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Date and time 14 June 2023, 14:00 – 15:40

Place/venue SN103 + teams

Participants	Role	Present for items
Members		
Pihlajamäki Jussi	Dean, Chair	1-21
Levonen Anna-Liisa	1st Vice Dean, Vice Chair	Absent
Kauppinen Anu	Professor, member	1-21
Rautio Jarkko	Professor, deputy member	Absent
Häggman-Laitila Arja	Professor, member	1-21
Malm Tarja	Professor, deputy member	Absent
Jääskeläinen Jarmo	Professor, member	Absent
Keski-Nisula Leea	Professor, deputy member	1-21
Tuomainen Tomi-Pekka	Professor, member	1-21
Peltomäki Timo	Professor, deputy member	Absent
Heinäniemi Merja	Professor, member	Absent
Tohka Jussi	Professor, deputy member	Absent
Jalkanen Aaro	Staff, member	1-21
Huttunen Kristiina	Staff, deputy member	Absent
Kotikumpu Kari	Staff, member	1-21
Parviainen Anndra	Staff, deputy member	1-21
Heikkilä Reeta	Staff, member	1-17

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Sutinen Tiina	Staff, deputy member	1-21
Lahtela-Kakkonen Maija	Staff, member	1-21
Savinainen Juha	Staff, deputy member	Absent
Toroi Riitta-Liisa	Staff, member	1-21
Kanninen Katja	Staff, deputy member	Absent
Leppäkynnäs Arttu	Student, member	Absent
Nurmela Veera	Student, deputy member	1-21
Tupala Ossi	Student, member	Absent
Özdemir Hande	Student, deputy member	Absent
Owusu-Serchire Theresa	Student, member	1-21
Ritajoki Tarmo	Student, deputy member	Absent
Lipponen Samuli	Student, member	1-21
Pajunen Veera	Student, deputy member	Absent
Karppi Lassi	Student, member	Absent
Saarinen Perttu	Student, deputy member	Absent
Ollikainen-Richards Hanna	Executive Head of Administration, secretary, preparer	1-21
Other preparers		
Järvelin-Pasanen Susanna	Head of Student Services	1-21
Karvonen Annika	Amanuensis	1-21
Mertakorpi Emma	Training Officer	1-21

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§ 1

Opening of the meeting

The chair opened the meeting at 14:30.

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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 organ must be sent at least seven days prior to the meeting, unless the administrative organ has decided otherwise.

The meeting notice was sent on 7 June 2023.

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 organ 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 as a hybrid meeting: ME201 + Teams.

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

Decision As proposed.

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§ 3

Proposal to the Rector of the University of Eastern Finland on the management of the post of Professor of Radiology on a fixed-term basis: Hearing of the Faculty Council

According to the UEF University Regulations, the Dean shall make proposals to the Rector on the persons to be appointed to professorships with a term of two years or over, to permanent teaching and research positions compliant with the four-stage research career model; and to Tenure Track positions after hearing the Faculty Council.

The filling of the post of Professor of Radiology is about to begin at the Institute of Clinical Medicine of the School of Medicine. Education in the field must be secured also during the filling process, for which reason the Institute proposes that MD Juhana Hakumäki will continue in the post of Professor of Radiology for a fixed term of 1 September 2023 – 31 August 2024. The post is filled for a fixed term due to the management of a vacant post.

As regards the post of Professor of Radiology, the two-year time limit will be exceeded due to the previous management of the post and the follow-up proposal.

Juhana Hakumäki was found to be eligible for the post of Professor of Radiology in an open call for applications in 2021. The expert statements

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as well as Juhana Hakumäki's CV and list of publications are enclosed with this agenda item as Appendices.

Motion The Faculty Council will discuss the proposal.

Decision As proposed.

Appendices

- 1 Statement on Professor of Radiology - Zöllner
- 2 Statement on Professor of Radiology Bjørnerud
- 3 Statement on Professor of Radiology -Parkkola
- 4 Hakumäki Publications 120623
- 5 Hakumäki Curriculum Vitae 120623

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§ 4

The Dean's proposal to the Academic Rector on the person to be appointed as Clinical Lecturer, General Practice: Hearing of the Faculty Council

According to the UEF University Regulations, the Dean shall make proposals to the Rector on the persons to be appointed to professorships with a term of two years or over, to permanent teaching and research positions compliant with the four-stage research career model and to Tenure Track positions after hearing the Faculty Council.

