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Date and time 16 June 2026, 10:15 - 12:23

Place Teams

Participants	Role	Present for items
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Kallinen Timo	Professor, deputy member	1-17
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Mikkola Sini	Staff, deputy member	1-17
Korkki Jyrki	Staff, member	1-2, 10-17
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Koskelo Marko	Student, member	1-2, 10-17
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§ 1

Opening of the meeting

The chair opened the meeting at 10:15.

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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 9 June 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 and the supplementary agenda are approved.

Decision

As proposed. The order of agenda items was changed so that the following supplementary items, listed under items 6-9, were addressed: 6. Grading Lic.Phil. Eliisa Vähä's doctoral dissertation in the field of Educational Science, 7. Grading MA Dirk van Rens's doctoral dissertation in the field of English Language and Culture, 8. Grading MSc Eugenia Rykova's

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doctoral dissertation in the field of general linguistics and 9. Grading Med
Anne Karttunen's doctoral dissertation in the field of Special Education.

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Prepared by Salli Anttonen

§ 3

Grading MA Sanna Jääskeläinen's doctoral dissertation in the field of Literature

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.

MSc Sanna Jääskeläinen's doctoral dissertation and study "Minän, maailman ja totuuden tiloissa. Humaladiskurssin jatkuvuudet ja katkokset suomalaisessa kirjallisuudessa, lehdistöteksteissä ja juomatapatutkimuksissa" was examined publicly on 20 May 2026. The opponent PhD Markku Soikkeli 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/86864f8a-4649-47e2-8e60-1516ee178659>

Motion Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades MA Sanna Jääskeläinen's doctoral dissertation as Pass with distinction.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

- 1 Statements on the dissertation (opponent PhD Markku Soikkeli, custos Professor Kati Launis, doctoral candidate MA Sanna Jääskeläinen)

Record entry 50/03.04.09/2026

Prepared by Salli Anttonen

§ 4

Grading MEd, MA Veera Kivijärvi-Lehvonon's doctoral dissertation in the field of Special 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, MA Veera Kivijärvi-Lehvonon's doctoral dissertation and study "Sanataide kielellisten ja sosioemotionaalisten taitojen tukena moninaisissa opetusryhmissä" was examined publicly on 22 May 2026. The opponent Professor Ria Heilä-Ylikallio (Åbo Akademi) 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.

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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/61b72c69-b7b8-48fa-84a2-935f059d940a>.

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, MA Veera Kivijärvi-Lehvonon's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

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| 2 | Statements on the dissertation (opponent Professor Ria Heilä-Ylikallio, custos University Lecturer Virpi Vellonen, doctoral candidate MEd, MA Veera Kivijärvi-Lehvonon) |
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Prepared by Salli Anttonen

§ 5

Grading MA Mari Kuusimäki's doctoral dissertation in the field of Educational Science

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.

MA Mari Kuusimäki's doctoral dissertation and study "Towards hypersuasion: Rhizomatic and strengths-based advertising literacy for subject teacher education" was examined publicly on 29 May 2026. The opponent Professor Sirkku Kotilainen (University of Tampere) 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 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

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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/39899617-ca07-4381-857e-80df2bf8e366>

Motion Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades MA Mari Kuusimäki's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

- 3 Statements on the dissertation (opponent Professor Sirkku Kotilainen, custos Professor Ritva Kantelinen, opponent MA Mari Kuusimäki)

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§ 6

Grading Lic.Phil. Eliisa Vähä's doctoral dissertation in the field of Educational Science

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.

Lic.Phil. Eliisa Vähä's doctoral dissertation and study "Ohjaavien aineenopettajien roolit, kompetenssit ja toimijuus suomalaisen harjoittelukoulun traditiossa" was examined publicly on 29 May 2026. The opponent Professor Mirjamaija Mikkilä-Erdmann (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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A link to the dissertation: <https://erepo.uef.fi/items/7178ee5d-f02c-4810-85ce-5793cef07bcf>

Motion Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades Lic.Phil. Eliisa Vähä's doctoral dissertation as Pass with distinction.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

- 4 Statements on the dissertation (opponent: Professor Mirjamaija Mikkilä-Erdmann, custos Docent, Senior University Lecturer Kari Sormunen, doctoral candidate Lic.Phil. Eliisa Vähä)

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Prepared by Salli Anttonen

§ 7

Grading MA Dirk van Rens's doctoral dissertation in the field of English Language and Culture

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.

