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**Date and time** 12 December 2023 at 14:00 -

**Place/venue** ME201

<b>Participants</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Present for items</b>
Members		
Pihlajamäki Jussi	Dean, Chair	1-19
Levonen Anna-Liisa	1st Vice Dean, Vice Chair	Absent
Kauppinen Anu	Professor, member	Absent
Rautio Jarkko	Professor, deputy member	Absent
Häggman-Laitila Arja	Professor, member	1-19
Malm Tarja	Professor, deputy member	Absent
Jääskeläinen Jarmo	Professor, member	1-17, 19
Keski-Nisula Leea	Professor, deputy member	Absent
Tuomainen Tomi-Pekka	Professor, member	1-19
Peltomäki Timo	Professor, deputy member	Absent
Heinäniemi Merja	Professor, member	Absent
Tohka Jussi	Professor, deputy member	Absent
Jalkanen Aaro	Staff, member	Absent
Huttunen Kristiina	Staff, deputy member	Absent
Kotikumpu Kari	Staff, member	1-19
Parviainen Anndra	Staff, deputy member	Absent
Heikkilä Reeta	Staff, member	1-19
Sutinen Tiina	Staff, deputy member	Absent
Lahtela-Kakkonen Maija	Staff, member	Absent



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Savinainen Juha	Staff, deputy member	Absent
Toroi Riitta-Liisa	Staff, member	1-19
Kanninen Katja	Staff, deputy member	Absent
Leppäkynnäs Arttu	Student, member	Absent
Nurmela Veera	Student, deputy member	Absent
Tupala Ossi	Student, member	Absent
Özdemir Hande	Student, deputy member	Absent
Owusu-Serchire Theresa	Student, member	Absent
Ritajoki Tarmo	Student, deputy member	Absent
Lipponen Samuli	Student, member	1-19
Pajunen Veera	Student, deputy member	Absent
Karppi Lassi	Student, member	1-19
Saarinen Perttu	Student, deputy member	Absent
Ollikainen-Richards Hanna	Executive Head of Administration, secretary, preparer	1-19
Other preparers		
Karvonen Annika	Amanuensis	1-19
Mertakorpi Emma	Training Officer	Absent
Järvelin-Pasanen Susanna	Head of Student Services	1-19

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### **Opening of the meeting**

The chair opened the meeting at 14:07.

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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 5 December 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 in person.

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

**Decision** As proposed.



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Prepared by

§ 3

**A part time (50%) post of Professor/Associate Professor of Anaesthesiology (Tenure Track),  
description of the post: Hearing of the Faculty Council**

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council will discuss proposals regarding the scope and specifications of posts that comply with the four-stage career model of the faculty's permanent teaching and research staff and Tenure Track positions.

In their strategic human resources plan, the School of Medicine and the Institute of Clinical Medicine of the University of Eastern Finland propose that a part-time (50%) post of a Professor/Associate Professor of Anaesthesiology (Tenure Track) will be filled at the institute.

The post will be hosted by the Faculty of Health Sciences, the School of Medicine, the Institute of Clinical Medicine.

According to the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, a person to be appointed to a professorship shall be scientifically or artistically qualified, have good teaching skills and, if important for attending to the duties, have practical familiarity with the field of the post.

A person to be appointed as an associate professor in the tenure track in accordance with the University Regulations of the University of Eastern

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Finland shall hold a suitable doctoral degree and have good teaching skills. Furthermore, the person shall have the prerequisites to fulfil the qualification requirements of a professor by the end of the tenure track term.

The post of a Professor will be filled until further notice starting on 1 August 2024 at the earliest. In the case of an Associate Professor (Tenure Track), the post will be filled for a four-year term starting on 1 August 2024 at the earliest. The post is filled for a fixed term due to it being a Tenure Track position.

The criteria, goals and results to be achieved during the term in order to proceed to the next level of the Tenure Track (Professor) will be agreed upon in detail with the person appointed to the Associate Professor position when the contract of employment is signed.

The description of the post of Professor/Associate Professor (Tenure Track) (Appendix) includes the scope and specifications of the post as required by the UEF University Regulations.

**Motion** The Faculty Council will discuss the description of the post.

**Decision** As proposed.

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1 A description of the post, Anesthesiology





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§ 4

### **A part time (30%) post of Professor/Associate Professor of Clinical Chemistry (Tenure Track), description of the post: Hearing of the Faculty Council**

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council will discuss proposals regarding the scope and specifications of posts that comply with the four-stage career model of the faculty's permanent teaching and research staff and Tenure Track positions.