A call for applications was organised for the post of Clinical Lecturer (General Practice) that will be effective until further notice by the Institute of Public Health and Clinical Nutrition of the University of Eastern Finland's School of Medicine.

One applicant submitted their application to the post by the deadline:
Lic.Med., specialist in general practice, Outi Öhman.

A person to be appointed as Clinical Lecturer shall hold a suitable doctoral degree. For a special reason, a person who has completed a specialist degree in medicine or dentistry or a person who has the right to act as a specialist in medicine or dentistry may be appointed as Clinical Lecturer. Furthermore, a person to be appointed as Clinical Lecturer shall have good teaching skills (section 31 of the UEF University Regulations).

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According to the Government Decree on Universities (770/2009), members of the university's teaching and research staff are required to have command of the language they give teaching in (Finnish or Swedish). The Dean of the faculty can grant an exemption from the language proficiency requirements laid down in the Government Decree on Universities (UEF University Regulations, section 33).

The Institute of Public Health and Clinical Nutrition proposes in its proposal (Appendix) that the Lic.Med., medical specialist Outi Öhman be appointed to the post of Clinical Lecturer from 1 August 2023 until further notice. The Head of the School of Medicine supports the proposal.

Outi Öhman received a specialist degree in general practice in 2022 and a licentiate degree in medicine in 2010 from the University of Eastern Finland.

Outi Öhman's CV and list of publications are enclosed with this agenda item as an Appendix.

A trial lecture is required. Öhman gave a trial lecture (approved) on 13 June 2023.

In accordance with the regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Dean will make a proposal to the Academic Rector on the fulfilment of posts, excluding professors, that comply with the four-stage career model.

Motion

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Decision As proposed.

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| 7 | Selection memorandum, Lecturer, general practice |

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§ 5

The Dean's proposal to the Academic Rector on the person to be appointed as Clinical Lecturer, Psychiatry: Hearing of the Faculty Council

According to the UEF University Regulations, the Dean shall make proposals to the Rector on the persons to be appointed to professorships with a term of two years or over, to permanent teaching and research positions compliant with the four-stage research career model and to Tenure Track positions after hearing the Faculty Council.

A call for applications was organised for the post of Clinical Lecturer (psychiatry) that will be effective until further notice by the Institute of Clinical Medicine of the University of Eastern Finland's School of Medicine.

Two applicants submitted their applications to the post by the deadline: M.Phil. Muhammad Nasif and MD, medical specialist Laura Julkunen.

A person to be appointed as Clinical Lecturer shall hold a suitable doctoral degree. For a special reason, a person who has completed a specialist degree in medicine or dentistry or a person who has the right to act as a specialist in medicine or dentistry may be appointed as Clinical Lecturer. Furthermore, a person to be appointed as Clinical Lecturer shall have good teaching skills (section 31 of the UEF University Regulations).

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The Institute of Clinical Medicine proposes in its proposal (Appendix) that MD, medical specialist Laura Julkunen be appointed to the post of Clinical Lecturer from 1 July 2023 until further notice. The Head of the School of Medicine supports the proposal.

Laura Julkunen received a specialist in psychiatry degree in 2017 from the University of Eastern Finland and a doctoral degree in medicine in 2007 from the University of Turku.

Laura Julkunen's CV and list of publications are enclosed with this agenda item as appendices.

No trial lecture will be required.

In accordance with the regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Dean will make a proposal to the Academic Rector on the fulfilment of posts, excluding professors, that comply with the four-stage career model.

Motion

The Faculty Council will discuss the proposal.

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Decision As proposed.

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| 8 | CV Julkunen Laura |
| 9 | List of publications Julkunen Laura |
| 10 | Selection memorandum, Clinical Lecturer in psychiatry |

Record entry 1872/01.01.03/2023

Prepared by Hanna Ollikainen-Richards

§ 6

The Dean's proposal to the Academic Rector on the person to be appointed as Clinical Lecturer, Dermatology and Venereology: Hearing of the Faculty Council

According to the UEF University Regulations, the Dean shall make proposals to the Rector on the persons to be appointed to professorships with a term of two years or over, to permanent teaching and research positions compliant with the four-stage research career model and to Tenure Track positions after hearing the Faculty Council.

