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Date and time 19 June 2024, 13:00 – 15:00

Place Joensuu M302, Kuopio SN101 and Teams

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



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Kopra Juho	Other staff, deputy member
Pohjoismäki Jaakko	Other staff, member
Asikainen Mervi	Other staff, deputy member
Vainikainen Hanne	Other staff, member
Kumlin Timo	Other staff, deputy member
Merruntaus Kati	Student, member
Ahtonen Tiina	Student, deputy member
Palkovuori Teemu	Student, member
Törö Teemu	Student, deputy member
Partanen Silja	Student, member
Miettinen Mikko	Student, deputy member
Jankova Simona	Student, member
Rautiainen Kaisa	Student, deputy member
Helvelahti Tomi	Student, member
Sheng Li	Student, deputy member
Hirvonen Arja	Executive Head of Administration, secretary, preparer
Other preparers	
Laitinen Kaisa	Head of Academic Affairs
Merimaa-Piirainen Maarit	Head of Academic Affairs

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The chair will open the meeting.

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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 12 June 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 as a hybrid meeting: participation either in person or remotely (via Teams).

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

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3

The Dean's proposal on the person to be appointed to the post of Professor, Mathematical Analysis. Hearing of the Faculty Council

According to section 10 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.

The call for applications to the post of Professor in the field Mathematical Analysis ended on 29 December 2023. The following applicants submitted their application by the deadline: Centurioni Sante, Deng Dingqun, Diamantis Ioannis, Gumenyuk Pavel, Haimi Antti, Kecker Thomas, Kumar Hitesh, Käenmäki Antti, Liimatainen Tony, Lindberg Sauli, Naas Adjimi, Nazi Ghameshlou Arezoo, Parkonen Jouni, Prause Istvan, Rasila Antti, Virtanen Jani and Zhunussova Zhanat.

In accordance with section 31 of the Universities Act (558/2009), statements must be requested before the appointment on the qualification and merits of the applicants or the person to be invited to the post in question from a minimum of two experts when the person is being

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recruited for an employment relationship that will be effective until further notice or for a fixed period of at least two years. Sections 27–29 of the Administrative Procedure Act on disqualification shall be applied to the experts. Where required, the selection, scope of work and duties of the experts shall be defined in the UEF University Regulations.

Expert statements on the qualification and merits of the applicants were requested from the following persons, based on the Dean's decision of 29 February 2024: Professor Mikael Lindström, Åbo Akademi, Professor Walter Bergweiler, Kiel University, and Professor Kristian Seip, Norwegian University of Science and Technology. Expert statements are enclosed with this agenda item as appendices.

The Appointments Committee for Professor, Mathematical Analysis, consisted of the following persons: Dean Kari Lehtinen as Chair, Deputy Head of the Department of Physics and Mathematics Professor Risto Korhonen, Professor Jouni Rättyä from the Department of Physics and Mathematics, and Professor Ville Kolehmainen from the Department of Technical Physics as members, and Head of Administration Arja Hirvonen as Administrative Expert.

According to section 31 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, a person to be appointed to a permanent professorship or to a professorship that lasts for over two years shall be scientifically or artistically qualified, have good teaching skills and, if important for the

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successful performance of their duties, have practical knowledge of the scope of the post.

Based on the overall assessment, the Appointments Committee proposes that PhD, Docent Jani Virtanen be appointed to the post of Professor, Mathematical Analysis, as of 1 September 2024 or as agreed until further notice. The selection memorandum is enclosed with this agenda item as an Appendix. In summary, the Appointments Committee states that, taking account of the merits of PhD, Docent Jani Virtanen in scientific research, university-level education and other activities related to the field of the professorship, he has excellent preconditions to succeed in the post of Professor in question. The statements by external experts on Virtanen's qualifications and scientific merits to the post unanimously supported his appointment. PhD Docent Jani Virtanen has been exempted from the requirement to give a trial lecture on the basis of previous university-level teaching merits. It can be stated that he has the good teaching skills required by the post. Virtanen meets the language skills requirement set for the professorship. Virtanen's CV, teaching portfolio, and list of publications are enclosed with this agenda item as appendices.

The Dean's proposal to the Rector is that PhD Docent Jani Virtanen be appointed to the post of Professor, Mathematical Analysis, as of 1 September 2024, or as agreed.

Motion

The Faculty Council will address the proposal on the person to be appointed to the post.



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4

The Dean's proposal on the person to be appointed to the post of University Lecturer, Mathematics. 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 description of the post of University Lecturer, Mathematics, was approved at the Faculty Council meeting of the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology on 20 March 2024.

The post will be hosted by the Department of Physics and Mathematics at the Faculty of Science, Forestry, and Technology on the Joensuu campus.