In their strategic human resources plan, the School of Medicine and the Institute of Clinical Medicine of the University of Eastern Finland propose that a part-time (30%) post of a Professor/Associate Professor of Clinical Chemistry (Tenure Track) will be filled at the institute.

The post will be hosted by the Faculty of Health Sciences, the School of Medicine, the Institute of Clinical Medicine.

According to the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, a person to be appointed to a professorship shall be scientifically or artistically qualified, have good teaching skills and, if important for attending to the duties, have practical familiarity with the field of the post.

A person to be appointed as an associate professor in the tenure track in accordance with the University Regulations of the University of Eastern

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The description of the post of Professor/Associate Professor (Tenure Track) (Appendix) includes the scope and specifications of the post as required by the UEF University Regulations.

**Motion** The Faculty Council will discuss the description of the post.

**Decision** As proposed.

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2 Description of the post, Clinical Chemistry



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### **A full time (100%) post of Professor/Associate Professor of Clinical Radiology (Tenure Track), description of the post: Hearing of the Faculty Council**

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council will discuss proposals regarding the scope and specifications of posts that comply with the four-stage career model of the faculty's permanent teaching and research staff and Tenure Track positions.

In their strategic human resources plan, the School of Medicine and the Institute of Clinical Medicine of the University of Eastern Finland propose that a full-time post of a Professor/Associate Professor of Clinical Radiology (Tenure Track) will be filled at the institute.

The post will be hosted by the Faculty of Health Sciences, the School of Medicine, the Institute of Clinical Medicine.

According to the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, a person to be appointed to a professorship shall be scientifically or artistically qualified, have good teaching skills and, if important for attending to the duties, have practical familiarity with the field of the post.

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A person to be appointed as an associate professor in the tenure track in accordance with the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland shall hold a suitable doctoral degree and have good teaching skills. Furthermore, the person shall have the prerequisites to fulfil the qualification requirements of a professor by the end of the tenure track term.

The post of a Professor will be filled until further notice starting on 1 August 2024 at the earliest. In the case of an Associate Professor (Tenure Track), the post will be filled for a four-year term starting on 1 August 2024 at the earliest. The post is filled for a fixed term due to it being a Tenure Track position.

The criteria, goals and results to be achieved during the term in order to proceed to the next level of the Tenure Track (Professor) will be agreed upon in detail with the person appointed to the Associate Professor position when the contract of employment is signed.

The description of the post of Professor/Associate Professor (Tenure Track) (Appendix) includes the scope and specifications of the post as required by the UEF University Regulations.

**Motion** The Faculty Council will discuss the description of the post.

**Decision** As proposed.

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3 Description of the post, Clinical Radiology



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§ 6

**The Dean's proposal on the scope and specifications of permanent posts that comply with the four-stage career model: Hearing of the Faculty Council**

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council will discuss proposals regarding the scope and specifications of posts that comply with the four-stage career model of the faculty's permanent teaching and research staff and Tenure Track positions.

The following posts are about to be opened for application:

The School of Medicine, the Institute of Public Health and Clinical Nutrition: University teacher, Occupational Health, from 1 April 2024 until further notice

The duties of the University Teacher (Occupational Health) include designing and implementing the training of specialist physicians in occupational health care, as well as research related to the training and acting as a pedagogical expert. The teaching duties also include supervision, guidance and communication related to medical specialist training. In addition, the University Teacher is expected to participate in the development of medical specialist education in occupational health care with the national network.



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The Dean shall, after hearing the Faculty Council, decide on the scope of the post in accordance with the proposal.

**Motion**      The Faculty Council will discuss the proposal.

**Decision**     As proposed.



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### **Granting the title of docent in Health-enhancing Physical Activity to PhD Pirjo Komulainen**

PhD Pirjo Komulainen has proposed that she be awarded the title of docent in Health-enhancing Physical Activity 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 Associate Professor Arto Hautala (University of Jyväskylä) and Professor Olli J. Heinonen (University of Turku) as experts.

Associate Professor Hautala submitted his statement on 22 November 2023 and Professor Heinonen on 3 December 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



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independent research or artistic work demonstrated through publications or some other manner, and good teaching skills.

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 section 9(8) of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, 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 Health-enhancing Physical Activity to PhD Pirjo Komulainen.

**Decision**

As proposed.