MA Dirk van Rens's doctoral dissertation and study "Negotiations of the Traumas of Slavery and Its Legacies in Contemporary Afro-Atlantic Fiction" was examined publicly on 29 May 2026. The opponent Docent, University Lecturer Raita Merivirta (Åbo Akademi) 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 submitted a response. The statements of the opponent and the custos, and the doctoral candidate's response are enclosed with this agenda item as appendices.

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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/333fe36a-9df2-4ab1-90fb-0d1358c964ce>

Motion Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades MA Dirk van Rens's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

- 5 Statements on the dissertation (opponent: Docent, University Lecturer Raita Merivirta, custos Professor Jopi Nyman, doctoral candidate: MA Dirk van Rens)

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Prepared by Salli Anttonen

§ 8

Grading MSc Eugenia Rykova's doctoral dissertation in the field of general linguistics

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.

MSc Eugenia Rykova's doctoral dissertation and study "Digitalisation of speech and language therapy through automatic speech and language processing tools. Case study of an application for German-speaking people with aphasia" was examined publicly on 25 May 2026. Opponent Prof. Dr. Sven Grawunder (Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg) 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 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/932f7255-4df6-476a-91c1-1838decce32d>

Motion Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades MSc Eugenia Rykova's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

- 6 Statements on the dissertation (opponent Professor Sven Grawunder, custos Professor Michael Rießler, doctoral candidate MSc Eugenia Rykova)

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Prepared by Salli Anttonen

§ 9

Grading MEd Anne Karttunen's doctoral dissertation in the field of Special Education.

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MEd Anne Karttunen's doctoral dissertation and study "Todetut ja koetut kielelliset oppimisvaikeudet koulu-uupumuksen taustatekijöinä toisella asteella" was examined publicly on 13 June 2026. The opponent Docent (Emeritus) Matti Kuorelahti (University of Jyväskylä) 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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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/8bbab750-019c-4dda-8c2f-e3194e675fc4>

Motion Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades MEd Anne Karttunen's doctoral dissertation as Pass with distinction.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

- 7 Statements on the dissertation (opponent Docent Matti Kuorelahti, custos Professor Hannu Savolainen, doctoral candidate MEd Anne Karttunen)

Record entry No 298/03.00.00/2026

Prepared by Satu Kouki

§ 10

Establishing the major subject of East Slavic Languages and Cultures and launching the East Slavic Societies and Religions degree programme

According to section 6 of the Education Regulations, Faculty Council shall decide, within the scope of the faculty's educational responsibility, on the establishment and discontinuation of major subjects.

According to the curriculum guidelines of the Faculty of Philosophy 2025–2028, when a completely new study programme is launched, a so-called study programme description (the purpose, learning outcomes and degree structure of the programme) and the basis for launching the programme, a resources survey and a needs assessment are discussed by the Faculty Council together with the admission criteria. (Preparation of the curricula for Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes for 2025–2028 in the Philosophical Faculty, Decision 284/2024.)

The School of Humanities proposes that a new major subject of East Slavic Languages and Cultures be established in the faculty as of 1 August 2027. The main subject aims to familiarise students with East Slavic societies, their languages, especially Russian and Ukrainian, and their cultures. The establishment of the major subject is related to the growing social and academic need to deepen the knowledge of East Slavic cultures. The current geopolitical changes, in particular Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and its consequences, have highlighted the need for a

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more profound understanding of the languages and cultures of the region.

The new major is linked to the reformation of the academic subject of Russian Language and Culture in the changed international operating environment. At the same time, it creates a continuum with the teaching of Ukrainian language and culture that has been systematically strengthened within the academic subject in recent years. As part of the new English-language Bachelor's programme, the major supports a multidisciplinary approach where language, culture, religion and society are interconnected.

The major will be built on expertise that is already found in the School of Humanities. The establishment of the major and the related teaching will be implemented with existing resources.

East Slavic languages and cultures would be the major subject of the new English-language Bachelor's programme. The School of Humanities and the School of Theology propose that a new English-language Bachelor's programme "East Slavic Societies and Religions (ESSR)" be established in the Faculty. The first call for applications to the programme will be implemented in the joint admissions in spring 2027 on 7-21 January 2027, and the first students' right to study will begin on 1 August 2027.

The programme aims to respond to the increased social and academic need to understand East Slavic societies in the current social changes. In particular, the Russian invasion of Ukraine and its far-reaching political

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and cultural consequences have highlighted the need for expertise based on a deep knowledge of the languages, cultures and religious traditions of the region.

