

Minutes

Faculty Council of the Faculty of Health Sciences
Meeting No 4/2024
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Date and time 23 April 2024, 14:00 – 14:13

Place Teams

Participants	Role	Present for items
Members		
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Levonen Anna-Liisa	1st Vice Dean, Vice Chair	1- 3, Chair 3
Kauppinen Anu	Professor, member	1-11
Rautio Jarkko	Professor, deputy member	
Häggman-Laitila Arja	Professor, member	
Malm Tarja	Professor, deputy member	1-11
Jääskeläinen Jarmo	Professor, member	1-11
Keski-Nisula Leea	Professor, deputy member	
Tuomainen Tomi-Pekka	Professor, member	1-11
Peltomäki Timo	Professor, deputy member	
Heinäniemi Merja	Professor, member	
Tohka Jussi	Professor, deputy member	
Jalkanen Aaro	Staff, member	1-11
Huttunen Kristiina	Staff, deputy member	
Kotikumpu Kari	Staff, member	
Parviainen Anndra	Staff, deputy member	1-11
Heikkilä Reeta	Staff, member	1-11

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Lahtela-Kakkonen Maija	Staff, member	1-11
Savinainen Juha	Staff, deputy member	
Toroi Riitta-Liisa	Staff, member	1-11
Kanninen Katja	Staff, deputy member	
Suurnäkki-Piispa Mira	Student, member	1-11
Riikkilä Onni	Student, deputy member	
Omale Inikpi	Student, member	10-11
To be named later	Student, deputy member	
Tariq Amina	Student, member	1-11
To be named later	Student, deputy member	
Gunnar Janina	Student, member	1-11
Ikonen Ella	Student, deputy member	
Zacheus Teemu	Student, member	
Lehtonen Anne	Student, deputy member	
Ollikainen-Richards Hanna	Executive Head of Administration, secretary, preparer	1-11
Other preparers		
Järvelin-Pasanen Susanna	Head of Student Services	1-11
Karvonen Annika	Amanuensis	1-11

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§ 1

Opening of the meeting

The chair opened the meeting at 14:00.

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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 16 April 2024.

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 via Teams.

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

Decision As proposed.

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§ 3

Granting the title of docent in the field of nutrition, especially health promotion, to DHSc Tanja Tilles-Tirkkonen

DHSc Tanja Tilles-Tirkkonen has proposed that she be awarded the title of docent in the field of nutrition, especially health promotion, 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 Hanna Lagström (Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare (THL), University of Turku) and Docent Satu Männistö (Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare (THL)) as experts.

Docent Lagström submitted her statement on 5 March 2024 and Docent Männistö on 2 April 2024. 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 Universities 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 nutrition, especially health promotion, to DHSc Tanja Tilles-Tirkkonen.

Decision

As proposed. Jussi Pihlajamäki did not participate in the processing of the matter (disqualified due to a special reason). Deputy Dean Anna-Liisa Levonen chaired the meeting.

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- 1 Ansioluettelo_Tilles-Tirkkonen_2023_
- 2 Julkaisuluettelo_Tilles-Tirkkonen
- 3 Lausunto Tilles-Tirkkonen_Lagström
- 4 Lausunto Tilles-Tirkkonen_Männistö
- 5 Statement of the academic subject on the title of docent in the field of nutrition

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§ 4

Granting the title of docent in biological psychiatry to MD Johannes Lieslehto

MD Johannes Lieslehto has proposed that he be awarded the title of docent in the field of biological psychiatry 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 Jarmo Hietala (University of Turku) and Docent Tuukka Raij (HUS) as experts.

Professor Hietala submitted his statement on 2 April 2024 and Docent Raij on 20 March 2024. 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 Universities 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 biological psychiatry to MD Johannes Lieslehto.

Decision

As proposed.

