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Meeting No 10/2022

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**Date and time** 23 November 2022, 13.00-14.04

**Place** MS Teams

Participants	Role	Present
Members		
Kari Lehtinen	Dean, Chair	1-15
Markku Hauta-Kasari	1st Vice Dean, Vice Chair	1-15
Jussi Kukkonen	2nd Vice Dean	1-15
Teppo Hujala	Professor, member	
Eeva-Stiina Tuittila	Professor, deputy member	
Vesa-Pekka Lehto	Professor, member	1-15
Markku Kuittinen	Professor, deputy member	
Janne Jänis	Professor, member	1-6
Jukka Pumpanen	Professor, deputy member	
Frank Berninger	Professor, member	
Matti Tedre	Professor, deputy member	
Pauli Miettinen	Professor, member	1-15
Jukka Tuomela	Professor, deputy member	
Petri Tanska	Other staff, member	1-15
Antti Haapala	Other staff, deputy member	
Maini Mononen	Other staff, member	1-7 and 13-15
Mikael Turunen	Other staff, deputy member	
Tarja Virrantalo	Other staff, member	1-7 and 13-15
Juho Kopra	Other staff, deputy member	

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Jaakko Pohjoismäki	Other staff, member	
Mervi Asikainen	Other staff, deputy member	
Hanne Vainikainen	Other staff, member	1-7 and 13-15
Timo Kumlin	Other staff, deputy member	
Jenni Kortelainen	Student, member	1-7 and 13-15
Ville Miettinen	Student, deputy member	
Pavel Kipriianov	Student, member	1-7 and 13-15
Juha-Matti Ovaskainen	Student, deputy member	
Teppo Pitkänen	Student, member	1-7 and 13-15
Busurat Mudashiru	Student, deputy member	1-7 and 13-15
Amin Mahad Abdirisaag	Student, member	1-7 and 13-15
Riku Kukkonen	Student, deputy member	
Silja Partanen	Student, member	1-7 and 13-15
Kaisa Rautiainen	Student, deputy member	
Arja Hirvonen	Executive Head of Administration, secretary, preparer	1-15
Other preparers		
Kaisa Laitinen	Head of Training	1-15

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### **1**

#### **Opening the meeting**

The Chair opened the meeting at 13.00.

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### Legitimacy and presence of a quorum

According to the University Regulations, the invitation to a meeting 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 is held as a Teams meeting.

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

**Decision** As proposed. The order of items on the agenda was changed so that the items For information, Closing of the meeting and Translation of the agenda/minutes were placed after the supplementary items.

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### 3

#### **Hearing and grading Samu Kainulainen's (PhD) demonstration of teaching for granting the tile of Docent in the field of medical physics and biosignal analysis in sleep medicine**

According to section 89 of the Universities Act (558/2009), a Docent is required to have good teaching skills. As a rule, teaching skills are assessed on the basis of the information contained in the application documents. In this case, practical teaching experience at the university level and demonstrations of thesis supervision, completed higher education pedagogical studies, other pedagogical qualifications and a previously awarded good evaluation in a teaching demonstration on a university-level position will be taken into account.

In order to assess the good teaching skills required of a Docent, Samu Kainulainen (PhD) must, in accordance with the [Dean's decision of 5 July 2022](#) give a demonstration of teaching in the field of Medical technology and informatics in sleep medicine. He will give a demonstration of teaching on the topic "motivating first-year students: The time derivatives of equations of motion and what can they be used for?"

The teaching demonstration is graded as passable - satisfactory - good - very good - excellent.

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The demonstration will be evaluated in accordance with the [Faculty's instructions](#) of 17 March 2021. In the assessment of the demonstration of teaching skills, attention is paid, among other things, to the presenter's ability to:

- structure the topic to be taught in an understandable manner for the listeners,
- justify their thoughts and arguments,
- utilise the latest research in the field,
- teach in an inspiring and thought-provoking manner,
- interact with students,
- activate and support learning,
- prepare the learning material taking the target group into account,
- use the teaching methods of online and multi-modal pedagogy, and
- consider the needs and opportunities of distance and contact teaching (hybrid teaching), and manage the teaching situation.

**Proposal** The Faculty Council will hear Samu Kainulainen's (PhD) demonstration of teaching and grade it.

**Decision** The demonstration of teaching was graded as very good (4/5).



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## 4

### **Granting the title of Docent to Samu Kainulainen (PhD) in the field of Medical physics and biosignal analytics in sleep medicine**

Samu Kainulainen (PhD) has applied for the title of Docent in the field of Medical physics and biosignal analytics in sleep medicine at the Department of Applied Physics, the Faculty of Science and Forestry, the University of Eastern Finland. Kainulainen's (PhD) application and its appendices are attached to the item.