An open call for applications was organised for the post. By the deadline of 29 February 2024, applications were submitted by Aghajani Asadollah, Artamonov Oleg, Benatar Jacques, Bilal Muhammad, Chakib Jerry, Cheng Hanz Martin, Covi Giovanni, Farhan Muhammad, Gröhn Janne, Guo Changyu, Hatefi Ehsan, Huusko Juha-Matti, Hänninen Timo, Häsä Jokke, Khan Muhammad Naveed, Kumar Hitesh, Mahato Hari Shankar, Miihkinen Santeri, Nune Pratyusha, Orelma Heikki, Orlich Milo, Peter Benjamin, Rasool Faiz, Shagaiya Daniel Yahaya and Turunen Joonas.

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Professor Risto Korhonen, Deputy Head of the Department of Physics and Mathematics, proposes in the summary of the selection memorandum that PhD Changhyu Guo be appointed to the vacant post as of 1 August 2024 until further notice. The Deputy Head of the Department, Professor Risto Korhonen and Professor Jouni Rättyä, who interviewed the applicants, propose that PhD Changhyu Guo be exempted from the requirement to give a trial lecture, taking into account his teaching experience.

The selection memorandum and Guo's CV, teaching portfolio, and list of publications are enclosed with the agenda item as appendices.

Persons to be appointed as University Lecturers must hold a suitable doctoral degree and have good teaching skills (University Regulations, section 31). The language of instruction in the post is English.

The Dean of the faculty has exempted PhD Changhyu Guo from the requirement to give a trial lecture on the grounds that he has sufficient practical experience in university-level teaching and, therefore, the good teaching skills required by the post of a university lecturer have been demonstrated.

PhD Changhyu Guo meets the qualification requirements of a university lecturer, as referred to in the UEF University Regulations, and the prerequisites laid down in the specifications of the post.

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The Dean of the faculty proposes to the Academic Rector that PhD Changhyu Guo be appointed to the post of University Lecturer, Mathematics, as of 1 August 2024 or as agreed until further notice.

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The Faculty Council will address the proposal on the person to be appointed to the post.

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5 The Dean's proposal on the person to be appointed as a university lecturer in Computer Science. 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 description of the post of University Lecturer, Computer Science, was approved at the meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology on 22 February 2024.

The post will be hosted by the School of Computing at the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology on the Kuopio campus.

An open call for applications was organised for the post. A total of 31 applicants applied to the post by the deadline of 2 April 2024: A F M Saifuddin Saif, Aaron Andrew Mwakifwamba, Abdoul Rassaki, Ana Gebejes, Anum Malik, Aunas Manzoor, Aung Pyae, Bilal Zaka, Bilgin Aveno, Deebak Bakkiam David, Dr. M. Usman Ashraf, Ehsan Khoramshahi, Gaurav Aggarwal, Gulraiz Iqbal Choudhary, Hardikkumar Jayswal, Himat Shah, Jonas Oppenländer, Kshira Sahoo, Mahmoud Hassan, Meysam Abedi,

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Muhammad Faheem, Muhammad Marwan Muhammad Fuad, Muhammad Sohail Farooq, Muhammad Usman Sanwal, Noreen Akhtar, Paul Fiterau Brostean, Pekka Makkonen, Shahab Ud Din, Sunil Chaudhary, Tanesh Kumar and Teerath Das.

Head of the School of Computing, Professor Markku Tukiainen proposes in the summary of the selection memorandum that Doctor of Computer Science Muhammad Marwan Muhammad Fuad be appointed to the vacant post as of 1 August 2024 or as agreed until further notice. The Head of the Department, Professor Markku Tukiainen and University Lecturer Erkki Pesonen propose that Dr of Computer Science Muhammad Marwan Muhammad Fuad be exempted from the requirement to give a trial lecture, taking into account his extensive teaching experience.

The selection memorandum and Fuad's CV, teaching portfolio, and list of publications are enclosed with the agenda item as appendices.

Persons to be appointed as University Lecturers must hold a suitable doctoral degree and have good teaching skills (University Regulations, section 31). The language of instruction in the post is English.

The Dean of the faculty has exempted Dr of Computer Science Muhammad Marwan Muhammad Fuad from the requirement to give a trial lecture on the grounds that he has sufficient practical experience in university-level teaching and, therefore, the good teaching skills required by the post of a university lecturer have been demonstrated.

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Dr of Computer Science Muhammad Marwan Muhammad Fuad meets the qualification requirements of a University Lecturer referred to in the University Regulations and the prerequisites laid down in the specifications of the post.

The Dean of the faculty proposes to the Academic Rector that Dr of Computer Science Muhammad Marwan Muhammad Fuad be appointed to the post of University Lecturer, Computer, as of 1 August 2024 or as agreed until further notice.

Motion The Faculty Council will address the proposal on the person to be appointed to the post.

