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Faculty Council of the Philosophical Faculty
Meeting No 7/2026
Meeting date 27 August 2026

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Date and time 27 August 2026, 10:15 - 10:49

Place Teams

Participants	Role	Present for items
Members		
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Honkalampi Kirsi	Professor, member	1–14
Souto Anne-Mari	Professor, deputy member	
Lappalainen Hanna	Professor, member	1–14
Saresma Tuija	Professor, deputy member	
Kantelinen Ritva	Professor, member	1–14
Tuominen Heta	Professor, deputy member	1–5
Ubani Martin	Professor, member	
Kallinen Timo	Professor, deputy member	1–14
Mikkonen Simo	Professor, member	1–14
Sointu Erkko	Professor, deputy member	
Laakkonen Erja	Staff, member	1–14
Waltzer Katariina	Staff, deputy member	1–14
Arminen Elina	Staff, member	1–14
Suokas Juho	Staff, deputy member	
Kaivosaaari Annu	Staff, member	1–14

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Viinikka Kaisa	Staff, deputy member	1-14
Salonen Anna	Staff, member	1-14
Mikkola Sini	Staff, deputy member	1-14
Korkki Jyrki	Staff, member	
Räty-Záborszky Sinikka	Other staff, deputy member	
Kivikoski Emilia	Student, member	1-2, 8-14
Närhi Jasmin	Student, deputy member	
Baljashkin Janina	Student, member	
Lahtinen Matilda	Student, deputy member	
Koskelo Marko	Student, member	1-2, 8-14
Palkovuori Jutta	Student, deputy member	
Palkovuori Teemu	Student, member	1-2, 8-14
Sillanpää Silja	Student, deputy member	
Pesonen Jussi	Student, member	1-2, 8-14
To be named later	Student, deputy member	
Nevalainen Henni	Executive Head of Administration, secretary, preparer	1-14
Other preparers		
Anttonen Salli	Academic Affairs Specialist	1-8
Myllys Riikka	Academic Affairs Specialist	1-9

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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 20 August 2026.

According to the UEF University Regulations, multi-member organs of the university have a quorum when at least half of the members, including the chair, are present. By the decision of the chair, a multi-member administrative body can hold its meeting by email or, either fully or in part, via a video conference, telephone, or some other remote participation means. The chair has decided that the meeting be organised via Teams.

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

Decision As proposed.

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Prepared by Salli Anttonen

§ 3

Grading MA Deniz Özel'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.

MA Deniz Özel's doctoral dissertation and study "Where East Meets West in English Learning Motivation: The Case of High School Students in Turkey" was examined publicly on 17 June 2026. The opponent Assistant Professor Tove Larsson (Northern Arizona University) 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

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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/cb3c3ddc-ed5d-46bd-86e8-47a8da2a1fc0>

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

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

- 1 Statements on the dissertation (opponent Assistant Professor Tove Larsson, custos Professor Mikko Laitinen, doctoral candidate MA Deniz Özel)

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Prepared by Salli Anttonen

§ 4

Grading MEd Teija Paavilainen's doctoral dissertation in the field of 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 Teija Paavilainen's doctoral dissertation and study "Scaffolding self-regulated learning in primary education – perspectives of learning design and learning analytics" was examined publicly on 17 June 2026. The opponent Professor Hanni Muukkonen (University of Oulu) 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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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/c7d778af-c016-4f7c-b3b7-afc255aa8760>

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

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

- 2 Statements on the dissertation (opponent Professor Hanni Muukkonen, custos Vice Rector Laura Hirsto, doctoral candidate MEd Teija Paavilainen)

Record entry 50/03.04.09/2026

Prepared by Salli Anttonen

§ 5

Grading MA Anupam Kamal Sen'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 Anupam Kamal Sen's doctoral dissertation and study "Humans-as-Waste in Contemporary Dystopic Fiction and Film" was examined publicly on 13 August 2026. The opponent Senior Lecturer, Dr Adam Stock (York St. John University) 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.