A call for applications was organised for the post of Clinical Lecturer (Dermatology and Venereology) that will be effective until further notice by the Institute of Clinical Medicine of the University of Eastern Finland's School of Medicine.

One applicant submitted their application to the post by the deadline: MD, medical specialist Tiina Lipitsä.

A person to be appointed as Clinical Lecturer shall hold a suitable doctoral degree. For a special reason, a person who has completed a specialist degree in medicine or dentistry or a person who has the right to act as a specialist in medicine or dentistry may be appointed as Clinical Lecturer. Furthermore, a person to be appointed as Clinical Lecturer shall have good teaching skills (section 31 of the UEF University Regulations).

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According to the Government Decree on Universities (770/2009), members of the university's teaching and research staff are required to have command of the language they give teaching in (Finnish or Swedish). The Dean of the faculty can grant an exemption from the language proficiency requirements laid down in the Government Decree on Universities (UEF University Regulations, section 33).

The Institute of Clinical Medicine proposes in its proposal (Appendix) that MD, medical specialist Tiina Lipitsä be appointed to the post of Clinical Lecturer from 1 August 2023 until further notice. The Head of the School of Medicine supports the proposal.

Tiina Lipitsä received a specialist degree in dermatology and allergology in 2016 and a doctoral degree in medicine in 2022 from the University of Eastern Finland.

Tiina Lipitsä's CV and list of publications are enclosed with this agenda item as appendices.

No trial lecture will be required.

In accordance with the regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Dean will make a proposal to the Academic Rector on the fulfilment of posts, excluding professors, that comply with the four-stage career model.

Motion

The Faculty Council will discuss the proposal.

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| 11 | CV Lipitsä Tiina |
| 12 | List of publications Lipitsä Tiina |
| 13 | Selection memorandum, Clinical Lecturer, dermatology and
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§ 7

Granting the title of docent in clinical parodontology to DDSc Tuomas Saxlin

DDSc Tuomas Saxlin has proposed that he be awarded the title of docent in Clinical Periodontology at the Faculty of Health Sciences of the University of Eastern Finland. The applicant's CV and list of publications are enclosed with the agenda item as appendices.

The Docent Committee of the Faculty of Health Sciences stated at its meeting that the docentship is purposeful from the perspective of teaching and research activities. The Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences has invited Professor Marja-Liisa Laitala (University of Oulu) and Professor Marja Laine (University of Amsterdam) as experts.

Professor Laitala submitted her statement on 17 April 2023 and Professor Laine on 28 May 2023. Both experts consider the applicant to be scientifically qualified for the docentship they are applying for and are in favour of awarding the title of docent. The statements of the experts are enclosed with this agenda item as appendices.

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.

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The Docent Committee of the Faculty of Health Sciences stated, when it processed the application, that the applicant meets the criteria of the Faculty of Health Sciences as regards teaching skills.

According to 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 University Act and the criteria set out in the docentship guidelines of the Faculty of Health Sciences for the title of docent.

Motion

The Faculty Council states that the applicant meets the qualification requirements specified in section 89 of the Universities Act and the criteria set out in the docentship guidelines of the Faculty of Health Sciences for the title of docent and decides to grant the title of docent in clinical periodontology to DSc Tuomas Saxlin.

Decision

As proposed.

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| 15 | Statement Saxlin Tuomas - Laitala |
| 16 | Statement of the academic subject Saxlin Tuomas |
| 17 | List of publications Saxlin Tuomas |
| 18 | CV Saxlin Tuomas |

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§ 8

Grading Lic.Med. Raimo Jauhiainen's doctoral dissertation

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland (1 August 2022), the Faculty Council grades 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 the scale fail – pass – pass with distinction. Passing with distinction requires that two of the three examiners (preliminary examiners and opponent) propose this grade.

Lic.Med. Raimo Jauhiainen's dissertation and study "[NOVEL BIOMARKERS ASSOCIATED WITH ATHEROSCLEROTIC CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE AND HEART FAILURE](#)", was examined publicly on 19 May 2023. The opponent, Professor Antti Saraste (University of Turku) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Medicine and proposes the grade Pass. Both preliminary examiners, Docent Pekka Porela (University of Turku) and Docent Johan Lassus (University of Helsinki) are in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Medicine and propose 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

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comments on the statements. The statements of the preliminary examiners and the opponent are enclosed with this agenda item as appendices.

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.

