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Date and time 23 November 2022, 14:00 -

Place MD300 + Teams

Participants	Role	Further information
Members		
Jussi Pihlajamäki	Dean, Chair	
Anna-Liisa Levonen	1st Vice Dean, Vice Chair	
Anu Kauppinen	Professor, member	
Jarkko Rautio	Professor, deputy member	
Arja Häggman-Laitila	Professor, member	
Tarja Malm	Professor, deputy member	
Jarmo Jääskeläinen	Professor, member	
Leea Keski-Nisula	Professor, deputy member	
Tomi-Pekka Tuomainen	Professor, member	
Timo Peltomäki	Professor, deputy member	
Merja Heinäniemi	Professor, member	
Jussi Tohka	Professor, deputy member	
Aaro Jalkanen	Staff, member	
Kristiina Huttunen	Staff, deputy member	
Kari Kotikumpu	Staff, member	
Tuomas Ervasti	Staff, deputy member	

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Reeta Heikkilä	Staff, member
Tiina Sutinen	Staff, deputy member
Maija Lahtela-Kakkonen	Staff, member
Juha Savinainen	Staff, deputy member
Riitta-Liisa Toroi	Staff, member
Katja Kanninen	Staff, deputy member
Arttu Leppäkynnäs	Student, member
Veera Nurmela	Student, deputy member
Ossi Tupala	Student, member
Hande Özdemir	Student, deputy member
Theresa Owusu-Serchire	Student, member
Tarmo Ritajoki	Student, deputy member
Samuli Lipponen	Student, member
Veera Pajunen	Student, deputy member
Lassi Karppi	Student, member
Perttu Saarinen	Student, deputy member
Hanna Ollikainen-Richards	Executive Head of Administration, secretary, preparer

Other preparers

Susanna Järvelin-Pasanen	Head of Student and Learning Services
Ella Koistinen	Amanuensis



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The Chair will open the meeting.

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Legitimacy and presence of a quorum

According to the UEF University Regulations, meeting notices of the multi-member administrative organ must be sent at least seven working days prior to the meeting, unless the administrative organ has decided otherwise.

The meeting invitation was sent on 16 November 2022.

According to the University Regulations, the multi-member functions have quorum when at least half of the members, including the chair, are present. By a decision of the Chair, the multi-member administrative organ may hold its meeting by email or via a videoconference, telephone or other remote meeting solution either completely or partially. The Chair has decided that the meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting in room MD300 + Teams.

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

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Grading Kati Auvinen's (Lic.Med) doctoral dissertation

According to section 9 of the Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland (1 August 2018), the Faculty Council is tasked with grading doctoral dissertations. According to section 13(4) of the standing rules of the Faculty of Health Sciences on degrees and studies, doctoral dissertations are graded on a scale fail – pass – pass with distinction. Passing with distinction requires two of the three examiners (pre-examiners and opponent) to propose this grade.

Kati Auvinen's (Lic.Med) doctoral dissertation and research titled "[Interprofessional medication assessment in older people - Findings from Finnish home care](#)" has been publicly examined on 28 October 2022. The opponent, Professor Kaisu Pitkälä (University of Helsinki), supports the approval of the dissertation as a thesis for the doctoral degree in medicine and proposes the grade Pass. The preliminary examiner, Professor Risto Huupponen (University of Turku), supports the approval of the dissertation as a thesis for the doctoral degree in medicine and proposes the grade Pass. The preliminary examiner, Professor Mirko Petrovic (Ghent University), supports the approval of the dissertation as a thesis for the doctoral degree in medicine and proposes the grade Pass with distinction.

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Under section 44 of the Universities Act (24 July 2009/558), the author of the dissertation must be given an opportunity to submit a response on the statement of the preliminary examiner, examiner or opponent. The doctoral candidate has no comments on the statements. The statements of the pre-examiners and the opponent are attached.

According to section 29 of the Universities Act (24 July 558/2009), only members of a multi-member administrative body or deputy members with the same degree level or who have been appointed as a professor may participate in the assessment of the thesis.

Proposal

Based on the statements given in the matter, the Faculty Council grades Kati Auvinen's (Lic.Med) doctoral dissertation as Pass.

