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Date and time 17 June 2026, 13:00 - 15:00

Place Hybrid meeting M302 Joensuu/SN101 Kuopio

| Participants | Role | Additional information |
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| Members | | |
| Lehtinen Kari | Dean, Chair | |
| 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 | |
| Roussey Matthieu | Professor, deputy member | |
| Tuittila Eeva-Stiina | Professor, member | |
| Toivanen Pekka | Professor, deputy member | |
| Vauhkonen Jari | Professor, member | |
| Berninger Frank | Professor, deputy member | |
| Tedre Matti | Professor, member | |
| Virtanen Jani | Professor, deputy member | |
| Kainulainen Samu | Staff, member | |
| Mertano Heta | Staff, deputy member | |
| Kopra Juho | Staff, member | |
| Mikkonen Santtu | Staff, deputy member | |
| Mäkelä Janne | Staff, member | |



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| Kumlin Timo | Staff, deputy member |
| Miettinen Tuire | Staff, member |
| Vainikainen Hanne | Staff, deputy member |
| Leinonen Risto | Staff, member |
| Vartiainen Paavo | Staff, deputy member |
| Kitunen Kielo | Student, member |
| Heikkinen Wilma | Student, member |
| Airaksinen Johannes | Student, member |
| Miettinen Mikko | Student, member |
| Palkovuori Teemu | Student, member |
| Kannan Bharath | Student, deputy member |
| Afzaal Muhammad Shahwaiz | Student, deputy member |
| Hirvonen Arja | Executive Head of Administration, secretary, preparer |

Other preparers

Merimaa-Piirainen Maarit Head of Academic Affairs

Riikka Levänen

Niina Laatikainen

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The chair will open the meeting.

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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 10 June 2026.

According to the UEF University Regulations, multi-member administrative bodies 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.

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

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The Dean's proposal on the person to be appointed to the post of Associate Professor, International Forest-based Bioeconomy: 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, and to Tenure Track positions after hearing the Faculty Council.

The School of Forest Sciences intends to fill the post of Associate Professor, International Forest-based Bioeconomy, by recruiting University Researcher Nataša Lovrić to it without a public call.

The preliminary Description of the post is as follows:

The research and teaching area of the position of Associate Professor is international forest-based bioeconomy, especially the use and meanings of forests in different parts of the world. This includes, for example, the market for forest-based products and services, investment environments, innovation partnerships related to forest-based bioeconomy, and activities related to sustainability and responsibility. The research area also covers the analysis of the changing use of Finnish forests as part of the green transition in international contexts. The role supports the

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internationalisation of research, education and societal interaction in forest-based bioeconomy at the University of Eastern Finland. The role is research-oriented and includes the acquisition of external research funding, the launching and management of research projects, high-quality scientific publishing in the field, related teaching duties, and academic and societal expert duties. The position will strengthen international research networks and cooperation in the field.

The appointments committee in accordance with section 30 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland was as follows: Chair, Dean Kari Lehtinen, Deputy Head of the School of Forest Sciences, Professor Jari Vauhkonen, Professor Jouni Pykäläinen from the School of Forest Sciences and Professor Taru Peltola from the Faculty of Social Sciences and Business Studies.

The selection memorandum prepared by the Appointments Committee is enclosed as an annex. The expert statements by Professor Anne Toppinen, University of Helsinki, Finland, and Professor Eric Hansen, Oregon State University, USA, are also enclosed with the agenda item.

University Researcher Nataša Lovrić is exempted from the requirement to give a trial lecture because she has sufficient experience of university-level teaching and supervision that supports her appointment to the post. It can be stated that he has the good teaching skills required by the post. CV teaching portfolio and list of publications are enclosed with the agenda item as Annexes.

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The Dean's proposal to the Rector is that University Researcher Nataša Lovrić be appointed to the post of Associate Professor, International Forest-based Bioeconomy, as of 1 July 2026, or as agreed, for a fixed period of 4 years. The post filled for a fixed term due to it being a Tenure Track position.

Motion

1. The Faculty Council will address the proposal for the scope and specifications of the post of Associate Professor.
2. The Faculty Council will address the proposal on the person to be appointed to the post.

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| Annex 1 | Evaluation memorandum, Lovric |
| Annex 2 | Expert statements (Toppinen and Hansen) |
| Annex 3 | Lovric's CV, teaching portfolio, and list of publications |



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The Dean's proposal on the person to be appointed to the post of Associate Professor, Teaching Technology, especially Learning Computer Science: 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, and to Tenure Track positions after hearing the Faculty Council.