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- 4 CV Komulainen Pirjo
- 5 List of publications Komulainen Pirjo
- 6 Statement Komulainen Pirjo\_Hautala



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- 7 Statement Komulainen Pirjo\_Heinonen
- 8 Statement of the academic subject Health-enhancing physical activity



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§ 8

### **Granting the title of docent in Pharmacoepidemiology to DSc (Pharmacy) Marjaana Koponen**

DSc (Pharmacy) Marjaana Koponen has proposed that she be awarded the title of docent in Pharmacoepidemiology 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 Docent Arja Helin-Salmivaara (HUS) and Professor Miia Artama (University of Tampere) as experts.

Docent in Helin-Salmivaara submitted her statement on 19 November 2023 and Professor Artama on 3 November 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

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independent research or artistic work demonstrated through publications or some other manner, and good teaching skills.

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 section 9(8) of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, 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 Pharmacoepidemiology to DSc (Pharmacy) Marjaana Koponen.

**Decision**

As proposed.

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- 11 Statement Koponen Marjaana\_Artama
- 12 Statement Koponen Marjaana\_Helin-Salmivaara
- 13 Statement of the academic subject Pharmacoepidemiology, in particular register-based research



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§ 9

### **Grading of a doctoral dissertation, MSc Adriana Della Pietra**

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 14 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.

MSc Adriana Della Pietra's doctoral dissertation and study "[Pronociceptive role of Piezo1 channels and the antinociceptive effect of endocannabinoids in the trigeminovascular system implicated in migraine pain](#)" was publicly examined on 1 December 2023. The opponent, Professor Andrew Russo (University of Iowa) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Philosophy and proposes the grade Pass. The preliminary examiner, Professor Karl Messlinger (Friedrich-Alexander-University of Erlangen-Nürnberg) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Philosophy and proposes the grade Pass with distinction. The Preliminary examiner, Professor Michelle Glass (University of Otago) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Philosophy and proposes the grade Pass.

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According to section 44 of the Universities Act (24.7.2009/558), before a doctoral dissertation is graded, the author must be given an opportunity to submit his or her response to the preliminary examiner's, the examiner's or the opponent's statement. The doctoral candidate has no comments on the 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 MSc Adriana Della Pietra's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

**Decision** As proposed.

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### **Grading of a doctoral dissertation, Lic.Med. Marjut Haapanen**

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 14 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. Marjut Haapanen's doctoral dissertation and study "[Epidemiology of respiratory infections in Finnish children during the early phases of the COVID-19 pandemic](#)" was examined publicly on 1 December 2023. The opponent, Professor Asko Järvinen (Helsinki University Hospital) 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 Jussi Sane (World Health Organization WHO) and Docent Paula Tähtinen (University of Turku) 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





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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.

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**Motion** Based on the statements, the Faculty Council grades Lic.Med. Marjut Haapanen's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

**Decision** As proposed.

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| 18 | Esitarkastaja_Sane_lausunto_Haapanen     |
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§ 11

### **Grading of a doctoral dissertation, Lic.Med. Paavo Paajanen**

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Lic.Med. Paavo Paajanen's dissertation and study "[Optimizing patient selection for endovascular treatment of abdominal aortic aneurysms](#)" was examined publicly on 27 October 2023. The opponent, Professor Maarit Venermo (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 Velipekka Suominen (University of Tampere) and Docent Pekka Aho (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. Paavo Paajanen's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

**Decision** As proposed.

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| 20 | Esitarkastaja_Aho_lausunto_Paajanen      |
| 21 | Esitarkastaja_Suominen_lausunto_Paajanen |
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### **Grading of a doctoral dissertation, MSc Anndra Parviainen**

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 14 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.

Anndra Parviainen's doctoral dissertation and study "[Genomics-Informed Nursing Education - an intervention study](#)" was examined publicly on 17 November 2023. The opponent, Professor Eija Paavilainen (University of Tampere) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Health Sciences and proposes the grade Pass. Both preliminary examiners Professor Marja Kaunonen (University of Tampere) and Associate Professor Emma Tonkin (University of South Wales) are in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Health Sciences 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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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 MSc Anndra Parviainen's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

**Decision** As proposed.

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| 23 | Opponent_Paavilainen_statement_Parviainen          |
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Prepared by Annika Karvonen

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### **Grading of a doctoral dissertation MSc (Pharmacy) Riikka Rainio**

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 14 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.