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Grading Aleksandr Isotomin's (Lic.Med) doctoral dissertation

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Aleksandr Istomin's (Lic.Med) doctoral dissertation and research titled "[Classifications of radiological findings and management approaches in galactography and breast MRI](#)" has been publicly examined on 28 October 2022. The opponent, Docent Irina Rinta-Kiikka (Tampere University Hospital), supports the approval of the dissertation as a thesis for the doctoral degree in medicine and proposes the grade Pass. Both preliminary examiners, Docent Tuomo Meretoja (Helsinki University Hospital) and Doctor of Medicine Katja Hukkinen (Helsinki University Hospital), support the approval of the dissertation as a thesis for the doctoral degree in medicine and propose the grade Pass.

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Proposal

Based on the statements given in the matter, the Faculty Council grades Aleksandr Isotomin's (Lic.Med) doctoral dissertation as Pass.

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Grading Markku Matikainen's (Lic.Med) doctoral dissertation

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Markku Matikainen's (Lic.Med) doctoral dissertation and research titled "[Acute and chronic pain after inguinal hernia surgery](#)" has been publicly examined on 7 October 2022. The opponent, Professor Maciej Śmietański (Medical University of Gdańsk) supports the approval of the dissertation as a thesis for the doctoral degree in medicine and proposes the grade Pass with distinction. Both preliminary examiners, Docent Arto Rantala (Turku University Hospital) and Docent Matti Kairaluoma (Central Finland Hospital District) support the approval of the dissertation as a thesis for the doctoral degree in medicine and propose the grade Pass.

Under section 44 of the Universities Act (24 July 2009/558), the author of the dissertation must be given an opportunity to submit a response on the

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statement of the preliminary examiner, examiner or opponent. The doctoral candidate has no comments on the statements. The statements of the pre-examiners and the opponent are attached.

According to section 29 of the Universities Act (24 July 558/2009), only members of a multi-member administrative body or deputy members with the same degree level or who have been appointed as a professor may participate in the assessment of the thesis.

Proposal

Based on the statements given in the matter, the Faculty Council grades Markku Matikainen's (Lic.Med) doctoral dissertation as Pass.

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Preparer Annika Karvonen

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Grading Topi Meuronen's (M.Phil.) doctoral dissertation

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Topi Meuronen's (M.Phil.) doctoral dissertation and research titled "[Gene x diet interactions and fatty acid metabolism – FADS genotype and dietary polyunsaturated fatty acids](#)" has been publicly examined on 30 September 2022. The opponent, Research Professor Markus Perola (Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare), supports the approval of the dissertation as a thesis for the doctoral degree in Philosophy and proposes the grade Pass. Both preliminary examiners, Professor Baukje de Roos (University of Aberdeen Foresterhill) and Associate Professor Hildur Arnardottir (Karolinska University Hospital) support the approval of the dissertation as a thesis for the doctoral degree in Philosophy and propose the grade Pass.

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According to section 29 of the Universities Act (24 July 558/2009), only members of a multi-member administrative body or deputy members with the same degree level or who have been appointed as a professor may participate in the assessment of the thesis.

Proposal

Based on the statements given in the matter, the Faculty Council grades Topi Meuronen's (M.Phil.) doctoral dissertation as Pass.

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Preparer Annika Karvonen

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Grading Rebekka Wittrahm's (MSc) doctoral dissertation

According to section 9 of the Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland (1 August 2018), the Faculty Council is tasked with grading doctoral dissertations. According to section 13(4) of the standing rules of the Faculty of Health Sciences on degrees and studies, doctoral dissertations are graded on a scale fail – pass – pass with distinction. Passing with distinction requires two of the three examiners (pre-examiners and opponent) to propose this grade.

Rebekka Wittrahm's (MSc) doctoral dissertation and research titled "Protective genes and molecular mechanisms in Alzheimer's disease" has been publicly examined on 7 October 2022. The opponent, Professor Aleister Saunders (Drexel University), supports the approval of the dissertation as a thesis for the doctoral degree in Philosophy and proposes the grade Pass. Both preliminary examiners, Docent Karita Haapasalo (University of Helsinki) and Associate Professor Markus Damme (Kiel University) support the approval of the dissertation as a thesis for the doctoral degree in Philosophy and propose the grade Pass.