The School of Computing intends to fill the post of Associate Professor, Teaching Technology, especially Learning Computer Science, by recruiting Academy Research Fellow Sonsoles López Pernas to it without a public call.

The preliminary description of the post is as follows:

The research and teaching field of the Associate Professor is Teaching Technology, especially Learning Computer Science. The post requires broad expertise in the fields of learning analytics and AI in education. The role is research-oriented and includes the acquisition of external research funding, the launching and management of research projects, high-quality scientific publishing in the field, related teaching duties, and academic and societal expert

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duties. The position will strengthen international research networks and cooperation in the field.

The appointments committee in accordance with section 30 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland was as follows: Chair, Dean Kari Lehtinen, members, 1st Vice Dean of the Faculty, Professor Markku Hauta-Kasari and Professor Sari Havu-Nuutinen, Philosophical Faculty.

The selection memorandum prepared by the Appointments Committee is enclosed as an annex. The expert statements by Professor David Fonseca Escudero, La Salle Universitat Ramon Llull, Spain and Professor of Practice Maha Bali, The American University in Cairo, Egypt, are also enclosed with the agenda item.

Academy Research Fellow Sonsoles López Pernas is exempted from the requirement to give a trial lecture because she has sufficient experience of university-level teaching and supervision that supports their appointment to the post. It can be stated that she has the good teaching skills required by the post. Sonsoles López Pernas's CV, teaching portfolio, and list of publications are enclosed with this agenda item as annexes.

The Dean's proposal to the Rector is that Academy Research Fellow Sonsoles López Pernas be appointed to the post of Associate Professor, Teaching Technology, especially Learning Computer Science, as of 1 July 2026, or as agreed, for a fixed period of 4 years. The post filled for a fixed term due to it being a Tenure Track position.

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Motion

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| Annex 6 | Pernas's CV, teaching portfolio, and list of publications |

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The Dean's proposal on the person to be appointed to the post of Assistant Professor, Scientific Computing in Computational Engineering: 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, and to Tenure Track positions after hearing the Faculty Council.

The scope and specifications of the post field of Assistant Professor/Associate Professor, Scientific Computing in Computational Engineering, was approved on 24 September 2025.

The post will be hosted by the Department of Technical Physics at the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology on the Kuopio campus.

An public call for applications was organised for the post. A total of 83 applicants applied to the post by the deadline of 17 November 2025 (see the selection memorandum).

The appointments committee in accordance with section 30 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland was as follows: Dean Kari Lehtinen (Chair), Head of the Department of Technical Physics

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Jari Kaipio, Professor Aku Ursin from the Department of Technical Physics and Professor Risto Korhonen from the Department of Physics and Mathematics.

The selection memorandum prepared by the Appointments Committee is enclosed as an annex. Also enclosed are expert statements by Associate Professor Antti Hannukainen, Department of Mathematics and Systems Analysis, Aalto University and Professor Arash Yavari, Ph.D., F.SES, School of Civil and Environmental Engineering and School of Mechanical Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology.

Adam Sky is exempted from the requirement to give a trial lecture because he has sufficient experience of university-level teaching and supervision that supports their appointment to the post. It can be stated that she has the good teaching skills required by the post. Sky's CV, teaching portfolio, and list of publications are enclosed with this agenda item as annexes.

The Dean's proposal to the Rector is that Adam Sky be appointed to the post of Assistant Professor, Scientific Computing in Computational Engineering, as from 1 October 2026 or as agreed for a fixed term of 4 years. The post filled for a fixed term due to it being a Tenure Track position.

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



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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. Head of the School of Forest Sciences Jukka Tikkanen 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

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further notice (Faculty Council 22 April 2026). Roope Ruotsalainen announced on 11 May 2026 that he is not available for the position.

The Head of the School proposes that DSc (Agr. & For.) Mari Selkimäki be appointed to the position (proposal enclosed).

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.

DSc (Agr. & For.) Mari Selkimäki gave a trial lecture for the position on 1 June 2026 on the topic "Forest as a landscape shield: a new perspective on forest planning". The trial lecture confirms that she has the good teaching skills required for the position. Mari Selkimäki 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 selection memorandum and Selkimäki's CV, teaching portfolio and list of publications are enclosed with the agenda item as annexes.

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.



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For information

- Faculty's guidance and counselling morning 18 August 2026
- Faculty's common guidelines for the assessment of theses
- Statistics on the faculty's Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees on 31 May 2026 (Annex).
- Topical faculty matters.

Motion Marked for information.

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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.