The programme combines the study of East Slavic languages and cultures with Orthodox theology, thus producing interdisciplinary expertise that enables the examination of social phenomena from several perspectives and from within. This combination is internationally rare and strengthens the faculty's competence profile. At the same time, the programme supports the university's strategic focus areas, especially the study of cultural encounters and borders, and promotes cooperation between different disciplines.

The programme aims to create a multicultural learning environment where students from different backgrounds integrate into a single academic community. The programme will be implemented, for the most part, based on existing teaching resources in cooperation between the School of Humanities and the School of Theology, and will not require significant additional investments. The programme leads to a Bachelor's degree and forms a clear pathway to Master's studies, especially to the Faith, Crises and Existential Wellbeing programme of the School of Theology.

The programme's needs analysis and curriculum structure are enclosed with the agenda item as annexes.

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Motion I propose that the Faculty Council decides to establish the major subject of East Slavic Languages and Cultures. I also propose that the Faculty Council decides to launch the East Slavic Societies and Religions degree programme.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

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| 8 | ESSR Needs analysis |
| 9 | ESSR Curriculum structure |

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Prepared by Riikka Myllys

§ 11

Deciding on the criteria for student admissions to the Philosophical Faculty for 2027, degree programmes taught in English

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 approval of the admission criteria for the degree programmes taught in English, specified in the enclosed appendix, for 2027 will be discussed.

The admission criteria have been prepared by the departments and academic subjects. The School of Humanities has prepared admission criteria for two Master's degree programmes, the School of Educational Sciences and Psychology for one Bachelor's degree programme, the School of Applied Educational Science and Teacher Education for two Master's degree programmes and the School of Theology for one Master's degree programme. In addition, the School of Humanities and the School of Theology have planned a new joint Bachelor's programme taught in English. In addition to admission criteria, the preliminary curriculum of the new Bachelor's programme is enclosed with the agenda item as an annex.

The Deputy Heads of Schools responsible for education present to the Faculty Council that it approves the admission criteria for the following programmes:

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- Bachelor's degree programme in Lifelong Learning and Sustainable Development (School of Educational Sciences and Psychology)
- Bachelor's Degree Programme in East Slavic Societies and Religion (School of Humanities and School of Theology)
- Master's degree Programme in Early Language Education for Intercultural Communication (School of Applied Educational Science and Teacher Education)
- Master's degree programme in English Language and Culture (School of Humanities)
- Master's degree programme in Faith, Crises, and Existential Wellbeing (School of Theology)
- Master's degree programme in Linguistic Data Sciences (School of Humanities)
- Master's degree programme in Pedagogy and Teaching for Sustainability (School of Applied Educational Science and Teacher Education)

Motion The Faculty Council will approve the student admission criteria for the degree programmes taught in English for 2027 as set out in the annexes.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

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| 10 | Main changes to admission criteria for 2027 |
| 11 | Admission criteria, Bachelor's Degree Programme in Lifelong Learning and Sustainable Development |

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- 12 Admission criteria, Bachelor's Degree Programme in East Slavic Societies and Religion
- 13 Admission criteria, Master's Degree Programme in Early Language Education for Intercultural Communication
- 14 Admission criteria, Master's degree programme in English Language and Culture)
- 15 Admission criteria, Master's degree programme in Faith, Crises, and Existential Wellbeing
- 16 Admission criteria, Master's degree programme in Linguistic Data Sciences
- 17 Admission criteria, Master's degree programme in Pedagogy and Teaching for Sustainability
- 18 Preliminary curriculum, Bachelor's Degree Programme in East Slavic Societies and Religion 180 ECTS

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Prepared by Riikka Myllys

§ 12

Deciding on the student admission criteria for the Philosophical Faculty for 2027, the degree programme in occupational and organisational psychology that can be applied for via the Open University route, and the degree programme in Russian language (no prior skills in the Russian language is required)

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 Humanities Department has prepared admission criteria for the new degree programme in Russian language for 2027. The School of Educational Sciences and Psychology has prepared the admission criteria for the degree programme in occupational and organisational psychology that can be applied for via the Open University route for 2027. The annexes include general descriptions of the degree programmes, the preliminary curriculum for the degree programme in Russian language and the needs analysis of the new education.

The Deputy Head (Education) of the School of Humanities proposes that the admission criteria for the degree programme in Russian (no previous knowledge of Russian required), Joensuu, Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts (3 + 2 years) and the Deputy Head (Education) of the School of Educational Sciences and Psychology proposes that the admission criteria

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for Occupational and Organisational Psychology, open university route, including other previous studies, Joensuu (3 + 2 years) be approved.