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Record entry No 2316/03.00.00/2024

Prepared by Maarit Merimaa-Piirainen

6

Launch of the new courses in Technical Physics for the academic year 2024-2025

According to section 9 of the UEF University Regulations, the Faculty Council shall decide, among others, on curricula. According to section 18 of the Education Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the curriculum of each degree programme must indicate, among others, the structure (including the courses and their scope) and requirements of the degree, and the desired learning outcomes, contents, evaluation methods and modes of teaching of the degree and its parts. According to section 6 of the Education Regulations, the Faculty Council will decide, within the scope of its educational responsibility, on the launch of a new major subject and shutting down of an existing one.

The proposals of the Department of Technical Physics for new and discontinued courses and the descriptions of the new courses for the academic year 2024–2025 are enclosed with this agenda item.

Motion

The Faculty Council will approve the new and discontinued courses of Technical Physics of the curriculum for the academic year 2024–2025 in accordance with the appendices.

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Prepared by Maarit Merimaa-Piirainen

7

Deciding on the student admission criteria for the open university route, including the upper secondary school route, for studies taught in Finnish for 2025

According to section 9(4) of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Committee will make decisions concerning student admission criteria.

In connection with the upper secondary school cooperation, a decision has been made at the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology to propose an open university route, including an upper secondary school route, to be opened in the following technology subjects: photonics, sustainable technologies and technical physics.

Enclosed are the student admission criteria and student intake for the open university route, including the upper secondary school route, for 2025: photonics, sustainable technologies and technical physics.

Motion

The Faculty Council confirms the study programmes, student intake and student admission criteria for the open university route, including the upper secondary school route, proposed by the Faculty for 2025, as set out in the Appendices. At the same time, the Faculty delegates any technical modifications that may be required to the Dean.



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Prepared by Maarit Merimaa-Piirainen

8

Guidelines and concepts related to the examination practices of the faculty's Bachelor's and Master's degree education

The Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology of the University of Eastern Finland has drawn up common guidelines and uniform concepts for exams. The guidelines and concepts will be adopted as of 1 August 2024 and will serve as more detailed instructions of the faculty in addition to the Education Regulations.

The guidelines for examinations are enclosed with this agenda item as an appendix.

Motion

The Faculty Council approves the enclosed guidelines and concepts related to examination practices of the Faculty's Bachelor's and Master's degree education so that they will enter into force on 1 August 2024. At the same time, the Faculty Council delegates to the Dean any amendments and specifications concerning the guidelines.

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Record entry 288/00.00.02/2024

Prepared by Maarit Merimaa-Piirainen

9

Entry into force of the amendments to the Education Regulations at the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology

The Board of the University of Eastern Finland approved the Education Regulations of the University at its meeting of 12 December 2023. Section 47 of the Education Regulations regulates as follows on the entry into force:

“These Education Regulations shall enter into force on 1 January 2024. Chapters I, II, III, IV, V, VII, VIII shall apply from 1 January 2024, however, sections 14 and 15 shall apply from 1 August 2024 and sections 18 and 26 shall apply from 1 August 2025 at the latest. Chapter VI shall apply from 1 August 2025 at the latest. Sections concerning the duties of the Vice Rector for Education shall apply from 1 January 2025.”

The provisions of the entry into force allow faculties to decide when Chapter VI, and sections 18 and 24 of the Education Regulations shall be applied at the faculty. The said provisions concern curricula, as compliance with them as of 1 August 2024 would cause major change needs in the individual course descriptions of the currently valid curricula.



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Motion

Chapter VI and sections 18 and 24 of the Education Regulations shall apply at the Faculty as of 1 August 2025. These provisions shall be taken into account in the next round of curricula preparation and, where appropriate, in the standing orders of the Faculty or in the general section of the Faculty's curriculum.

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Prepared by Kaisa Laitinen

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Grading MSc Muhammad Arifi's doctoral dissertation in the field of Applied Physics

According to section 9 of the UEF University Regulations, the Faculty Council grades doctoral dissertations. According to Section 18 of the standing orders of the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology on degrees and studies, doctoral dissertations are graded on the scale pass – pass with distinction.

MSc Muhammad Arifi's doctoral dissertation and study [Dual-modal electromagnetic tomography for two-phase flows](#) was examined publicly on 24 May 2024. The opponent, Professor Manuchehr Soleimani (Department of Electronic & Electrical Engineering, University of Bath, United Kingdom) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Philosophy and proposes 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 comments on the doctoral statement, which is enclosed with this agenda item as an appendix.



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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.

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Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades MSc Muhammad Arifi's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

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Statement by opponent Manuchehr Soleiman

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Grading MSc Gulraiz Choudhary's doctoral dissertation in the field of Computer Science

According to section 9 of the UEF University Regulations, the Faculty Council grades doctoral dissertations. According to Section 18 of the standing orders of the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology on degrees and studies, doctoral dissertations are graded on the scale pass – pass with distinction.