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 ability to carry out independent research or artistic work and has good 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 Dean of the Faculty of Science and Forestry has by his [decision of 5 July 2022](#) appointed Professor Richard B. Reilly (School of Medicine and School of Engineering, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland) and Professor David M. Rapoport (Sleep Medicine, Mount Sinai, New York, USA) to give an

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expert statement on the scientific competence of Samu Kainulainen (PhD) for the title of Docent in Medical physics and biosignal analytics in sleep medicine. Professor Reilly and Professor Rapoport have recognised Kainulainen as scientifically competent for the title of Docent in his field. The experts' statements are attached to the item.

A Docent is required to have good teaching skills (Section 89 of the Universities Act 558/2009). The Faculty Council decides on the teaching demonstration for Kainulainen (PhD) as listed in the item 3.

### Proposal

The Faculty Council notes that Samu Kainulainen (PhD) fulfils the requirements for the title of Docent referred to in the Universities Act and grants him the title of Docent at the University of Eastern Finland in the field of medical physics and biosignal analytics in sleep medicine as of 1 December 2022.

### Decision

As proposed.

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- 1 Samu Kainulainen, application for the title of Docent
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### **Job description for the professor in Wood Materials Science / Wood Materials Production.**

#### **Consultation of the Faculty Council**

The Ministry of Education and Culture has granted the University of Eastern Finland the responsibility for technical and scientific education as of 1 August 2023. As a rule, technical and scientific education is implemented within the framework of the current basic funding of the Faculty of Science and Forestry by directing the Faculty's education to engineering education. The university has prepared the recruitment for endowed professorships in fields that meet the competence needs of companies and industry in the region. The City of Joensuu has provided funding for a five-year professorship in the field. The professorship is in the School of Forest Sciences, on the Joensuu campus.

The Faculty's appointment committee referred to in section 30 of the Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland consisted of the Chair Markku Hauta-Kasari (Professor and Vice Dean) and members Kari Lehtinen (the Dean, Professor), Jukka Tikkanen (School of Forest Sciences, Research Director), Jari Kaipio (Director of the Department of Applied Physics, Professor), Antti Haapala (Professor from the School of Forest Sciences) and Director of Administration Arja Hirvonen as the administrative expert. At its meeting on 15 November 2022, the

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committee preparing the professorship has prepared a job description, which is part of the appointment memorandum (appendix).

According to Section 31(1) of the Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the person selected to an employment relationship as a professor must be scientifically or artistically competent and possess good teaching skills and, if this is important for the performance of the task, practical knowledge of the task area.

According to Section 9(6) of the Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council is responsible for discussing the proposal concerning the scope of the professor's duties and the definition of tasks, and according to Section 10(5) of the Regulations, the dean decides on the scope of the professor's duties and the definition of tasks after consulting the faculty council.

**Proposal** The job description will be discussed by the Faculty Council.

**Decision** As proposed.

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### **Dean's proposal for the appointment of Assistant Professor Ville Hautamäki to the position of Associate Professor in statistical machine learning**

In accordance with the Faculty's personnel plan, the research and teaching field of statistical machine learning will be strengthened by appointing an Associate Professor. The position is in the Faculty of Computer Science, Joensuu campus.

The scope of the task and task description are as follows:

The scope of the task of the Associate Professor is statistical machine learning, which is defined as a combination of statistics and computer science. Carrying out this task requires expertise in computing and statistical methods and algorithms, in particular statistical machine learning, statistical modelling and explainable artificial intelligence. The tasks of the Associate Professor include obtaining supplementary research funding, launching and managing research projects, high-quality publishing in the field of statistical machine learning, and teaching and guidance in the field.

Ville Hautamäki (PhD) has been considered for the position without an open application process.

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Ville Hautamäki's merits were assessed in connection with the application process for professorship in the field (computer science, especially statistical machine learning, expired on 1 July 2022). In accordance with the University Regulations, the appointment committee comprised Dean Kari Lehtinen, Professor Markku Tukiainen (Head of the School of Computing), Professor Pauli Miettinen (School of Computing) and Professor Mikko Kolehmainen (Department of Environmental and Biological Sciences). Arja Hirvonen, Chief Administrative Officer, served as the administrative expert.