Motion Based on the statements, the Faculty Council grades Lic.Med Raimo Jauhiainen's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

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| 20 | Preliminary examiner_Porela_statement_Jauhiainen |
| 21 | Opponent_Saraste_statement_Jauhiainen |

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Prepared by Annika Karvonen

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Grading Lic.Med. Anna Jokimäki's doctoral dissertation

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Lic.Med. Anna Jokimäki's dissertation and study "[The assessment and risk factors of cancer treatment-related adverse events and the combined effect of previous radiotherapy and immune-related adverse events on immune checkpoint inhibitor treatment efficacy](#)" was examined publicly on 21 April 2023. The opponent, Docent Leena Vehmanen (University of Helsinki), is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Medicine and proposes the grade Pass. Both preliminary examiners, Docent Maarit Bärlund (Tampere University Hospital) and Docent Raija Kallio (Oulu University Hospital) are in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Medicine and propose 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

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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 statements. The statements of the preliminary examiners and the opponent are enclosed with this agenda item as appendices.

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.

Motion Based on the statements, the Faculty Council grades Lic.Med. Anna Jokimäki's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

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| 23 | Preliminary examiner_Kallio_statement_Jokimäki |
| 24 | Opponent_Vehmanen_statement_Jokimäki |

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§ 10

Grading Lic.Med. Minna Mononen's doctoral dissertation

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Lic.Med. Minna Mononen's doctoral dissertation and study "[High-resolution CT patterns in the assessment of disease progression, outcome, and risk factors for complications of transbronchial lung cryobiopsy in interstitial lung diseases](#)", was examined publicly on 12 May 2023. The opponent, Docent Maija Halme (University of Helsinki), is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Medicine and proposes the grade Pass. Both preliminary examiners, Docent Irmeli Lindström (the Finnish Institute for Occupational Health) and Professor Lauri Lehtimäki (University of Tampere) are in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Medicine and propose 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

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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 statements. The statements of the preliminary examiners and the opponent are enclosed with this agenda item as appendices.

Motion Based on the statements, the Faculty Council grades Lic.Med. Minna Mononen's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

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| 25 | Opponent_Halme_statement_Mononen |
| 26 | Preliminary examiner_Lehtimäki_statement_Mononen |
| 27 | Preliminary examiner_Lindström_statement_Mononen |

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§ 11

Grading Lic.Med. Asta Tauriainen's doctoral dissertation

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland (1 August 2022), the Faculty Council grades 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 the scale fail – pass – pass with distinction. Passing with distinction requires that two of the three examiners (preliminary examiners and opponent) propose this grade.

Lic.Med. Asta Tauriainen's dissertation and study "[Surgical treatment, perinatal outcomes and longitudinal growth of children with gastroschisis in Finland](#)" was examined publicly on 21 April 2023. The opponent, Professor Emeritus Willy Serlo (University of Oulu) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in medicine and proposes the grade Pass. Both preliminary examiners, Docent Annika Mutanen (Helsinki University Hospital) and Docent Hanna Soukka (Turku University Hospital) are in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Medicine and propose 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

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comments on the statements. The statements of the preliminary examiners and the opponent are enclosed with this agenda item as appendices.

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.

Motion Based on the statements, the Faculty Council grades Lic.Med. Asta Tauriainen's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

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| 29 | Preliminary examiner_Soukka_statement_Tauriainen |
| 30 | Opponent_Serlo_statement_Tauriainen |

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Grading Lic.Med. Ville Turppo's doctoral dissertation

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland (1 August 2022), the Faculty Council grades 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 the scale fail – pass – pass with distinction. Passing with distinction requires that two of the three examiners (preliminary examiners and opponent) propose this grade.

Lic.Med. Ville Turppo's doctoral dissertation and study "[Validity of the Finnish Arthroplasty Register and Outcomes of Hip and Knee Arthroplasty](#)", was examined publicly on 26 May 2023. The opponent, Professor Keijo Mäkelä (University of Turku) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Medicine and proposes the grade Pass. Both preliminary examiners, Docent Minna Laitinen (University of Helsinki) and Docent Aleksi Reito (University of Tampere) are in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Medicine and propose 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

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comments on the statements. The statements of the preliminary examiners and the opponent are enclosed with this agenda item as appendices.

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.

