducted on 23 April 2026 based on a suitable doctoral degree, teaching experience, documented post-doctoral research relevant to the field of the position and activity in applying for research funding.

Based on the teaching merit portfolio and interviews, the candidates invited to an interview have the good teaching skills required by the UEF University Regulations for the post of University Lecturer, Communication Studies.

Based on the interview and application documents, Marko Ampuja meets the requirements laid down in the UEF University Regulations for the employment of a University Lecturer, Communication Studies, and the requirements for the post of University Lecturer. Ampuja has the language skills required for the post.

The School of Humanities has proposed that Marko Ampuja be appointed to the post of University Lecturer, Communication Studies, as from 1 August 2026. It is proposed that Matti Kortesoja be the second-choice candidate and Ella Lillqvist be the third-choice candidate should Ampuja

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not accept the offered post. The School's proposal and its grounds are enclosed with this agenda item as an annex.

The Dean's proposal to the Academic Rector is that DSocSc Marko Ampuja be appointed to the post of University Lecturer, Communication Studies, until further notice as from 1 August 2026. It is proposed that DSSc Matti Kortesoja be the second-choice candidate and DSc (Econ.) Ella Lillqvist be the third-choice candidate. The CVs, lists of publications and teaching portfolios of Ampuja, Kortesoja and Lillqvist are enclosed with this agenda item as annexes.

Motion

The Dean will hear the Faculty Council on the proposal to appoint DSocSc Marko Ampuja to the post of University Lecturer, Communication Studies. It is proposed that DSSc Matti Kortesoja be the second-choice candidate and DSc (Econ.) Ella Lillqvist be the third-choice candidate.

Decision

As proposed.

Annexes

- 10 Application documents, DSocSc Marko Ampuja: University Lecturer, Communications Studies
- 11 Application documents, DSSc Matti Kortesoja: University Lecturer, Communications Studies
- 12 Application documents, DSc (Econ.) Ella Lillqvist: University Lecturer, Communications Studies



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Description of the post: University Lecturer, Communication
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Closing of the meeting

The chair closed the meeting at 10:10.



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§ 12

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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14 Translation of the agenda, 20 May 2026.