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- 8 Statement Lieslehto_Hietala
- 9 Statement Lieslehto_Raij
- 10 Statement of the academic subject on the title of docent in the field of biological psychiatry

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§ 5

Granting Lic.Dent. Pirjo Kurki'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 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.Dent. Pirjo Kurki's doctoral dissertation and study "[Cognitive-behavioural approach to dental anxiety: Patients' perspectives, dentists' use of management techniques and effectiveness of one-session treatment](#)" was examined publicly on 15 March 2024. The opponent, Professor Emeritus Martti Tuomisto (University of Tampere) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in dentistry and proposes the grade Pass. Both preliminary examiners, Docent Sanna Sinikallio (Terveystalo Kuopio) and Docent Vesa Pohjola (University of Turku) are in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in dentistry 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.

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.Dent. Pirjo Kurki's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

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| 12 | Esitarkastaja_Pohjola_lausunto_Kurki |
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§ 6

Grading Lic.Med. Marja Niiranen'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 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. Marja Niiranen's doctoral dissertation and study "[Benign multiple sclerosis, aspects of neurodegeneration with soluble biomarkers and MRI imaging](#)" was examined publicly on 26 January 2024. The opponent, Docent Sari Atula (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 Merja Soilu-Hänninen (University of Turku) and Docent Mikko Kärppä (University of Oulu) 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. Marja Niiranen's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

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| 14 | Esitarkastaja_Soilu-Hänninen_lausunto_Niiranen |
| 15 | Vastaväittäjä_Atula_lausunto_Niiranen |
| 16 | Esitarkastaja_Kärppä_lausunto_Niiranen |

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§ 7

Grading MSc Durga Thota'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 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 Durga Thota's doctoral dissertation and study "Impaired post-ischemic tissue repair in type 2 diabetic mouse models – Novel molecular mechanisms and therapies" was examined publicly on 22 March 2024. The opponent, Professor Józef Dulak (Jagiellonian University) is in favour of the doctoral dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Philosophy and proposes the grade Pass. Both preliminary examiners, Professor Anne Langsted (University of Copenhagen) and Docent Artturi Koivuniemi (University of Helsinki) are in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Philosophy 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.

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 Durga Thota's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

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| 17 | Opponent_Dulak_statement_Thota |
| 18 | Preliminary examiner_Koivuniemi_statement_Thota |
| 19 | Preliminary examiner_Langsted_statement_Thota |

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§ 8

Grading MHSc Hellevi Tervo'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 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.

MHSc Hellevi Tervo's doctoral dissertation and study "[Terveys saamelaiskulttuurisena ilmiönä - Etnografinen tutkimus saamelaisten hyvinvoinnista ja sen kulttuurisista merkityksistä](#)" was publicly examined on 22 March 2024. 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 Emerita Helvi Kyngäs (University of Oulu) and DSocSc Lydia Heikkilä (Prime Minister's Office) 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

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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.

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 MHSc Hellevi Tervo's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

Appendices

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| 20 | Vastaväittäjä_Paavilainen_lausunto_Tervo |
| 21 | Esitarkastaja_Heikkilä_lausunto_Tervo |
| 22 | Esitarkastaja_Kyngäs_lausunto_Tervo |

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§ 9

Confirming the curricula for scientific postgraduate studies for the academic year 2024-2025

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council will make decisions concerning curricula and degree requirements. According to section 18 of the Education Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, a curriculum is drawn up for each degree programme, which constitutes a skill-based tool for teaching, planning of studies and supervision. The faculty and the department/school will develop and assess the curriculum regularly. The feedback and statistical data collected on the teaching, studies, supervision and degrees will be utilised in the development.

The working group for doctoral programmes of the Faculty of Health Sciences and the steering committees of the doctoral programmes have prepared curricula for scientific postgraduate studies for the academic year 2024–2025 (the proposal is enclosed with this agenda item).

The course descriptions of the courses included in the curricula for scientific postgraduate studies have been compiled and can be viewed on the SharePoint platform
(<https://studentuef.sharepoint.com/sites/TTopintojaksokuvaukset/SitePages/Home.aspx> / kansio 2024–2025 jatkokoulutuksen opintojaksokuvaukset).

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Motion The Faculty Council confirms the postgraduate courses of the faculty and the curricula for scientific postgraduate studies as proposed.

Decision As proposed.

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§ 10

For information

The university's degree statistics 2024 (situation on 14 April 2024).

Motion Marked for information.

Decision As proposed.

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Closing of the meeting

The chair closed the meeting at 14:13.

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§ 12

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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