MSc (Pharmacy) Riikka Rainio's doctoral dissertation and study "[Lääkevaihtoon ja viitehintajärjestelmään liittyvän neuvonnan toteutuminen: Kyselytutkimus apteekkien reseptiasiakkaille ja farmaseuteille](#)" was examined publicly on 17 November 2023. The opponent, Docent Jaana Martikainen (Pharmaceuticals Pricing Board) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Pharmacy and proposes the grade Pass. Both preliminary examiners, Docent Kari Linden (University Pharmacy) and DSc (Pharmacy) Inka Puumalainen (Rud Pedersen Public Affairs) are in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for the degree of Docent of Pharmacy and propose a 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 MSc (Pharmacy) Riikka Rainio's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

**Decision** As proposed.

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### **Amendments to the admission criteria for scientific postgraduate studies**

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council will make decisions concerning student admission criteria. The doctoral programmes and the doctoral programme working group of the Faculty of Health Sciences have prepared changes/updates to the admission criteria for doctoral programmes that were confirmed on 25 August 2021 (record entry 1284/03 .01 .00/2021) and will be effective until 31 August 2025 (Appendix). New application periods, suitable Bachelor's and Master's degrees by target degree, language proficiency requirements and Doctoral Programme -specific updates related, e.g., to the monitoring group and supervisors, have been added to the admission criteria. The changes in will take effect on 1 January 2024.

#### **Motion**

The Faculty Council approves the amendments made to the student admission criteria for the doctoral programmes of the Faculty of Health Sciences as proposed and authorises the Dean to make technical changes to the admission criteria.

#### **Decision**

As proposed.

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### **The right to deviate from Decree 55/2020 for those specialising at the North Karelia Central Hospital in the specialist field of Psychiatry and the right to deviate from Decree 55/2020 in the specialist field of Youth Psychiatry**

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 of the Decree, the length of education 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 education must be at least one year, except in the case of the 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 and educational opportunities of 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.

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The specialist field of Psychiatry has applied for the right to deviate from Decree 55/2020. The application concerns students who conduct their specialisation training, principally, at the North Karelia Central Hospital. Based on the exemption, the requirement to complete a 12-month period at a university hospital would be reduced to 6 months. The exemption is applied for a fixed period of 3 years until 31 December 2026.

The application for a field-specific exemption for psychiatry is enclosed as Appendix 1.

The Professional Further Education Committee (AJT) of specialist education in medicine and dentistry discussed the proposal at its meeting of 14 September 2023 and the Regional Advisory Board supported the granting of the exemption as set out in the application at its meeting of 1 November 2023.

The specialist field of Youth Psychiatry has applied for the right to deviate from Decree 55/2020. Based on the exemption, the requirement to complete a 12-month period at a university hospital is reduced to 6 months when the immediate supervisor is a docent in the specialist field. The exemption is applied for a fixed period of 3 years until 31 December 2026.

The application for a field-specific exemption for youth psychiatry is enclosed as Appendix 2.

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The Professional Further Education Committee (AJT) of specialist education in medicine and dentistry discussed the proposal at its meeting of 09 November 2023 and the Regional Advisory Board supported the granting of the exemption as set out in the application at its meeting of 1 November 2023.

### Motion

- 1) A regional exemption will be granted to the specialist field of psychiatry concerning students conducting their specialisation, principally, at the North Karelia Central Hospital for a fixed period of 3 years until 31 December 2026. Based on the exemption, the requirement to complete a 12-month period at a university hospital would be reduced to 6 months.
- 2) A regional exemption will be granted to the specialist field of youth psychiatry for a fixed period of 3 years until 31 December 2026. Based on the exemption, the requirement to complete a 12-month period at a university hospital is reduced to 6 months when the immediate supervisor is a docent in the specialist field.

**Decision** As proposed.

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### For information

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**Motion**      Marked for information.

**Decision**     As proposed.



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### **Description of the post of Professor, Orthopaedics and Traumatology, in order to invite Associate Professor Joonas Sirola to the post: Hearing of the Faculty Council**

In its strategic human resources plan, the School of Medicine of the University of Eastern Finland proposes that, if the requirements of the tenure track are met, Associate Professor (Tenure Track) Joonas Sirola be invited to the of part-time 50% post of Professor, Orthopaedics and Traumatology, until further notice.

The Tenure Track Committee of the Faculty of Health Sciences has assessed the fulfilment of the specifying criteria and has stated that the invitation procedure and expert evaluation can be started to appoint Associate Professor (Tenure Track) Joonas Sirola to the post of Professor. The post will be hosted by the Faculty of Health Sciences, the School of Medicine, the Institute of Clinical Medicine.

The proposed grounds for the invitation procedure are:

Joonas Sirola received a doctoral degree in 2004 at the University of Eastern Finland and a specialist degree in orthopaedics and traumatology in 2010. He was awarded the title of docent in Orthopaedics and Traumatology in 2013 by the University of Eastern Finland. Sirola completed a qualification in medical training in 2023.