Motion The Faculty Council will approve the student admission criteria for the now addressed degree programmes for 2027 as set out in the annexes.

Decision As proposed.

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| 19 | Admission criteria, Russian language (no previous knowledge of Russian required), Joensuu, Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts (3 + 2 years) |
| 20 | General description of the degree programme, Russian language (no previous knowledge of Russian required) |
| 21 | Degree structures, Russian language (no previous knowledge of Russian required) |
| 22 | Needs analysis: Russian language (no previous knowledge of Russian required) |
| 23 | Admission criteria, open university route, incl. other previous studies, Occupational and Organisational Psychology, Joensuu (3 + 2 years) |
| 24 | General description of the degree programme, occupational and organisational psychology |

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Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 13

The Dean's proposal to appoint PhD Henriikka Vartiainen to the post of Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Education, especially technology-enhanced learning and design processes: 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), Education, especially technology-enhanced learning and design processes, is hosted by the School of Applied Educational Science and Teacher Education. According to the description of the post: "The duties of the Associate Professor (Tenure Track) include conducting research in the field of Education, especially technology-enhanced learning and design processes, supervising doctoral researchers, acquiring external funding for research projects and developing their own research group. The Associate Professor will develop research in the field through multidisciplinary collaboration within the university, especially in the various research groups of the School of Applied Educational Science and Teacher Education, and will organise multidisciplinary research projects. The duties of the Associate Professor include giving teaching in learning theories and pedagogy in the context of a digitalised society 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 national and international project activities, in the acquisition of research funding, and in 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 university-level teaching and supervision, good teaching skills, and good command of the Finnish language, as well as the ability to teach and supervise in English.

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."

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The post of Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Education, especially technology-enhanced learning and design processes, involves the direct recruitment of PhD Henriikka Vartiainen 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 Heidi Hyytinen and Professor Heta Tuominen).

Expert statements on the merits of Vartiainen for the post of Associate Professor were requested from Professor (emeritus) Erno Lehtinen (University of Turku) and Professor Hanna Järvenoja (University of Oulu). Based on the statements, Vartiainen 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, Vartiainen be appointed to the post of Associate Professor.

The Chair of the Appointments Committee has decided to exempt Vartiainen from the requirement to give a trial lecture, as her teaching merits can be verified based on the application documents. Vartiainen 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.

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The Dean's proposal to the Rector is that PhD Henriikka Vartiainen be appointed to the post of Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Education, especially technology-enhanced learning and design processes, 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.

Motion The Dean will hear the Faculty Council on the proposal to appoint PhD Henriikka Vartiainen to the post of Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Education, especially technology-enhanced learning and design processes, as from 1 August 2026.

Decision As proposed.

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- 25 Expert statement, Professor Emeritus Erno Lehtinen:
Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Education, especially
technology-enhanced learning and design processes
- 26 Expert statement, Professor Hanna Järvenoja: Associate
Professor (Tenure Track), Education, especially technology-
enhanced learning and design processes
- 27 Application documents, PhD Henriikka Vartiainen: Associate
Professor (Tenure Track), Education, especially technology-
enhanced learning and design processes

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**The Dean's proposal on the person to be appointed to the post of University
Lecturer/University Teacher, English Language and Translation: 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/University Teacher, English Language and Translation, 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 persons to be appointed as University Teachers must hold a suitable Master's degree. Furthermore, they shall have good teaching skills (section 31 of the UEF University Regulations). In addition, a track record of active research activities after the doctoral degree

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(University Lecturer) and excellent Finnish and English language skills are required.

The call for applications to the post ended on 18 May 2026. 11 applicants submitted their application to the post by the deadline: MA Tuuli Ahonen, MA Veera Hämäläinen, PhD Sirkka Liisa Komulainen, MA Anna Merikallio, MA Izcara Virginia Nanclares, PhD Rautiainen Iira, PhD Ruohonen Juho, MA Turunen Renata, MA Valkiainen Satu, MA Vincent Richard and PhD Wiśniewska Katarzyna. Tuuli Ahonen, Veera Hämäläinen, Anna Merikallio and Katarzyna Wiśniewska were invited to interviews conducted on 1 June 2026 based on a suitable degree and experience in university-level teaching and research in the fields of English language and translation.

Based on the teaching merit portfolios and the interviews, the candidates invited to an interview have the good teaching skills required by the UEF University Regulations for the post of University Lecturer / University Teacher, English Language and Translation.