Motion Based on the statements, the Faculty Council grades Lic.Med. Ville Turppo's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

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| 31 | Preliminary examiner_Laitinen_statement_Turppo |
| 32 | Preliminary examiner_Reito_statement_Turppo |
| 33 | Opponent_Mäkelä_statement_Turppo |

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Prepared by Annika Karvonen

§ 13

Grading Lic.Med. Tommi Vilpunaho's doctoral dissertation

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland (1 August 2022), the Faculty Council grades 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 the scale fail – pass – pass with distinction. Passing with distinction requires that two of the three examiners (preliminary examiners and opponent) propose this grade.

Lic.Med. Tommi Vilpunaho's doctoral dissertation and study "[Methodological aspects of fall prevention](#)" was examined publicly on 19 May 2023. The opponent, Professor Maria Nuotio (University of Turku) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Medicine and proposes the grade Pass. Both preliminary examiners, Professor Ari Heinonen (University of Jyväskylä) and Professor, Dean Sarianna Sipilä (University of Jyväskylä) are in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Medicine and propose 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

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comments on the statements. The statements of the preliminary examiners and the opponent are enclosed with this agenda item as appendices.

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.

Motion Based on the statements, the Faculty Council grades Lic.Med. Tommi Vilpunaho's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

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| 34 | Preliminary examiner_Heinonen_statement_Vilpunaho |
| 35 | Preliminary examiner_Sipilä_statement_Vilpunaho |
| 36 | Opponent_Nuotio_statement_Vilpunaho |

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Prepared by Emma Mertakorpi

§ 14

The general national educational background requirements and field-specific curricula for specialist education in medicine and dentistry, specialisation training in general practice and additional training programmes for specialists from 1 August 2023

According to section 9(4), subsection 4 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council will make decisions concerning curricula, degree requirements and student admission criteria. Nationally uniform study guides and examination requirements for specialist education in medicine and dentistry that comply with Decree 55/2020 of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health were first prepared in spring 2020. Study guides will be compiled every 3 years. Separate Skills Assessment guides will be valid for one academic year at a time.

The general educational background requirements, field-specific curricula and examination requirements for specialist education in medicine and dentistry were prepared in the spring 2023 in national cooperation by the five Finnish universities that provide medical training. General educational background requirements and curricula have been compiled into national study guides for specialist education in medicine and dentistry.

- National study guide for specialist education in medicine (valid from 1 August 2023 onwards until further notice): Appendix 1
- National skills assessment guide for specialist education in medicine (valid from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024): Appendix 2

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- National study guide for specialist education in dentistry (valid from 1 August 2023 until further notice): Appendix 3
- National skills assessment guide for specialist education in dentistry (valid from 1 August 2023 until 31 July 2024): Appendix 4
- National field-specific examination requirements for specialist education in medicine and dentistry (valid from 1 August 2023 onwards until further notice): Appendix 5

The general educational background requirements apply to all specialist fields and to all specialising students regardless of the date their study right was granted. The curricula will apply to all specialising students who receive their study right after 1 August 2023. The skills assessment guides will apply to specialising students who receive their study right between 1 August 2023 and 31 July 2024. Specialising students will always have the right, upon application, to shift to following the latest curriculum and Skills Assessment guide.

The general educational background requirements (YEK study guide) for specialist education in general practice were prepared in national cooperation with the study administration and the specialist field of general practice.

- The study guide for specialist education in general practice (valid from 1 August 2023 until further notice): Appendix 6

The study guide for additional training programmes for medical specialists was updated in spring 2021. This spring, a number of changes were made to the study guide for the additional training programmes, which are

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marked in the guide in red and listed in the change log at the beginning of the guide.

- The study guide for the additional training programmes for medical specialists (valid from 1 August 2021 until further notice, proposed changes from 1 August 2023 onwards): Appendix 7

All the aforementioned study guides and examination requirements were discussed by the National Advisory Committee on Professional Further Education and Training (VAJT) on 8 May 2023 and the local committees and regional advisory boards of all universities. The study guides and examination requirements were discussed at the meeting of the UEF Committee on Professional Further Education (AJT) on 17 May 2023 and at the meeting of the Regional Advisory Board on 1 June 2023. The committees decided to submit them to the board for approval as listed in Appendices 1 to 7.

