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**Date and time** 31 October 2024 at 14:00 –

**Place** Teams

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### **Opening of the meeting**

The chair opened the meeting at 14:05.

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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 24 October 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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Prepared by Hanna Ollikainen-Richards

§ 3

### **The Dean's proposal to the Rector of the University of Eastern Finland on the appointment of MD Harri Hyppölä to the part-time (30%) post of Professor of Health Care until further notice: Hearing of the Faculty Council**

By his decision, the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences has approved the description of the post of Professor/Associate Professor of Health Care.

Two applicants applied for the vacant part-time (30%) post of Professor/Associate Professor by the deadline (Annex), but only Harri Hyppölä meets the qualification requirements set for the post.

In accordance with the Universities Act, statements must be requested before the appointment on the qualification and merits of the applicants or the person to be invited to the post from a minimum of two experts when a person is being 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 (434/2003) on disqualification shall be applied to the experts.

According to 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.

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By decision of the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, the person to be appointed to the post of Professor of Health Care is required to have practical familiarity with the field of the post. Practical familiarity is considered to mean that the person has a specialist degree or is a qualified specialist in health care and has at least two years' experience of working as a medical specialist.

Expert statements on the eligibility and merits of the person applying for the post have been requested from the following persons: Professor Kristiina Patja (University of Helsinki) and Päivi Rautava (University of Turku).

Based on the application documents, expert statement, and an interview, the Appointments Committee proposes that MD Harri Hyppölä be appointed to the open part-time (30%) post of Professor of Health Care as of 1 November 2024 until further notice. The proposal of the Appointments Committee and the application documents are enclosed with this agenda item as appendices.

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.

Harri Hyppölä is not required to give a trial lecture.

**Motion**      The Faculty Council will discuss the proposed appointment.

**Decision**     As proposed.





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- 2 Selection memorandum, health care
- 3 CV Hyppölä Harri
- 4 List of publications Hyppölä Harri



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§ 4

### **The Dean's proposal to the Academic Rector on the person to be appointed as University Lecturer, Food Science: 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.

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.

A call for applications was organised for the post of University Lecturer (Food Science) 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.

Three applicants applied for the post by the deadline: PhD Heikki Aisala, PhD Carolin Kolmeder and PhD Kati Väkeväinen.

Persons to be appointed as University Lecturers must hold a suitable doctoral degree and have good teaching skills (University Regulations).

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Members of the university's teaching and research staff are required to have command of the language they give teaching in (Finnish or Swedish) (Government Decree on Universities 770/2009). 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).

Two of the applicants have the required doctoral degree that is suited to the post, as well as merits and achievements related to teaching and research.

The Appointments Committee states (Appendix) that all applicants have a suitable doctoral degree that is required for the post, at least good Finnish skills and are also able to teach in English. Väkeväinen is the only applicant who has completed university pedagogy studies and has more extensive experience in university education, student admissions and the coordination of continuous learning.

The Appointments Committee proposes that PhD Kati Väkeväinen be appointed to the post of University Lecturer (Food Science) from 1 January 2025 onwards until further notice.

Kati Väkeväinen received a Master's degree (Nutrition and Food Biotechnology) in 2010 and a Doctoral degree (Nutrition) in 2020 from the University of Eastern Finland.



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PhD Kati Väkeväinen's CV and list of publications are enclosed with this agenda item as appendices.

No trial lecture will be required.

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

**Decision** As proposed.

### Annexes

- 5 CV Väkeväinen Kati
- 6 List of publications Väkeväinen Kati
- 7 Memorandum University Lecturer, Food Science



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§ 5

### **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 the posts that comply with the four-stage career model of the faculty's permanent teaching and research staff and Tenure Track positions.

The following post is about to be opened for application:

The School of Medicine, Institute of Dentistry:

The post of Associate Professor, Parodontology and Oral Geriatrics (tenure track) as of 1 January 2025 (or as agreed) for a four year term.

The role of the Associate Professor, Parodontology and Oral Geriatrics, is to promote teaching, supervision and scientific research in the field. The duties include teaching, development and coordination of teaching provided to Bachelor's and Licentiate degree students in dentistry and in scientific postgraduate education, supervision of Bachelor's and advanced level theses and doctoral dissertations and other departmental duties, acting as a responsible trainer in dental specialist education in the field of parodontology, as well as administrative tasks related to teaching. The Associate Professor leads research projects, actively applies for research

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funding and acts in international networks. The position also includes acting in national and international expert positions in the field.

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 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.