Under section 44 of the Universities Act (24 July 2009/558), the author of the dissertation must be given an opportunity to submit a response on the

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statement of the preliminary examiner, examiner or opponent. The doctoral candidate has no comments on the statements. The statements of the pre-examiners and the opponent are attached.

According to section 29 of the Universities Act (24 July 558/2009), only members of a multi-member administrative body or deputy members with the same degree level or who have been appointed as a professor may participate in the assessment of the thesis.

Proposal

Based on the statements given in the matter, the faculty council grades Rebekka Wittrahm's (MSc) doctoral dissertation as Pass.

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Preparer Susanna Järvelin-Pasanen

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Proposal of the degree programme in Biomedicine on updating the Finnish name of the major subject of the degree programme

Under section 9 of the Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council is responsible for deciding, within the framework of its educational responsibilities, on the establishment and termination of a major. A change in the name of a major subject may also be considered comparable to this task of the Faculty Council.

The degree programme in Biomedicine proposes that the Finnish name of its major at the master's stage be changed from molekulaarinen lääketiede to molekyyllilääketiede (Molecular Medicine). The proposal by the degree programme in Biomedicine and its justifications are attached to the agenda.

The change is proposed to enter into force immediately and it applies to all study rights in the degree programme in Biomedicine.

Proposal

The Faculty Council confirms the change in the Finnish name of the major subject in the master's degree programme in biomedicine in accordance with the proposal.

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Proposal Marked for information.

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The Chair will end the meeting



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Translation of the agenda/minutes

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English translation of the agenda/minutes of the meeting is attached.



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Preparer Hanna Ollikainen-Richards

Faculty Council meetings during the spring semester 2023

Proposed schedule for the meetings in the spring semester 2023:

Wed, January 25, 2pm

Thu, February 23, 2pm

Wed, March 22, 2pm

Wed, April 19, 2pm

Wed, May 24, 2pm

Wed, June 14, 2pm

Proposal The Faculty Council decides the schedule for the spring semester 2023 as proposed.

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Preparer Hanna Ollikainen-Richards

Granting the title of Docent of gastrointestinal surgery to Pirjo Käkelä (Md, PhD)

Pirjo Käkelä (Md, PhD) has proposed that he be granted the title of Docent in gastrointestinal surgery at the University of Eastern Finland at the Faculty of Health Sciences. The applicant's CV and publication list are attached.

The Docent Committee of the Faculty of Health Sciences has stated in its meeting that the title of Docent is appropriate for teaching and research. Docent Vesa Koivukangas (Oulu University Hospital) and Docent Markku Luostarinen (Päijät-Häme Central Hospital) have been invited by the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences to give an expert opinion on the scientific competence of Pirjo Käkelä (Md, PhD) related to his application for the title of Docent.

Docent Koivukangas issued her statement on 21 October 2022 and Docent Luostarinen 17 November 2022. Both experts consider the applicant scientifically competent for the title of Docent and advocate granting the title. The experts' statements are attached.

Under section 89 of the Universities Act (558/2009), the university may, upon application, grant the title of Docent to a person who has thorough knowledge of their field, publications or other means of demonstrating the

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ability to carry out independent research or artistic work and has good teaching skills.

When discussing the application, the Docent Committee of the Faculty of Health Sciences stated that the applicant meets the criteria of the Faculty of Health Sciences regarding teaching skills.

According to section 9, paragraph 8, of the Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council is responsible for deciding on granting the title of Docent.

The applicant fulfils the criteria required by section 89 of the Universities Act for the qualification of Docent and the criteria for the title of Docent as stated in the Faculty of Health Sciences guidelines.

Proposal

The Faculty Council notes that the applicant fulfils the criteria required by section 89 of the Universities Act for the qualification of Docent and the criteria for the title of Docent as stated in the Faculty of Health Sciences guidelines and decides to grant Pirjo Käkälä (Md, PhD) the title of Docent in gastrointestinal surgery.

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