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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/94cd1a27-a4d9-4206-8ed0-10d719e30e2b>

Motion Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades MA Anupam Kamal Sen's doctoral dissertation as Pass with distinction.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

- 3 Statements on the dissertation (opponent Senior Lecturer, Dr Adam Stock, custos Professor Jopi Nyman, doctoral candidate MA Anupam Kamal Sen)

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§ 6

Grading MEd Anna Kuusi's doctoral dissertation in the field of 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 Anna Kuusi's doctoral dissertation and study "Perfectionism and well-being during secondary education: Developmental dynamics and the role of support" was examined publicly on 12 August 2026. The opponent docent Liisa Postareff (the Unit for Research and Development of Higher Education Pedagogy, HAMK) 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/83ce4bc8-672f-4c86-839c-9f77ab1c352a>

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

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

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| 4 | Statements on the dissertation (Docent Liisa Postareff, custos Professor Heta Tuominen, doctoral candidate MEd Anna Kuusi) |
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Record entry 50/03.04.09/2026

Prepared by Salli Anttonen

§ 7

Grading MEd Tiina Kuutti's doctoral dissertation in the field of Education, especially Early Childhood 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 Tiina Kuutti's doctoral dissertation and study "Inklusiivisen varhaiskasvatuksen rajat, esteet ja toivo" was examined publicly on 14 August 2026. The opponent Professor Minna Törmänen (Interkantionale Hochschule für Heilpädagogik) 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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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/d9895422-84fa-4293-b29a-33085c2e312c>

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

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

- 5 Statements on the dissertation (Professor Minna Törmänen, custos Professor Nina Sajaniemi, doctoral candidate MEd Tiina Kuutti)

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Record entry 2046/03.01.00/2024

Prepared by Riikka Myllys

§ 8

Approval of the admission criteria and curriculum for solution-oriented psychotherapist training that will begin in the autumn semester 2027

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

Government Decree 1120/2010 amending the Decree on Health Professionals entered into force on 31 December 2011. Under section 2a of the Decree, the use of the protected title of a psychotherapist is subject to the condition that the person concerned has completed psychotherapist training organised by a university or by a university together with another training organisation. The skills required to work as a psychotherapist are acquired through studies whose scope must be 60 ECTS at the minimum and that consist of theoretical studies, supervised psychotherapist work with patients, educational psychotherapy and skills demonstration. Competence is proved through a skills demonstration. The university issues the student a certificate of the completion of the training.

The psychotherapist training organised by the Faculty of Health Sciences or the Philosophical Faculty of the University of Eastern Finland is professional development training for health professionals that leads to the professional title of a health care psychotherapist in accordance with the Government Decree (VNA 1120/2010). The trainings are managed by

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the Centre for Continuous Learning of the University of Eastern Finland. In professional development training, students do not have the status of a degree student. Selected students are granted a fixed term right to study in the training to which they have been selected.

The Academic Rector appointed a steering committee for psychotherapist training on 23 November 2023. The term of the steering committee is four years (2024–2027). The steering committee includes 3 full and deputy members from the Faculty of Health Sciences and 2 full and deputy members from the Philosophical Faculty. In addition, the steering committee includes 1 member and deputy member from the Centre for Continuous Learning.

40 students (10 students on a waiting list) will be admitted to the solution-oriented psychotherapist training that will start in autumn 2027 in accordance with the enclosed admission criteria. The planned application period is 1 October 2026 – 3 February 2027.

The Deputy Head for Education of the School of Educational Sciences and Psychology proposes to the Faculty Council that the admission criteria and curriculum for the solution-oriented psychotherapist training programme be approved as set out in the annexes. The scope of the solution-oriented psychotherapist training is 65 ECTS. The duration of the training is four academic years (2027–2031). The person in charge of the solution-oriented psychotherapist training, appointed by the Steering Committee for psychotherapist training, Professor Kirsi Honkalampi, has approved the enclosed curriculum. The person in charge of the education at UEF is

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Professor Kirsi Honkalampi and the main trainer is Trainer
Psychotherapist Maiju Ahola from Helsinki Brief Therapy Institute Ltd.

Motion The Faculty Council approves the admission criteria and curriculum for the solution-oriented psychotherapist training as set out in the annexes and delegates the approval of any additions and corrections made to the curriculum to the Dean.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

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| 6 | Student admission criteria: Solution-oriented psychotherapist training |
| 7 | Curriculum: Solution-oriented psychotherapist training 2027–2031 |

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Record entry 552/01.08.00/2026

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 9

Granting the title of docent to MusD Katri-Helena Rautiainen

MusD Katri-Helena Rautiainen has applied for the title of docent in Music Education and Pedagogical Research at the University of Eastern Finland. The application for the title of docent was initiated on 10 April 2026 at the Philosophical Faculty of the University of Eastern Finland.