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

**Decision** As proposed.



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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 the posts that comply with the four-stage career model of the faculty's permanent teaching and research staff and Tenure Track positions.

The following post is about to be opened for application:

The School of Medicine, Institute of Dentistry:

The post of Associate Professor, Orthodontics (tenure track) as of 1 May 2025 (or as agreed) for a four year term.

The role of the Associate Professor, Orthodontics, is to promote teaching and supervision as well as scientific research in the field. The duties include teaching, development and coordination of teaching provided to Bachelor's and Licentiate degree students in dentistry and logopedics students, as well as in dental specialist education in the field of orthodontics. In addition, the supervision of Bachelor's and advanced level theses in scientific postgraduate education, as well as the supervision of theses in dental specialist education and doctoral dissertations related to orthodontics, as well as administrative duties related to research and

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teaching. The Associate Professor leads research projects, actively applies for research funding and acts in international networks. The position also includes acting in national and international expert positions in the field.

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 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.

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

**Decision** As proposed.





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Prepared by Hanna Ollikainen-Richards

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### **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 the posts that comply with the four-stage career model of the faculty's permanent teaching and research staff and Tenure Track positions.

The following post is about to be opened for application:

School of Pharmacy:

The post of Associate Professor, Pharmaceutical Analysis (tenure track) as of 1 January 2025 (or as agreed) for a four year term.

The duties of the Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Analysis include the planning, development, supervision and implementation of Bachelor's and Master's level education, the management and supervision of research, responsibility for scientific postgraduate education, the management of the activities of the Analytical Chemistry Laboratory of the School of Pharmacy, and the management of research cooperation conducted with companies and hospitals, and the acquisition of external funding. The duties include, in particular, training, research and quality work related to the



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chromatographic and mass spectrometric methods required in drug development.

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 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.

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

**Decision**      As proposed.



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§ 8

### **Granting the title of docent in Adolescent Psychiatry to MD Virve Kekkonen**

MD Virve Kekkonen has proposed that she be awarded the title of docent in the field of Adolescent 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 Anu Raevuori (University of Helsinki) and Professor emeritus Mauri Marttunen (University of Helsinki) as experts.

Professor Raevuori submitted her statement on 8 October 2024 and Professor Marttunen on 9 October 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 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 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 adolescent psychiatry to MD Virve Kekkonen.

### **Decision**

As proposed.

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Prepared by Hanna Ollikainen-Richards

§ 9

### **Granting the title of docent in Orthopaedics and Traumatology to MD Simo Miettinen**

MD Simo Miettinen has proposed that he be awarded the title of docent in the field of Orthopaedics and Traumatology 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 Keijo Mäkelä (University of Turku) and Docent Tapio Flinkkilä (OYS) as experts.

Professor Mäkelä submitted his statement on 26 September 2024 and Docent Flinkkilä on 7 October 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 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 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 Orthopaedics and Traumatology to MD Simo Miettinen.

### **Decision**

As proposed.

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§ 10

### **Grading MSc (Food Science), MSc Kirsikka Aittola's doctoral dissertation**

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland (1 January 2024), 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 (Food Science), MSc Kirsikka Aittola's doctoral dissertation and study "[Eating competence and the Healthy Diet Index. Novel approaches for the prevention of type 2 diabetes](#)" was examined publicly on 6 September 2024. The opponent, Professor Emeritus Markku Savolainen (University of Oulu) 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, PhD Marjukka Nurkkala (University of Oulu) and Docent Noora Kanerva (University of Helsinki) 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 MSc (Food Science), MSc Kirsikka Aittola's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

**Decision** As proposed.

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§ 11

### **Grading MB Minna Harmanen's doctoral dissertation**

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland (1 January 2024), 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.

MB Minna Harmanen's doctoral dissertation and study "[Mantle cell lymphoma in the rituximab era: Retrospective registry study on survival, treatment and prognostic factors](#)", was examined publicly on 13 September 2024. The opponent, Professor Emeritus Christian Geisler (Rigshospitalet), 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 Arne Kolstad (Norwegian University of Science and Technology) and Docent Timo Muhonen (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

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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 MB Minna Harmanen's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

**Decision** As proposed.

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### **Grading MSc (Pharmacy) Joni Järvenpää's doctoral dissertation**

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland (1 January 2024), 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) Joni Järvenpää's doctoral dissertation and study "[Molecular modeling and in vitro studies of macromolecules](#)" was examined publicly on 15 October 2024. The opponent, Professor Björn Windshügel (Fraunhofer Institute for Translational Medicine and Pharmacology ITMP), 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 Henri Xhaard (University of Helsinki) and Associate Professor Philippe Bertrand (Université de Poitiers) are in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Pharmacy 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 (Pharmacy) Joni Järvenpää's doctoral dissertation as "Pass".