Motion

1. The national study guides for specialist education in medicine and dentistry will be approved from 1 August 2023 onwards until further notice as set out in Appendices 1 and 3
2. The national skills assessment guides for specialist education in medicine and dentistry will be approved for the academic year 2023–2024 as set out in Appendices 2 and 4
3. The national examination requirements for specialist education in medicine and dentistry will be approved from 1 August 2023 onwards until further notice as set out in Appendix 5

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4. The national study guide for specialist education in medicine and dentistry will be approved from 1 August 2023 onwards until further notice as set out in Appendix 6
5. The amendments proposed to the national study guide for additional training programmes for medical specialists will be approved as set out in Appendix 7
6. The authority to make decisions will be delegated to the Head of the School of Medicine in any national amendment proposals made regarding the Appendices
7. The preparer will be authorised, where required, to make any technical specifications and additions to the Appendices

Decision As proposed.

Appendices

37	Appendix 1 EL_Study guide 2023 -
38	Appendix 3 EHL_study guide_2023-
39	EL_Skills_assessment guide 2023-2024
40	Appendix 4 EHL_Skills assessment guide_2023-2024
41	Appendix 5 EL_EHL_examination requirements_2023-
42	Appendix 7 EL_additional training programmes_Guide_2021-
43	Appendix 6 YEK_Study guide_2023-

Record entry 991/03.01.00/2022

Prepared by Emma Mertakorpi

§ 15

Admission criteria for and the student intake to specialist education in medicine and dentistry for the academic year 2023–2024

In accordance with section 36§ (558/2009) of the Universities Act, the university shall decide on the principles of student admissions. According to section 9.4 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council will make decisions concerning curricula, degree requirements and student admission criteria. Decree 56/2015 of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health (amended with Decree 55/2020 and Decree 1240/2022) specify the requirements for being accepted to further professional education and training and the selection criteria. As regards professional postgraduate studies, the nationally agreed upon common admission criteria will be followed.

The faculties that provide professional further education in medicine and dentistry in Finland have prepared admission criteria for specialist education in medicine and dentistry in the spring of 2023. (The current application and admission process has been in use in specialist education in medicine and dentistry since 1 January 2019.) Appendix 1 includes a proposal to the faculty council on the admission criteria for the academic year 2023–2024. The main changes compared to the previous admission criteria are:

- *Further clarifications on the work experience scores and related instructions*

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- Health centre work is only taken into account in Category 1 (excluding general practice).
- Work experience is only taken into account in the field of medicine that is being applied for: In the case of persons applying for EL education, work experience as a physician and in the case of persons applying for EHL, work experience as a dentist will be taken into account.
- Work experience in the EU/EEA is taken into account in the admission points.
- *Scoring of specialist education in dentistry*
 - Work experience will be taken into account in EHL admission points from the moment the two-year clinical work experience requirement was fulfilled (eligibility for application).
- *Improving the admission procedure*
 - A scoring form with justifications will be sent with the rejection letter to applicants who are rejected in the interview.
- *In addition, technical corrections/specifications can be made and the text edited, e.g., in order to take account of accessibility requirements.*

Appendix 2 includes a proposal for the student intake of each specialist field at the University of Eastern Finland for the academic year 2023–2024. The proposal on the student intake is based on a national assessment of the need for training and the number of study places made by the expert group appointed by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, as well as on the assessments of the need for local education made by persons in charge of the specialist fields.

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The admission criteria and proposed student intake were discussed by the VAJT on 8 May 2023 and the local committees and regional advisory boards of all universities. The Professional Further Education Committee of the University of Eastern Finland (AJT) discussed the admission criteria and the student intake on 17 May 2023 and the Regional Advisory Board on 1 June 2023 at their meetings and decided to submit them to the faculty council for approval in accordance with Appendices 1 and 2.

Motion Faculty Council will make the following decisions:

1. The admission criteria for specialist education in medicine and dentistry will be approved for the academic year 2023–2024 as set out in [Appendix 1](#)
2. The student intake of each special field will be confirmed for the academic year 2023–2024 as set out in [Appendix 2](#)
3. The authority to make decisions will be delegated to the Head of the School of Medicine in any amendment proposals made regarding the Appendices
4. The presenting official will be authorised, where required, to make any technical specifications and / additions to the Appendices

Decision As proposed.