MSc Gulraiz Choudhary's doctoral dissertation and study [Predicting disease onset and progression](#) was examined publicly on 4 June 2024. The opponent, Professor Tapio Pahikkala (Department of Computing, University of Turku) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Philosophy and proposes 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 comments on the doctoral statement, which is enclosed with this agenda item as an appendix.



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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.

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Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades MSc Gulraiz Choudhary's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

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Statement of opponent Tapio Pahikkala



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Grading MSc Petri Kesti's doctoral dissertation in the field of Biology

According to section 9 of the UEF University Regulations, the Faculty Council grades doctoral dissertations. According to Section 18 of the standing orders of the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology on degrees and studies, doctoral dissertations are graded on the scale pass – pass with distinction.

MSc Petri Kesti's doctoral dissertation and study [The role of environmental variables on the community structure and fatty acid composition and content of freshwater macroinvertebrates](#) was examined publicly on 24 May 2024. The opponent, Professor Monika Winder (Department of Ecology, Environment and Plant Sciences, Stockholm University, Sweden), is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Philosophy and proposes 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 comments on the doctoral statement, which is enclosed with this agenda item as an appendix.



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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.

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Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades MSc Petri Kesti's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

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Prepared by Kaisa Laitinen

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Grading MSc Matti Nghikembua's doctoral dissertation in the field of Forestry

According to section 9 of the UEF University Regulations, the Faculty Council grades doctoral dissertations. According to Section 18 of the standing orders of the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology on degrees and studies, doctoral dissertations are graded on the scale pass – pass with distinction.

MSc Matti Nghikembua's doctoral dissertation and study [Wildlife activity patterns and encroaching woody vegetation response to bush thinning on farmlands in north-central Namibia](#) was examined publicly on 31 May 2024. The opponent, Senior University Lecturer, Docent Eshetu Yirdaw (Department of Forest Sciences, University of Helsinki) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Philosophy and proposes 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 comments on the doctoral statement, which is enclosed with this agenda item as an appendix.

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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.

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Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades MSc Matti Nghikembua's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

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Statement of the opponent Eshetu Yirdaw

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Grading MSc Heta Orava's doctoral dissertation in the field of Applied Physics

According to section 9 of the UEF University Regulations, the Faculty Council grades doctoral dissertations. According to Section 18 of the standing orders of the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology on degrees and studies, doctoral dissertations are graded on the scale pass – pass with distinction.

MSc Heta Orava's doctoral dissertation and study [Computed tomography imaging and functional in silico modelling of cartilage, bone and tissue engineered cartilage constructs](#) was examined publicly on 24 May 2024. The opponent, Associate Professor Greet Kerckhofs (Institute of Mechanics, Materials, and Civil Engineering, UCLouvain, Belgium), is in favour of the doctoral dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Philosophy and proposes 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 comments on the doctoral statement, which is enclosed with this agenda item as an appendix.



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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 statement, the Faculty Council grades MSc Heta Orava's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

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Grading MSc Xudan Zhu's doctoral dissertation in the field of Biology

According to section 9 of the UEF University Regulations, the Faculty Council grades doctoral dissertations. According to Section 18 of the standing orders of the Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology on degrees and studies, doctoral dissertations are graded on the scale pass – pass with distinction.

MSc Xudan Zhu's doctoral dissertation and study [The mechanisms behind aquatic browning in boreal catchments](#) was examined publicly on 10 May 2024. The opponent, Professor William H. McDowell (Department of Natural Resources and the Environment, University of North Hampshire, United States) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Philosophy and proposes the grade Pass with distinction. Preliminary examiners of the doctoral dissertation, Professor Leena Finér (Finnish Forest Research Institute) and Dr. Aida Bargués Tobella (Department of Forest Ecology and Management, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden) agree with the grade proposed by the opponent.

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 of the opponent and the preliminary examiners, which 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 Xudan Zhu's doctoral dissertation as Pass with distinction.

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Statistics on the faculty's Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees on 11 June 2024 (Appendix)

The doctoral dissertation overview of the faculty dated 12 June 2024; graduates in green, those with permission to defend their dissertation in a public examination in yellow, and those who have started their dissertation in blue (appendix)

Expert statements by [Hubert Hasenauer](#) and [Tomas Lundmark](#) on the qualification and merits of Associate Professor Blas Mola to the post of Professor of Biomass Production and Plantation Forestry (record entry 208/01.01.02/2024), which was discussed by the Faculty Council at its meeting on 17 April 2024

Topical faculty matters.

Motion Marked for information.

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Closing of the meeting

The chair will close the meeting.



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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.