**Decision** As proposed. Maija Lahtela-Kakkonen did not participate in the processing of the matter (disqualified due to a special reason).

### Annexes

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| 24 | Preliminary examiner_Bertrand_statement_Järvenpää |
| 25 | Preliminary examiner_Xhaard_statement_Järvenpää   |
| 26 | Opponent_Windshügel_statement_Järvenpää           |



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### **Grading MSc Natallie Kajevu's doctoral dissertation**

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MSc Natallie Kajevu's doctoral dissertation and study "[Identification of treatments for repurposing to enhance recovery outcome after traumatic brain injury](#)" was examined publicly on 27 September 2024. The opponent, Associate Professor Hana Kubová (Institute of Physiology) 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 Tomi Rantamäki (University of Helsinki) and Associate Professor Katja Kobow (University Hospital Erlangen) 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 Natallie Kajevu's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

**Decision** As proposed.

### Annexes

- 27 Preliminary examiner\_Rantamäki\_statement\_Kajevu
- 28 Opponent\_Kubová\_statement\_Kajevu
- 29 Preliminary examiner\_Kobow\_statement\_Kajevu





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### **Grading MSc Agneta Kallström's doctoral dissertation**

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MSc Agneta Kallström's doctoral dissertation and study "["They cannot stop me from helping" Qualitative research on the experiences, motives, and resistance of healthcare workers in the Syrian War 2011–2017"](#)" was examined publicly on 20 September 2024. The opponent, Docent Ilkka Taipale is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Philosophy and proposes the grade Pass. Both preliminary examiners, Docent Tanja Laukkala (Helsinki University Hospital) and professor Mari Kangasniemi (University of Turku) 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 Agneta Kallström's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

**Decision** As proposed.

Annexes

- 30 Vastaväittäjä\_Taipale\_lausunto\_Kallström
- 31 Esitarkastaja\_Kangasniemi\_lausunto\_Kallström
- 32 Esitarkastaja\_Laukkala\_lausunto\_Kallström



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### **Grading Lic.Med. Antti Kivivuori's doctoral dissertation**

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Lic.Med. Antti Kivivuori's doctoral dissertation and study "[Treatment of complicated gallstones in elderly patients](#)" was examined publicly on 6 September 2024. The opponent, Docent Isto Nordback (Tampere 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 Markku Luostarinen (Päijät Häme Central Hospital) and Docent Matti Kairaluoma (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. Antti Kivivuori's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

**Decision** As proposed.

### Annexes

- 33 Esitarkastaja\_Kairaluoma\_lausunto\_Kivivuori
- 34 Esitarkastaja\_Luostarinen\_lausunto\_Kivivuori
- 35 Vastaväittäjä\_Nordback\_lausunto\_Kivivuori



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### **Grading Lic.Med. Ville Korhonen's doctoral dissertation**

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Lic.Med. Ville Korhonen's doctoral dissertation and study "[The role of the C9orf72 copy number variation and the SFMBT1 copy number loss in idiopathic normal pressure hydrocephalus. Novel insights into the genetic components and comorbidities](#)", was examined publicly on 30 August 2024. The opponent, Professor Daniele Rigamonti (Johns Hopkins School of Medicine) 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 Manu Jokela (University of Turku) and Professor Mika H. Martikainen (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

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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. Ville Korhonen's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

**Decision** As proposed.

### Annexes

- 36 Esitarkastaja\_Jokela\_lausunto\_Korhonen
- 37 Esitarkastaja\_Martikainen\_lausunto\_Korhonen
- 38 Opponent\_Rigamonti\_statement\_Korhonen



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### **Grading MHSc Tuula Martiskainen's doctoral dissertation**

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MHSc Tuula Martiskainen's doctoral dissertation and study ["\*\*Terveydenhuollossa toteutetun yksilöllisen liikuntaneuvonnan vaikuttavuus tyypin 2 diabetesta sairastavien fyysisen aktiivisuuden edistämiseen ja hoitotasapainoon\*\*"](#) was examined publicly on 26 September 2024. The opponent, Professor Jari Parkkari (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, Associate Professor Merja K. Laine (University of Helsinki) and Associate Professor Arto Hautala (University of Jyväskylä) 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

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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 MHSc Tuula Martiskainen's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