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| 44 | Annex 1 EL and EHL admission criteria in the academic year 2023-2024 |
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- 45 Project Appendix 2 The student intake, the University of
Eastern Finland, 2023- 2024

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Prepared by Emma Mertakorpi

§ 16

Establishment of an additional training programme in coronary artery surgery at the University of Eastern Finland

According to section 9(4), subsection 4 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council will make decisions concerning curricula, degree requirements and student admission criteria. According to the national study guide on additional training programmes for specialists in medicine, the purpose of the additional training programmes is to secure expertise in specialist fields based on the needs of the health care system. In some specialist fields, the needs only apply to university hospitals, whilst in others, the specialist expertise is also needed outside university hospitals. Additional training is training provided based on the resources of the health services system (the employer).

An additional training programme in coronary artery surgery has been proposed to be established at all universities that provide medical training. The curriculum for the additional training programme has been prepared in cooperation with the Finnish Cardiac Society (FCS) and nationally by professors of cardiology. The additional training programme in coronary artery surgery is aimed at specialists in cardiology.

A proposal to establish the additional training programme is enclosed with this agenda item as Appendix 1 and the curriculum as Appendix 2.

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The proposal was discussed by the Committee of Professional Medical Further Training at its meeting on 17 May 2023 and by the Regional Advisory Board at its meeting on 1 June 2023. Both bodies support the proposal and propose that it be approved by the Faculty Council.

Motion

1. The Faculty Council will approve the establishment of an additional training programme in coronary artery surgery, will confirm the required educational background and the content of the training as proposed.
2. The Faculty Council authorises the Director of the School of Medicine or the presenting official to make any subsequent technical changes.

Decision As proposed.

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| 46 | Appendix 1 coronary artery surgery, proposal for establishment |
| 47 | Appendix 2 coronary artery surgery curriculum |

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Prepared by Emma Mertakorpi

§ 17

Granting a field-specific exemption for psychiatry regarding specialist education in medicine in accordance with Decree 55/2020

The structure of the specialist education in medicine and dentistry is defined in Decree 56/2015 of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health (amended with Decree 55/2020 and Decree 1240/2022). Based on amendment 55/2020, the length of training in non-university hospitals must be at least one year in addition to the nine-month period at a health care centre. At university hospitals, the length of training must be at least one year, except for training programmes in exercise medicine, health care, occupational health care and general practice. Training arrangements must be provided in a regionally appropriate manner, taking into account the objectives of specialist education and the skills needs of and the training opportunities provided by the service system. When defining the regional field-specific conditions for the completion of the training, the university must request a statement from the regional advisory board on the matter. The statement of the regional advisory board steers the university's activities in the organisation of specialist education. The faculty council will grant the right to deviate from the Decree after consulting the regional advisory board.

The specialist field of Psychiatry has applied for an exemption. The applied right to deviate from Decree 55/2020 concerns students who conduct their specialisation training, principally, at the Central Hospital of Central

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Finland. The exemption concerns a waiver of the requirement to complete a 1-year period at a university hospital (0 months). The exemption would be applied for a fixed period until 31 December 2026. The Central Hospital of Central Finland has a valid exemption from the requirement to work at a University Hospital (6 months), which will expire on 31 August 2023.

Appendix 1 The exemption application submitted by the specialist field of psychiatry and Appendix 2 The statement of Professor of Psychiatry supporting the application. The Professional Further Education Committee (AJT) discussed the proposal at its meeting on 17 May 2023 and the Regional Advisory Board supported the exemption as set out in the proposal at its meeting on 1 June 2023.

Motion A regional exemption will be granted to the specialist field of psychiatry so that the requirement to train at a university hospital will be waived as regards persons completing their specialisation studies, principally, at the Central Hospital of Central Finland for a fixed period until 31 December 2026.

Decision As proposed.

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| 48 | Appendix 1 Exemption application, psychiatry |
| 49 | Annex 2 Supporting statement of psychiatry |

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For information

[Matter]

Motion Marked for information.

Decision There were no matters to discuss.

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Prepared by Hanna Ollikainen-Richards

§ 19

**The Dean's proposal to the Rector of the University of Eastern Finland on the appointment of PhD Kadri Suija to the post of Associate Professor, general practice (Tenure Track):
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, to permanent teaching and research positions compliant with the four-stage research career model, and to Tenure Track positions after hearing the Faculty Council.

An open call for applications was organised for the post of Professor/Associate Professor of general practice (Tenure Track) in accordance with the faculty's human resources plan. The post is hosted by the Institute of Public Health and Clinical Nutrition, the School of Medicine. Three applicants applied for the post by the deadline: MD, medical specialist Maria Hägnas, PhD, medical specialist Kadri Suija and MD, medical specialist Silja Kosola, who withdrew her application during the application process. A summary of the applicants is enclosed with this agenda item as an Appendix.