In accordance with section 89 of the Universities Act (558/2009), the university may award the title of docent upon application to a person who has comprehensive knowledge of his or her own field, a capacity for independent research or artistic work demonstrated through publications or some other manner, and good teaching skills.

The School of Applied Educational Science and Teacher Education has considered the docentship applied for by MusD Katri-Helena Rautiainen to be purposeful for the teaching and research of the School based on the following grounds: "MusD Rautiainen's research areas complement well the existing directions of research also from broader perspectives than music education. Rautiainen has proven to be a very cooperative and productive researcher who could inspire new research."

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The Dean of the Philosophical Faculty decided (on 21 April 2026) to invite Professor Emerita Inkeri Ruokonen (University of Turku) and Docent Juha Torvinen (University of Helsinki) as experts to provide statements on the scientific qualifications of MusD Katri-Helena Rautiainen for the title of docent in Music Education and Pedagogical Research. Both experts are in favour of awarding the title of docent to Rautiainen.

A person to be awarded the title of docent is required to have good teaching skills (Universities Act 558/2009). The Dean may exempt the applicant from the requirement to give a trial lecture if the teaching merits can be verified in some other manner in accordance with the faculty's instructions on awarding the title of docent. By a decision of 13 August 2026, the Dean has exempted Rautiainen from the requirement to give a trial lecture and has determined her teaching merits based on the application documents.

According to section 9 of the UEF University Regulations, the Faculty Council shall decide on awarding the title of docent.

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

Motion

The Faculty Council states that MusD Katri-Helena Rautiainen meets the criteria set out in the Universities Act for the title of docent and grants her the title of docent in Music Education and Pedagogical Research at the University of Eastern Finland.

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Decision As proposed.

Annexes

- 8 Expert statement, Professor Emerita Inkeri Ruokonen:
awarding the title of docent
- 9 Expert statement, Senior University Lecturer Juha Torvinen:
awarding the title of docent
- 10 Application documents, MusD Katri-Helena Rautiainen:
awarding the title of docent

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Record entry 1327/01.08.00/2025

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 10

Granting the title of docent to DEd Anne Haarala-Muhonen

DEd Anne Haarala-Muhonen has applied for the title of Docent in Education, especially University Pedagogy at the University of Eastern Finland. The application for the title of docent was initiated on 05 November 2025 at the Philosophical Faculty of the University of Eastern Finland.

In accordance with section 89 of the Universities Act (558/2009), the university may award the title of docent upon application to a person who has comprehensive knowledge of his or her own field, a capacity for independent research or artistic work demonstrated through publications or some other manner, and good teaching skills.

The School of Educational Sciences and Psychology has considered the docentship applied for by DEd Anne Haarala-Muhonen to be purposeful for the teaching and research of the School based on the following grounds: "Haarala-Muhonen's research in university pedagogy would complement the university pedagogy research at the University of Eastern Finland and would offer many opportunities for cooperation. Her expertise would increase, in particular, the wide-ranging teaching and research activities of the academic subject of Education and Adult Education, thus adding to the expertise of the School and the faculty also more widely."

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The Dean of the Philosophical Faculty decided (on 12 December 2025) to invite docent Hanna Vuojärvi (University of Lapland) and Professor Hannu Muukkonen-van der Meer (University of Oulu) as experts to provide statements on the scientific qualifications of DEd Anne Haarala-Muhonen for the title of docent in Education, especially University Pedagogy. Both experts are in favour of awarding the title of docent to Haarala-Muhonen.

A person to be awarded the title of docent is required to have good teaching skills (Universities Act 558/2009). The Dean may exempt the applicant from the requirement to give a trial lecture if the teaching merits can be verified in some other manner in accordance with the faculty's instructions on awarding the title of docent. By a decision of 13 August 2026, the Dean has exempted Haarala-Muhonen from the requirement to give a trial lecture and has determined her teaching merits based on the application documents.

According to section 9 of the UEF University Regulations, the Faculty Council shall decide on awarding the title of docent.

