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Faculty Council of the Philosophical Faculty
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Place Teams

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Tuominen Heta	Professor, deputy member	1–11
Ubani Martin	Professor, member	
Kallinen Timo	Professor, deputy member	1–11
Mikkonen Simo	Professor, member	2–11
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Waltzer Katariina	Staff, deputy member	1–11
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Suokas Juho	Staff, deputy member	
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Anttonen Salli	Academic Affairs Specialist	1–5
Kouki Satu	Head of Academic Affairs	1–7
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§ 1

Opening of the meeting

The chair opened the meeting at 10:15.

§ 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 22 October 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.

Record entry 50/03.04.09/2026

Prepared by Salli Anttonen

§ 3

Grading MEd Marja Anitta Pehkonen's doctoral dissertation in the field of Adult 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 Marja Anitta Pehkonen's doctoral dissertation and study "Vapaaehtoistyön tekemisen orientaatiot ja kannusteet erityisesti järjestöllisen aikuiskoulutuksen näkökulmasta" was examined publicly on 2 October 2026. The opponent Professor Anne Birgitta Pessi (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 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/097b606d-941f-4564-866b-7e53771adeb5

Motion Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades MEd Marja Anitta Pehkonen's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

1 Statements on the dissertation (opponent Professor Anne Birgitta Pessi, custos Professor Jyri Manninen, doctoral candidate MEd Marja Anitta Pehkonen)

Record entry 50/03.04.09/2026

Prepared by Salli Anttonen

§ 4

Grading MEd Mirjam Asilevi'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 Mirjam Asilevi's doctoral dissertation and study "IMPLEMENTATION OF INQUIRY-BASED SCIENCE FIELDWORK: STUDENTS' PERCEPTIONS OF LEARNING SKILLS, ACHIEVEMENT, ATTITUDES, AND SUPPORT EXPERIENCES" was examined publicly on 16 October 2026. The opponent Docent Eila Jeronen (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.

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/f507a5ad-400a-4b31-9a51-157b0631fcdb

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

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

2 Statements on the doctoral dissertation: opponent Docent Eila Jeronen, custos Professor Sari Havu-Nuutinen, doctoral candidate MEd Mirjam Asilevi

Record entry No 5343/03.00.01/2024

Prepared by Satu Kouki

§ 5

Approval of the additions to the correlation tables of basic and intermediate studies in work and organisational psychology

According to section 9(4) of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council will decide on curricula, among other things.

The curricula were approved for the academic years 2025– 2028 at the Faculty Council meeting of 27 February 2025. Changes to the curricula were approved at the Faculty Council meeting on 26 February 2026. The launch of expert training in work and organisational psychology was also decided on 26 February 2026.

The decision was made on the correlation tables and the transitional rule between the new curriculum for basic and advanced studies for 2025–2028 and the new curriculum at the Faculty Council meeting of 24 April 2025. The correlation tables and transitional rules for work and organisational psychology apply to situations where the completion of the study module was in progress on 1 August 2025. A link to the approved correlation tables: https://dyn10intra.uef.fi/kokous/2025628-8-120283.PDF

It is necessary to supplement the correlation tables to cover situations where an applicant or a major student admitted to the studies has previously completed basic and intermediate studies in work and

organisational psychology according to the old curriculum (no more than 10 years ago). The addition will enable admission via the open route and provide information on the recognition of previously completed study modules for future major students.

Motion The Faculty Council approves the additions to the correlation tables for basic and intermediate studies in work and organisational psychology in accordance with the annex.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

3 Addition to the correlation table for work and organisational psychology

Record entry 2046/03.01.00/2024

Prepared by Riikka Myllys

§ 6

Transfer application, Education and Adult Education, Joensuu, BSc and MSc in Education (3 + 2 years) - deciding on the student admission criteria for 2027

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. This agenda item concerns the approval of the admission criteria for transfer application, Education and Adult Education, Bachelor's and Master's (3 years + 2 years) degree programmes of Education and Adult Education, Joensuu.

The degree programme is included in the national transfer application pilot. The admission criteria have been prepared in accordance with the admission criteria guidelines for the transfer application pilot at the Department of Education and Psychology. The School's Deputy Head for Education proposes that the admission criteria be approved as set out in the annex.

Motion The Faculty Council approves the admission criteria for transfer application, Education and Adult Education, BSc and MSc (3 + 2 years) degree programmes of Education and Adult Education, Joensuu, as set out in the Annex.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

4 Admission criteria, transfer application, Education and Adult Education, BSc and MSc (3 + 2 years) degree programmes of Education and Adult Education, Joensuu.

Record entry 2046/03.01.00/2024

Prepared by Riikka Myllys

§ 7

Approval of the student admission criteria for the Master's Degree Programme in Clinical Linguistics (EMCL) for studies starting in the autumn semester 2027

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 agenda item concerns the approval of the admission criteria for the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree programme in Clinical Linguistics (EMCL) for studies starting in the autumn semester 2027.

The Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree programme in Clinical Linguistics is a collaboration between the University of Ghent, the University of Groningen and the University of Eastern Finland. The joint Master degree programme is coordinated by the University of Groningen, which is responsible for student admissions. The Deputy Head for Education of the School of Humanities proposes that the admission criteria be approved as set out in the Annex.