Based on the interview and application documents, Veera Hämäläinen meets the requirements laid down in the UEF University Regulations for the employment of a University Teacher, English Language and Translation, and the requirements for the post of a university teacher. Veera Hämäläinen has the language skills required for the post.

The School of Humanities has proposed that Veera Hämäläinen be appointed as University Teacher, English Language and Translation, as from 1 August 2026. It is proposed that Anna Merikallio be the second-

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choice candidate (for the post of University Teacher) and Katarzyna Wiśniewska be the third-choice candidate (for the post of University Lecturer) should Hämäläinen 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 Rector is that MA Veera Hämäläinen be appointed as University Teacher, English Language and Translation, as from 1 August 2026 until further notice. It is proposed that MA Anna Merikallio be the second-choice candidate (for the post of University Teacher) and PhD Katarzyna Wiśniewska be the third-choice candidate (for the post of University Lecturer) should Hämäläinen not accept the offered post. The CVs, lists of publications and teaching portfolios of Hämäläinen, Merikallio and Wiśniewska are enclosed with this agenda item as annexes.

Motion

The Dean will hear the Faculty Council on the proposal to appoint MA Veera Hämäläinen to the post of University Teacher, English Language and Translation. It is proposed that MA Anna Merikallio be the second-choice candidate (for the post of University Teacher) and PhD Katarzyna Wiśniewska be the third-choice candidate (for the post of University Lecturer) should Hämäläinen not accept the offered post.

Decision

As proposed.

Annexes

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| 28 | Application documents, MA Veera Hämäläinen: University Lecturer/University Teacher, English Language and Translation |
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- 29 Application documents, MA Anna Merikallio: University
Lecturer/University Teacher, English Language and Translation
- 30 Application documents, PhD Katarzyna Wiśniewska: University
Lecturer/University Teacher, English Language and Translation
- 31 Selection memorandum: University Teacher/University
Lecturer, English Language and Translation

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§ 15

**The Dean's proposal on the person to be appointed to the post of University Teacher,
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 Teacher, Psychology, is hosted by the School of Educational Sciences and Psychology on the Joensuu campus. The University Teacher is required to have the qualification of a licensed psychologist, at least two years of experience in full-time work as a psychologist including psychological assessment, a good knowledge of the key psychological assessment methods for school-aged children, good teaching skills, good command of the Finnish language and the ability and willingness to teach also in English.

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The call for applications to the post ended on 18 May 2026. Three applicants applied for the post by the deadline: MSc (Psychology) Aleksis Aronen, MSc (Psychology) Tuuli Paajanen and MSc (Psychology) Katri Saar. Tuuli Paajanen was invited to an interview on 4 June 2026.

Based on the teaching merit portfolio and interview, Paajanen has the good teaching skills required for the post of University Teacher by the UEF University Regulations.

Based on the interview and application documents, Tuuli Paajanen meets the requirements laid down in the UEF University Regulations for the employment of a University Teacher, Psychology, and the requirements for the post of a university teacher. Paajanen has the language skills required for the post.

The School of Educational Sciences and Psychology has proposed that Tuuli Paajanen be appointed to the post of University Teacher, Psychology, as from 1 August 2026. The School's proposal and its grounds are enclosed with this agenda item as an annex.

The Dean's proposal is that MSc (Psychology) Tuuli Paajanen be appointed to the post of University Teacher, Psychology, until further notice as from 1 August 2026 until further notice. Paajanen's CV, list of publications and teaching portfolio are enclosed with this agenda item as annexes.

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Motion The Dean will hear the Faculty Council on the proposal to appoint MSc (Psychology) Tuuli Paajanen to the post of University Teacher, Psychology.

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- 32 Application documents, MSc (Psychology) Tuuli Paajanen:
University Teacher, Psychology
- 33 Selection memorandum: University Teacher, Psychology

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§ 16

The scope and specifications of the post: Associate Professor/ Professor, Biblical Studies

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council will discuss proposals on the scope of duties and the definition of tasks of professorships. According to section 10 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Dean will decide on the scope of duties and the definition of tasks of a professorship after hearing the Faculty Council, and on whether practical familiarity with the domain is required of a professor.

The post of Associate Professor/Professor, Biblical Studies, will be filled as of 1 August 2027 or as agreed.

Practical familiarity with the field of the post is not required.

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

Motion

The Faculty Council will discuss the scope and specifications of the post of Professor, Biblical Studies. Any required changes can be made to the description of the post after processing.

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Closing of the meeting

The chair closed the meeting at 12:23.

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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

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