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

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Motion The Faculty Council states that DEd Anne Haarala-Muhonen meets the criteria set for the title of docent in the Universities Act and awards her the title of docent in Education, especially University Pedagogy at the University of Eastern Finland.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

- 11 Expert statement, Professor Hanni Muukkonen-van der Meer: awarding the title of docent
- 12 Expert statement, Docent Hanna Vuojärvi: awarding the title of docent
- 13 Application documents, DEd Anne Haarala-Muhonen: awarding the title of docent

Record entry 211/01.01.02/2026

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 11

The Dean's proposal to appoint PhD Satu Saalasti to the post of Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Logopedics: 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), Logopedics, is hosted by the School of Humanities. According to the description of the post: "The duties of an Associate Professor (Tenure Track) include conducting research in their field, supervising doctoral researchers, acquiring external funding for research projects, and building and developing a research group related to their specialist field, as well as national and international networks supporting the group's activities. The position focuses, in particular, on experimental research, development of the LogoLab research infrastructure and strengthening research collaboration within the university that supports research in logopedics, including collaboration with linguists, cultural researchers, psychologists, computer scientists and health scientists.

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Education included in the duties focuses on the supervision of theses in logopedics at Bachelor's and Master's levels and in doctoral education, especially in the FILOTO doctoral programmes. The duties may also include teaching given in the English language. The duties also include engaging in science communication and serving in expert capacity, as well as administrative tasks.

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, a person to be appointed as an Associate Professor in the Tenure Track shall have the prerequisites for fulfilling the qualification requirements of a Professor by the end of the Tenure Track term (UEF University Regulations, section 31).

The person to be hired to the post through direct recruitment is expected to have demonstrated achievements in high-quality research in the field and experience of university-level teaching and supervision. When assessing the research achievements, the applicant's scientific publications, diverse research collaboration, development of RDI infrastructure, experience in developing research activities in the field, activity in applying for external funding and acquired competitive and other 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.

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The person to be appointed to the position is expected to be fluent in Finnish and be able to give teaching and supervise students in English.

The position will be filled for a fixed term of four (4) years from 1 August 2026 onwards or as agreed. The post is filled for a fixed term due to it being a Tenure Track position."

The post of Associate Professor (Tenure Track), logopedics, involves the direct recruitment of PhD Satu Saalasti to the post. The direct recruitment was prepared by the Appointments Committee appointed by the Dean (Dean Ilkka Huhta (Chair), Professor Juhana Venäläinen, Associate Professor Suvi-Maria Saarelainen and Professor Marja Laasonen).

Expert statements on the merits of Saalasti for the post of Associate Professor were requested from Professor Sari Kunnari (University of Oulu) and Professor Taina Välimaa (Åbo Akademi). Based on the statements, Saalasti 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, Saalasti be appointed to the post of Associate Professor.

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

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requirements laid down in the UEF University Regulations for the employment of Associate Professor and the requirements indicated in the description of the post.

The Dean's proposal to the Rector is that PhD Satu Saalasti be appointed to the post of Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Logopedics, for a fixed term of four years as from 1 September 2026. The post is filled for a fixed term due to it being a Tenure Track position.

Motion The Dean will consult the Faculty Council on the proposal to appoint PhD Satu Saalasti to the post of Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Logopedics, starting on 1 September 2026.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

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| 14 | Expert statement, Professor Sari Kunnari: Associate Professor (Tenure Track), logopedics |
| 15 | Expert statement, Professor Taina Välimaa: Associate Professor (Tenure Track), logopedics |
| 16 | Application documents, PhD Satu Saalasti: Associate Professor (Tenure Track), logopedics |

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Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 12

Meetings in the spring of 2027

The Faculty Council meetings in the spring a year 2027 are as follows:

Thursday, 28 January

Thursday, 25 February

Thursday, 25 March

Wednesday 21 April

Thursday, 27 May

Thursday, 17 June

Thursday, 26 August

Thursday, 23 September

Thursday, 28 October

Thursday, 25 November

Thursday, 16 December

The meetings will begin at 10:15.

Motion The meeting times for the spring 2027 will be stated.

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For information

Discontinuation of the filling of a post: Professor/Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Education, in particular research into learning differences, school well-being and pedagogical interaction processes, UEF record entry 1301/01.01.02/2025

Motion Marked for information.

Decision As proposed.



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Closing of the meeting

The chair closed the meeting at 10:49.

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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

17 Translation of the agenda, 27 August 2026.