Motion The Faculty Council approves the admission criteria for the Master's Degree Programme in Clinical Linguistics (EMCL) as set out in the Annex.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

5 Admission criteria, Clinical Linguistics, Master of Arts (Erasmus Mundus) (2 years)

Record entry 1212/01.01.02/2026

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 8

The scope and specifications of the post: Professor, English Language and Translation

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 Professor, English Language and Translation, will be filled starting on 1 October 2027.

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 Maarit Koponen, Professor Jopi Nyman, 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, English Language and Translation Any required changes can be made to the description of the post after processing.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

6 Description of the post: Professor, English Language and Translation

Record entry 1208/01.01.02/2026

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 9

The scope and specifications of the post: Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Data-Intensive Humanities Research

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 (Tenure Track), Data-Intensive Humanities Research, is to be filled for a fixed-term of four (4) years as from 1 October 2027.

The members of the Appointments Committee of the post are: Dean Ilkka Huhta (Chair), Professor Juhana Venäläinen, Associate Professor Suvi-Maria Saarelainen, Professor Mikko Laitinen, Professor Kati Launis, 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 Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Data-Intensive Humanities Research.

Any required changes can be made to the description of the post after processing.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

7 The scope and specifications of the post: Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Data-Intensive Humanities Research

Record entry 275/01.01.02/2026

Prepared by Henni Nevalainen

§ 10

The Dean's proposal on the person to be appointed to the post of Professor, Communication Ethics: 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 call for applications to the post of Professor, Communication Ethics, ended on 31 March 2026. Applications were received from the following persons (16): PhD Ala-Kortesmaa Sanna, DSocSc Ampuja Marko, PhD Bhilave Madhav, PhD Danzon-Chambaud Samuel, PhD Harju Anu A., PhD Kurki Janne, ThD Lehtonen Tommi, DSc Pekkala Kaisa, DSSc Pöyhtäri Reeta, PhD Ripatti-Torniainen Leena, PhD Robinson Cory, PhD Rydenfelt Henrik, PhD Stocchetti Matteo, PhD Ullmann Stefanie, DSocSc Uusitalo Susanne and PhD Villén Antti-Ville.

In accordance with section 31 of the Universities Act (558/2009), statements must be requested before the appointment on the qualification and merits of the applicants or the person to be invited to the post in question from a minimum of two experts when the person is being recruited for an employment relationship that will be effective until further notice or for a fixed period of at least two years. Sections 27–29 of the Administrative Procedure Act on disqualification shall be applied to the

experts. Where required, the selection, scope of work and duties of the experts shall be defined in the UEF University Regulations.

On a proposal of the Appointments Committee (Dean Ilkka Huhta, Professor Juhana Venäläinen, Associate Professor Suvi-Maria Saarelainen, Professor Maarit Koponen and Professor Marja Laasonen), applicants (2) who best meet the qualification criteria of the post and the requirements indicated in the description of the post were selected as the key candidates: Anu A. Harju and Henrik Rydenfelt.

Expert statements were requested on the qualification and merits of the applicants from the following persons, based on the Dean's decision of 28 May 2026: Professor Turo Uskali, University of Jyväskylä, and Professor Hannele Seeck, LUT University.

The Appointments Committee of the post of Professor, Communication Ethics, has proposed that Henrik Rydenfelt be appointed to the post. The selection memorandum that includes a comparison of applicants is enclosed with this agenda item.

According to section 31 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, a person to be appointed to a permanent professorship or to a professorship that lasts for over two years shall be scientifically or artistically qualified, have good teaching skills and, if important for the successful performance of their duties, have practical knowledge of the scope of the post.

Henrik Rydenfelt meets the qualification requirements of a professor referred to in section 31 of the UEF University Regulations. He is scientifically qualified for the post of Professor, Communication Ethics. By the decision of the Chair of the Appointments Committee, Henrik Rydenfelt has been exempted from the requirement to give a trial lecture. The teaching skills of Henrik Rydenfelt have been estimated to meet the requirements of section 31 of the UEF University Regulations (good teaching skills).

The Dean's proposal to the Rector is that PhD Henrik Rydenfelt be appointed to the post of Professor, Communication Ethics, starting as agreed until further notice. It is proposed that Anu A. Harju be the second-choice candidate. Harju has been exempted from the requirement to give a trial lecture. The teaching skills of Harju have been estimated to meet the requirements of section 31 of the UEF University Regulations (good teaching skills).

Motion The Dean will consult the Faculty Council on the proposal to appoint PhD Henrik Rydenfelt to the post of Professor, Communication Ethics. It is proposed that Anu A. Harju be the second-choice candidate.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

8 Application documents, PhD Anu A. Harju: professor, communication ethics

9	Application documents, PhD Henrik Rydenfelt: Professor, communication ethics
10	Expert statement, Professor Turo Uskali: Professor, communication ethics
11	Expert statement, Professor Hannele Seeck: Professor, communication ethics
12	Selection memorandum: Professor, communication ethics

§ 11

Closing of the meeting

The chair closed the meeting at 10:42.

§ 12

Translation of the agenda/minutes

The English translation of the agenda/minutes of the meeting is attached to the agenda item.

Annexes

13 Translation of the agenda, 29 October 2026