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

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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).

Expert statements on the eligibility and merits of those applying for the post have been requested from the following persons, in accordance with the Dean's decision: Professor Johan Eriksson (University of Helsinki, National University of Singapore) and Professor Mette Brekke (University of Oslo).

On the basis of the application documents, expert statements and an interview, the Appointments Committee proposes that PhD Kadri Suija be appointed to the post of Associate Professor of general practice (Tenure Track) for a four-year term from 1 September 2023 onwards (or as agreed). She is the most merited of the applicants to the currently open post and meets the qualification requirements set for it.

No trial lecture will be required.

The proposal of the Admissions Committee, expert statements and the application documents of the person proposed to be appointed to the position are enclosed with this agenda item as appendices.

The criteria, objectives and results to be achieved during the term in order to proceed to the next level of the Tenure Track will be agreed in detail with the appointee to the Associate Professor position when signing the contract of employment.

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Motion The Faculty Council will discuss the proposed appointment.

Decision As proposed.

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50	CV Suija Kadri
51	List of publications Suija Kadri
52	Statement by Prof/Associate Prof. of general practice Eriksson
53	Statement by Prof/Associate Prof. of general practice Brekke
54	Summary of applicants: general practice prof_associate prof.
55	Selection memorandum, general practice

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Prepared by Hanna Ollikainen-Richards

§ 20

**Description of the part-time post of Professor, Environmental Epidemiology and Risk Assessment, and the Dean's proposal to invite PhD, Docent Timo Lanki to the position:
Hearing of the Faculty Council**

The faculty's human resources plan includes the filling of a part-time professorship (50%) in environmental epidemiology and risk assessment via the invitation procedure. The professorship is a joint part-time professorship of the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology and the Faculty of Health Sciences. The professorship is hosted by the Department of Environmental and Biological Sciences of the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology on the Kuopio Campus. At the Faculty of Health Sciences, the professorship is hosted by the Institute of Public Health and Clinical Nutrition, the School of Medicine. At the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology, the part-time percentage is 30% and at the Faculty of Health Sciences, 20%. The joint professorship is based on a cooperation agreement signed between the University of Eastern Finland and the National Institute for Health and Welfare.

It is proposed that PhD, Docent Timo Lanki be invited to the part-time (50%) professorship in environmental epidemiology and risk assessment from 1 October 2023 onwards for a fixed five-year term. The professorship is filled for a fixed term due to it being a joint professorship of UEF and the National Institute for Health and Welfare. The post becomes full-time

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through a part-time position (50%) at the National Institute for Health and Welfare.

Timo Lanki's CV and list of publications are enclosed with the agenda item as Appendices.

According to section 33 of the Universities Act (558/2009), the professorship may be filled by invitation without a public notice of vacancy when an academically distinguished person is being invited to take the position or a candidate is appointed to the position for a fixed period. Only a person who indisputably fulfils the qualification requirements may be appointed to the post by invitation.

According to section 31 of the UEF University Regulations, a person to be appointed to a permanent professorship or to a professorship of over a two-year term shall be scientifically or artistically qualified, have good teaching skills and, if important for attending to the duties, practical familiarity with the field of the post.

According to section 10 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Dean will decide on the scope and specifications of the professor's position after consulting the Faculty Council. The Dean will decide whether the professor is required to have practical knowledge of the scope of the post.

The Dean will make a proposal to the Rector on a person to be appointed as a professor for two years or more after consulting the Faculty Council.

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The description of the post of Professor, Environmental Epidemiology and Risk Assessment, includes the scope and specifications of the post, as required by the University Regulations, and a proposal on a person to be invited to the post.

The person invited to the post is not required to have practical familiarity with the field of the post.

A draft description of the post is enclosed with this agenda item as an appendix.

The person proposed to be invited to the post has accepted the description and specifications of the post.

Motion The Faculty Council will discuss the description post of Professor, Environmental Epidemiology and Risk Assessment, and the Dean's proposal on the person to be invited to the post.

Decision As proposed.

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| 56 | CV Lanki Timo |
| 57 | List of publications Lanki Timo |
| 58 | Draft description of the post |

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Closing of the meeting

The chair closed the meeting at 15:40.

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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.

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