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Joonas Sirola currently works in the Institute of Clinical Medicine at the School of Medicine of the University of Eastern Finland as an Associate Professor (Tenure Track). He is also the chief physician in Orthopaedics and Traumatology in the Wellbeing County of North Savo. He has also worked, e.g., as Head of Research (2019), Professor (2017–2018) and Clinical Teacher (2013–2017) at the University of Eastern Finland. Sirola has also served as a visiting professor at the University of California San Diego in the United States (10–11/2015).

Joonas Sirola's list of publications contains 70 peer-reviewed scientific publications. He has supervised three and is currently supervising ten doctoral dissertations. He has been the preliminary examiner of six and the opponent of two doctoral dissertations.

Joonas Sirola's CV and a list of publications are enclosed with this agenda item as appendices.

On the basis of the above, Associate Professor Joonas Sirola fulfils the requirements of the invitation procedure to the post of Professor, Orthopaedics and Traumatology.

According to section 33(2) 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

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a person who indisputably fulfils the qualification requirements may be appointed to the post by invitation.

According to section 31 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, a person to be appointed as Professor shall be scientifically or artistically qualified, have good teaching skills and, if important for attending to the duties, have practical familiarity with the field of the post.

According to section 9 (6) of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council will discuss proposals on the scope and specifications of the post of a professor and, according to section 10 (5) of the same, the Dean will decide on the scope and specifications of the post of a professor after hearing the Faculty Council. The Dean will appoint experts to provide statements on those who have applied for or have been invited to the post of a professor (section 10(6) of the UEF University Regulations).

The description of the post of Professor, Orthopaedics and Traumatology, is enclosed with this agenda item as an appendix. The description of the post includes the scope and specifications of the post required by the UEF University Regulations. The description of the post requires that the person to be invited to the said post of Professor has practical familiarity with the field of the post.





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The description of the post also includes a proposal that the invitation procedure is used to invite Associate Professor Joonas Sirola to it. Joonas Sirola's consent is enclosed with this agenda item as an appendix.

**Motion** The Faculty Council will address the proposal for the scope and specifications of the post.

**Decision** As proposed.

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### **The Dean's proposal to the Rector of University of Eastern Finland on the appointment of Dr.Med. Aarno Dietz and MD Ulla Sankilampi to the part-time post of Professor, Clinical Research, until further notice: Hearing of the Faculty Council**

By his decision, the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, approved the description of the part-time post of Professor/Associate Professor of Clinical Research.

A total of 26 applicants submitted their applications to the part-time (30%) post of Professor/Associate Professor by the deadline (Annex). The Appointments Committee selected the following six applicants for evaluation: Fausto Biancari, Aarno Dietz, Antti Lindgren, Markku Lähteenpuo, Ulla Sankilampi and Eino Solje.

In accordance with section 33(3) of the Universities Act (558/2009), when a professorship is filled permanently or for a fixed term of a minimum of two years, the qualifications and merits of applicants and persons invited to the professorship in question shall be assessed by at least two experts before the person is appointed. Sections 27–29 of the Administrative Procedure Act (434/2003) on disqualification shall be applied to the experts.

According to section 31(1) of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, a person to be appointed to a professorship shall be

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scientifically or artistically qualified, have good teaching skills and, if important for attending to the duties, practical familiarity with the field of the post.

The Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences has decided that the person to be appointed to the post is required to have practical familiarity with the field of the post. Practical familiarity is considered to mean that the person has at least two years' experience of clinical work in a specialist field linked with the field of research.

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 Emeritus Markku Savolainen (University of Oulu), Professor Markku Heikinheimo (University of Helsinki) and Professor Emerita Anne Pitkäranta (University of Helsinki)

On the basis of the application documents, expert statements and interviews, the Appointments Committee proposes that two of the posts be filled at professor level and that Dr. Med. Aarno Dietz and MD Ulla Sankilampi be appointed to the said posts as of 1 January 2024 until further notice.

The Appointments Committee proposes that an appointment proposal be made on the third vacant post in early 2024. The proposal of the Appointments Committee and the application documents of the applicants are enclosed with this agenda item as appendices.

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According to section 10(9) of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Dean shall make a proposal to the Rector on the person to be appointed to the post after hearing the Faculty Council.

**Motion** The Faculty Council will discuss the proposed appointments

**Decision** As proposed. Jarmo Jääskeläinen did not participate in the processing of the matter (disqualified due to a special reason).

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### **Closing of the meeting**

The chair closed the meeting at 15:11.



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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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