In summary, the evaluation group notes that the eligibility and merit of Ville Hautamäki (PhD) meets the requirements of an Associate Professor on the tenure track level. He has good preconditions to strengthen his operation to meet the level required by the position as a professor through project activities and competitive research funding.

At its meeting on 14 September 2022, the Tenure Track Committee advocated progress in the appointment to the task.

The evaluation group's memorandum, Hautamäki's CV, teaching portfolio and publication list are appended to the item.

According to section 31 of the Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the candidate appointed in an employment relationship as an Associate Professor on the tenure track

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must have a suitable doctoral degree and good teaching skills as well as the prerequisites for complying with the qualification requirements of the professor's employment relationship within the deadline.

On 16 November 2022, the Dean exempted Assistant Professor Ville Hautamäki from giving a demonstration of teaching on the grounds that Hautamäki has extensive university teaching experience, which supports the field of the Associate Professor.

According to section 9 of the Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council discusses proposals concerning the scope and job description of the permanent duties of the faculty's teaching and research staff in the four-step career model and the tenure track. According to section 10 of the University Regulations, the Dean submits a proposal to the Rector after consulting the Faculty Council on the candidate to be appointed in the tenure track position.

The Dean of the Faculty proposes to the Rector of the University that Assistant Professor Ville Hautamäki take on the position of Associate Professor on the tenure track for a four-year term starting on 1 January 2023.

In accordance with the decision 57/2020 regarding the university's tenure track, the criteria for progressing on the tenure track are agreed in more detail in a more specific agreement to be attached to the employment contract.

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### Proposal

1. The Faculty Council discusses the scope of the task and the task description of the position of Associate Professor to be appointed.
2. The Faculty Council discusses the Dean's proposal for the candidate to be appointed.

### Decision

1. As proposed.
2. As proposed.

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## 7

### **The Dean's proposal for a candidate for the position as a university lecturer in computer science. Consultation of the Faculty Council**

According to section 9 of the Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council discusses proposals concerning the scope and job description of the permanent duties of the faculty's teaching and research staff in the four-step career model and the tenure track.

The job description was approved in connection with the open application process on 21 December 2020. The job description is as follows:

The role of a university lecturer is focused on teaching, and the field of teaching is computer science. The task includes, in particular, the planning, development and implementation of basic level software production and programming as well as the teaching of information structures as well as thesis supervision. A university lecturer is involved in evaluating and developing education and continuous learning in the field as well as the use of learning environments and methods in education. Teaching and guidance in the field are provided at the School of Computing in Finnish and English. The candidate is required to have good skills in Finnish and the ability to teach in English if necessary.

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The position is located in the School of Computing of the Faculty of Science and Forestry, Kuopio campus.

The Faculty proposes that Marko Hassinen (PhD) be appointed without an open application process. In the open application process for the position, Marko Hassinen was placed on the wait list (Faculty Council on 16 June 2021) and has been in charge of the open position since 1 March 2022.

The person selected for the university lecturer's position must have a suitable doctoral degree and good teaching skills (Section 31 of the University Regulation). The candidate is required to have good skills in Finnish and the ability to teach in English if necessary.

On 16 November 2022, the Dean exempted Marko Hassinen (PhD) from giving a demonstration of teaching on the grounds that he has demonstrated the good teaching skills required by the university lecturer's duties through practical teaching and guidance work.

Marko Hassinen (PhD) meets the university lecturer's qualification requirements mentioned in the University Regulations and meets the requirements for appointment in the task.

The Dean of the Faculty proposes to the Academic Rector that Marko Hassinen (PhD) be appointed university lecturer in Computer Science from 1 January 2023 until further notice.

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**Proposal**      The Faculty discusses the proposal for the person to be appointed in the position.

**Decision**      As proposed.

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### 8

#### **Grading Khai Pham Dinh's (MSc) doctoral dissertation in chemistry**

According to section 9 of the Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council is tasked with grading doctoral dissertations. According to section 18 of the standing rules of the Faculty of Science and Forestry on degrees and studies, doctoral dissertations are graded on a scale fail – pass – pass with distinction.

Khai Pham Dinh's (Msc) doctoral dissertation and research titled [Functionalization of TiO<sub>2</sub> inverse opal structures for tailored photocatalytic activity](#) has been publicly examined on 9 November 2022. The opponent, tenure track Professor Paola Vivo (Materials Science and Environmental Engineering unit, University of Tampere), supports the approval of the dissertation as a thesis for the doctoral degree in Philosophy and proposes 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 statement of the preliminary examiner, examiner or opponent. The doctoral candidate has no comments on the opponent's statement, which is appended to the item.