**Decision** As proposed.

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| 39 | Vastaväittäjä_Parkkari_lausunto_Martiskainen |
| 40 | Esitarkastaja_Hautala_lausunto_Martiskainen  |
| 41 | Esitarkastaja_Laine_lausunto_Martiskainen    |





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### **Grading MHSc Ilkka Piironen's doctoral dissertation**

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MHSc Ilkka Piironen's doctoral dissertation and study "[Associations between sense of coherence and mortality: A study based on data from the Kuopio Ischaemic Heart Disease Risk Factor Study](#)" was examined publicly on 13 September 2024. The opponent, Professor Taru Feldt (University of Jyväskylä) 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 Anssi Auvinen (University of Tampere) and Professor Juho Härkönen (European University Institute) 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 Ilkka Piironen's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

**Decision** As proposed. Tomi-Pekka Tuomainen did not participate in the processing of the matter (disqualified due to a special reason).

### Annexes

- 42 Esitarkastaja\_Auvinen\_lausunto\_Piironen
- 43 Vastaväittäjä\_Feldt\_lausunto\_Piironen
- 44 Esitarkastaja\_Härkönen\_lausunto\_Piironen



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### **Grading MSc Heidi Pulkkinen's doctoral dissertation**

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MSc Heidi Pulkkinen's doctoral dissertation and study "Novel angiogenesis mediators for gene therapy - Pro-angiogenic therapy for coronary artery disease" was examined publicly on 6 September 2024. The opponent, Professor Pipsa Saharinen (Wihuri Research Institute) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in philosophy and proposes the grade Pass. Both preliminary examiners, Docent Kari Vaahtomeri (University of Helsinki) and Docent Terhi Heino (University of Turku) 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 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.

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**Motion** Based on the statements, the Faculty Council grades MSc Heidi Pulkkinen's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

**Decision** As proposed.

### Annexes

- 45 Esitarkastaja\_Vahtomeri\_lausunto\_Pulkkinen
- 46 Vastaväittäjä\_Saharinen\_lausunto\_Pulkkinen
- 47 Esitarkastaja\_Heino\_lausunto\_Pulkkinen



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### **Grading Lic.Med. Anssi Pölkki's doctoral dissertation**

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Lic.Med. Anssi Pölkki's doctoral dissertation and study "[Organ Failure Assessment. Insights into measuring organ dysfunctions and intensive care unit benchmarking](#)" was examined publicly on 20 September 2024. The opponent, Docent Anne Kuitunen (Tampere 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 Panu Uusalo (Turku University Central Hospital) and Docent Kati Järvelä (Tampere 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



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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. Anssi Pölkki's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

**Decision** As proposed.

### Annexes

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| 48 | Esitarkastaja_Uusalo_lausunto_Pölkki   |
| 49 | Vastaväittäjä_Kuitunen_lausunto_Pölkki |
| 50 | Esitarkastaja_Järvelä_lausunto_Pölkki  |



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§ 21

### **Grading MSc Eloi Schmauch's doctoral dissertation**

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MSc Eloi Schmauch's doctoral dissertation and study "[TRANSCRIPTOMICS FOR TRANSLATIONAL MEDICINE: STUDY OF RNA EXPRESSION IN CARDIAC DISEASES AND AUTO-IMMUNITY](#)" was examined publicly on 30 August 2024. The opponent, Professor Sikander Hayat (Uniklinik RWTH Aachen) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in philosophy and proposes the grade Pass with distinction. Both preliminary examiners, Professor Anna Vähärautio (University of Helsinki) and Professor Antti Nykänen (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 with distinction.

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 Eloi Schmauch's doctoral dissertation as Pass with distinction.

**Decision** As proposed.

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- 51 Preliminary examiner\_Nykänen\_statement\_Schmauch
- 52 Opponent\_Hayat\_statement\_Schmauch
- 53 Preliminary examiner\_Vähärautio\_statement\_Schmauch





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### **Grading MSc Ilakya Selvaraja's doctoral dissertation**

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MSc Ilakya Selvaraja's doctoral dissertation and study "Cell type specific genetic regulatory mechanisms in human coronary artery disease" was examined publicly on 12 September 2024. The opponent, Associate Professor Helena Kilpinen (University of Helsinki) 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 opponent's statement. The statement is enclosed with this agenda item as an appendix.

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



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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 Ilakya Selvaraja's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

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

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### For information

Degrees completed at the Faculty on 24 October 2024.

**Motion**      Marked for information.

**Decision**     As proposed.

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### **Closing of the meeting**

The chair closed the meeting at 14:55.



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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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56      Agenda\_TT\_meeting\_31-10-2024