

## Key policy initiatives for Finnish higher education



1991 Two higher education systems: universities and universities of applied sciences 1997 Along with general Act on Universities tight state control was abolished and the autonomy of universities was strengthened

2005 Growing performance management: Reward based salary system in universities

2008- Structural reforms and mergers

2010 Universities cease from the state administration in 2010 and UASs form local government in 2013

2010 Four-tier career stage model in the university sector since

2011-2015 Renewed funding arrangements, University profiles: academics are coping with changing expectations on competitive funding, publication forum and societal challenges

2013-2017 Mergers of research institutes and funding agencies has changed to mode of operations

2018- re-massification, growing demands of performance, strong role of academic competition



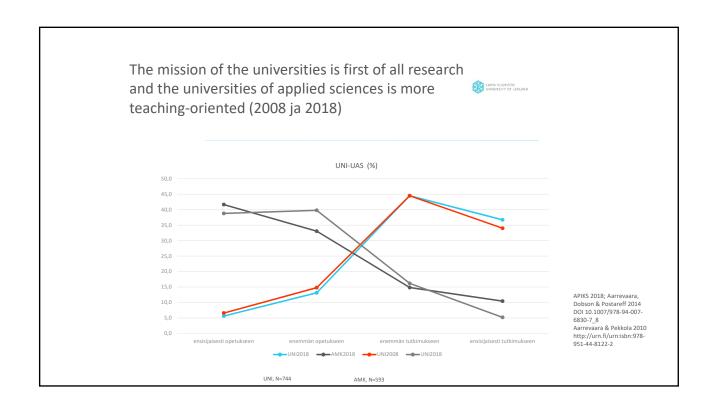
## The population



- ▶ Under the Ministry of Education and Culture (two under other public sectors did not participate)
- ▶ 10 out of 13 universities participated, sample size 5606, and 765 respondents

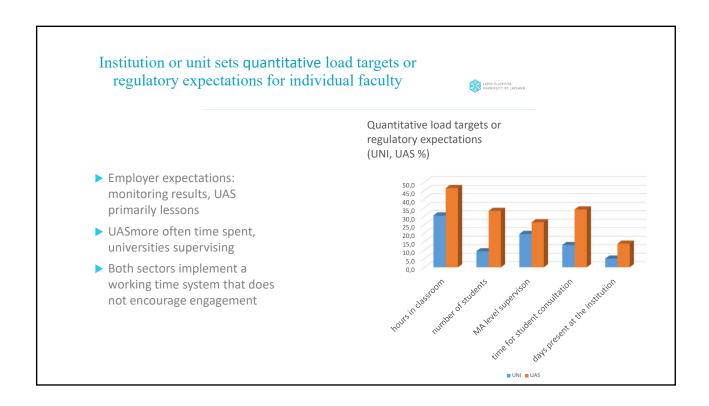
UNI, 11 subject to public law, two foundations subject to private law; 153,000 students; 15,300 academics (four career stages); approx. 1,000 hourly-paid academic staff

- ➤ 23 universities of applied sciences (UAS); Sample size 3 402, 612 respondents
  - UAS 144,000 students; 6,000 teaching and RDI staff
- ▶ 1207 complete cases, 144 partially complete cases and 26 cases when respondents stopped completing the questionnaire



Respondents personal influence to shape key academic policies (Finnish Universities) 1 = Not at all influential, 2 = A little influential, 3 = Somewhat influential, 4 = Very influential

Senior/J Junior	unior N	Valid	At the level of the department or similar unit 520	At the level of the faculty, school or similar unit	At the institution al level
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		Missing	32	32	36
	Mean		2,09	1,64	1,33
	Median		2,00	1,00	1,00
	Std. Deviation	1	,966	,819	,660
Senior	N	Valid	143	146	146
		Missing	8	5	5
	Mean		3,19	2,66	2,08
	Median		3,00	3,00	2,00
	Std. Deviation	1	,813	,942	,925



(	Characteristics of institution (F3)		
		UNI (N = 574)	UAS (N = 515)
	A competent leadership (Rating of the Institution)	3,05	3,106
	A strong emphasis on the institution's mission	3,34	3,97
Juniors	Good communication between management and academics	2,79	3,04
1 = strongly disagree, 5 = strongly agree	A top-down management style	3,64	4,53
5 = Strongly agree	Collegiality in decision-making processes	2,76	2,99
	A strong teaching performance orientation	2,94	4,03
	A strong research performance orientation	3,62	3,00
	A cumbersome administrative process	3,59	4,47

## Conclusions



In Universities institutional strategies are strong, reflects performance management practices

Work at the academy directed by institutional strategies, reflected in management practices.

management practices clearly reflected by respondents - monitors higher education institutions primary products: first of all teaching in polytechnics and research in universities.

In CAP 2008 management and governance in UAS more centralised than in Unviersities, also there in the 2018 dataset.

Seniors rule in management, students influence is strong in the evaluation of teaching. Lack of mobility between research institutes, the dynamics between the two HE systems and research institutions is small