According to section 29 of the Universities Act (558/2009), only members of a multi-member administrative body or deputy members with the same

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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 Khai Pham Dinh's (MSc) doctoral dissertation as Pass.

**Decision** As proposed.

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13 Statement by Paola Vivo, opponent

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### **Grading Himat Shahi's (Msc) doctoral dissertation in Computer Science**

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MSc Himat Shah's dissertation research titled [Automatic Keyword Extraction for Webpages](#) has been publicly reviewed on November 15, 2022. The opponent, Professor Jyrki Nummenmaa (Computer Sciences unit, the University of Tampere), supports the approval of the dissertation as a thesis for the doctoral degree in Philosophy and proposes 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 statement of the preliminary examiner, examiner or opponent. The doctoral candidate has no comments on the opponent's statement, which is appended to the item.

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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 Himat Shah's (MSc) doctoral dissertation as Pass.

**Decision** As proposed.

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14 Statement by Jyrki Nummenmaa, opponent

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### **Grading Petteri Mussalo's (M.Phil) doctoral dissertation in Computer Science**

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Petteri Mussalo's (M.Phil) doctoral dissertation and research titled "[Voices of Authorities Challenge Data Valuation Practices: Exemplifications of the Nordic Intensive Care, and Finnish Healthcare System](#)" has been publicly examined on 11 November 2022. The opponent, Associate professor Paulus Torkki (Department of Public Health, University of Helsinki), supports the approval of the dissertation as a thesis for the doctoral degree in Philosophy and proposes 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 statement of the preliminary examiner, examiner or opponent. The doctoral candidate has no comments on the opponent's statement, which is appended to the item.

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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 Petteri Mussalo's (M.Phil) doctoral dissertation as Pass.

**Decision** As proposed.

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15 Statement by Paulus Torkki, opponen

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## 11

### **Grading Eetu Kotivuori's (M.Sc (Agr & For)) doctoral dissertation**

According to section 9 of the Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council is tasked with grading doctoral dissertations. According to section 18 of the standing rules of the Faculty of Science and Forestry on degrees and studies, doctoral dissertations are graded on a scale fail – pass – pass with distinction.

Eetu Kotivuori's (M.Sc (Agr & For)) doctoral dissertation and research titled [Prediction of forest attributes using airborne laser scanning-based models without new in-situ field measurements](#) has been publicly examined on 11 November 2022. The opponent, Jussi Peuhkurinen (Head of Forest Inventory Unit at Arbonaut Ltd, Helsinki), supports the approval of the dissertation as a thesis for the doctoral degree in Philosophy and proposes 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 statement of the preliminary examiner, examiner or opponent. The doctoral candidate has no comments on the opponent's statement, which is appended to the item.

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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 Eetu Kotivuori's (M.Sc (Agr & For)) doctoral dissertation as Pass.

**Decision** As proposed.

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### **Grading Sareh Yaripour's (Msc) doctoral dissertation in biology**

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Sareh Yaripou's (Msc) doctoral dissertation and research titled [Environmentally induced plasticity in reproduction and offspring traits in salmonid fishes](#) been publicly examined on 18 November 2022. The opponent, Adjunct Professor Markus Perola (Department of Biology, the University of Turku), supports the approval of the dissertation as a thesis for the doctoral degree in Philosophy and proposes 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 statement of the preliminary examiner, examiner or opponent. The doctoral candidate has no comments on the opponent's statement, which is appended to the item.

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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 Sareh Yaripour's (MSc) doctoral dissertation as Pass.

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Statistics on Master's and Doctor's degrees of the Faculty 15 November 2022 (appendix)

Faculty's doctoral dissertations on 15 November 2022: graduates in green, those who have been granted a permit for public examination of dissertation in yellow, and those who have started their dissertation in blue (appendix)

[Dean's decision of 28 October 2022](#) appointing the members of the Board coordinating the specialisation of physicists in University Hospitals for the period 2023-2025

Disqualification guidelines of the University of Eastern Finland on 1 November 2022 [in Finnish \(Heimo page\)](#) and [in English \(Heimo page\)](#)

Current issues in the Faculty.

**Proposal**      Marked for information.

**Decision**      As proposed.



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### **Closing of the meeting**

The Chair ended the meeting at 14.04.





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### **Translation of the minutes**

English translation of the minutes of the meeting is attached.