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Meeting No 10/2024
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Date and time 21 November 2024 at 14:15 -

Place CA3036 (+ Teams)

Participants	Role	Present for items
Members		
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Levonen Anna-Liisa	1st Vice Dean, Vice Chair	
Kauppinen Anu	Professor, member	1-14
Rautio Jarkko	Professor, deputy member	
Häggman-Laitila Arja	Professor, member	1-14
Malm Tarja	Professor, deputy member	
Jääskeläinen Jarmo	Professor, member	2-12
Keski-Nisula Leea	Professor, deputy member	
Tuomainen Tomi-Pekka	Professor, member	1-14
Peltomäki Timo	Professor, deputy member	
Heinäniemi Merja	Professor, member	1-14
Tohka Jussi	Professor, deputy member	
Jalkanen Aaro	Staff, member	1-14
Huttunen Kristiina	Staff, deputy member	
Kotikumpu Kari	Staff, member	1-14
Parviainen Anndra	Staff, deputy member	
Heikkilä Reeta	Staff, member	1-14

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Sutinen Tiina	Staff, deputy member	1-14
Lahtela-Kakkonen Maija	Staff, member	1-14
Savinainen Juha	Staff, deputy member	
Toroi Riitta-Liisa	Staff, member	1-14
Kanninen Katja	Staff, deputy member	
Suurnäkki-Piispa Mira	Student, member	1-14
Riikkilä Onni	Student, deputy member	
Omale Inikpi	Student, member	1-14
To be named later	Student, deputy member	
Tariq Amina	Student, member	
To be named later	Student, deputy member	
Gunnar Janina	Student, member	1-14
Ikonen Ella	Student, deputy member	
Zacheus Teemu	Student, member	
Lehtonen Anne	Student, deputy member	1-14
Ollikainen-Richards Hanna	Executive Head of Administration, secretary, preparer	1-14
Other preparers		
Järvelin-Pasanen Susanna	Head of Student Services	1-14
Koistinen Annika	Academic Affairs Specialist	1-14

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§ 1

Opening of the meeting

The chair opened the meeting at 14:15.

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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 14 November 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.

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

Decision As proposed.

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Record entry 6287/01.01.02/2024

Prepared by Hanna Ollikainen-Richards

§ 3

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The post of a Professor will be filled until further notice starting on 1 August 2025 at the earliest. In the case of an Associate Professor (Tenure Track), the post will be filled for a four-year term starting on 1 August 2025 at the earliest. The post is filled for a fixed term due to it being a Tenure Track position.

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

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

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

Decision As proposed.

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- 1 Description of the post, Professor or Associate Professor of
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Record entry 6288/01.01.02/2024

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§ 4

Professor/Associate Professor of Dermatology and Venereology (Tenure Track), description of the post

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Decision As proposed.

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- 2 Description of the post of Professor/Associate Professor of
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Record entry 6297/01.01.03/2024

Prepared by Hanna Ollikainen-Richards

§ 5

The scope and specifications of the post of Clinical Lecturer in Dermatology and Venereology that will become vacant at the Faculty: Hearing of the Faculty Council

In accordance with the strategic human resources plan of the School of Medicine, Institute of Clinical Medicine, preparations are made to open the post of Clinical Lecturer. The post will be filled from 1 August 2025 onwards until further notice.

The scope of the post is as follows:

Selection memorandum, Clinical Lecturer, dermatology and venereology:

The Clinical Lecturer is responsible for the teaching of dermatology and venereology to Bachelor's and Master's degree students of medicine, for the supervision of advanced level theses, and for participating in the planning and development of teaching in the subject, in administrative tasks related to teaching, in research activities and in the planning and supervision of specialisation training.

According to section 11 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 and Tenure Track positions.



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- Motion** The Faculty Council will discuss the scope and specifications of the post of Clinical Lecturer in Dermatology and Venereology that will become vacant at the Faculty.
- Decision** As proposed.

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Record entry 5889/01.08.00/2024

Prepared by Hanna Ollikainen-Richards

§ 6

Granting the title of docent in preclinical functional imaging to PhD Jaakko Paasonen

PhD Jaakko Paasonen has proposed that he be awarded the title of docent in the field of Preclinical functional imaging 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 Risto Kauppinen (University of Bristol) and Docent Juha Nikkinen (University Hospital of Oulu) as experts.

Professor Kauppinen submitted his statement on 3 October 2024 and Docent Nikkinen on 13 November 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 preclinical functional imaging to PhD Jaakko Paasonen.

Decision

As proposed.

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- 3 Statement by Jaakko Paasonen - Juha Nikkinen
- 4 Statement by Jaakko Paasonen - Risto Kauppinen
- 5 A list of publications Paasonen Jaakko

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- 6 Statement of the academic subject, preclinical functional imaging
- 7 A CV Paasonen Jaakko

Record entry 56/03.04.09/2024

Prepared by Annika Koistinen

§ 7

Grading Lic.Med. Jarmo Heikkinen'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.

Lic.Med. Jarmo Heikkinen's doctoral dissertation and study "[PARTURI-VÄLSKÄREISTÄ TYÖPAIKKALÄÄKÄREIKSI. Työnantajan järjestämän terveyden- ja sairaanhoidon kehittämisestä Suomessa keskiajalta vuoteen 1952. Kirjallisuus-, bibliografia- ja matrikkelitutkimus](#)", was examined publicly on 1 November 2024. The opponent, Professor Heikki S. Vuorinen (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 Juha Liira (University of Turku) and MD Asko Lukinmaa (the Finnish Medico-Historical Society) 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. Jarmo Heikkinen's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

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| 8 | Esitarkastaja_Liira_lausunto_Heikkinen |
| 9 | Vastaväittäjä_Vuorinen_lausunto_Heikkinen |
| 10 | Esitarkastaja_Lukinmaa_lausunto_Heikkinen |

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§ 8

Grading MSc (Admin.) Risto Nikunlaakso's doctoral dissertation

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MSc (Admin.) Risto Nikunlaakso's doctoral dissertation and study "

[Supporting mental health in social and health care workplaces – the role of psychosocial stressors at work](#)" was examined publicly on 8 November 2024. The opponent, Professor Sami Pirkola (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, Docent Kristian Wahlbeck (MIELI Mental Health Finland) and Professor of Practice Heidi Furu (University of Turku) 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 LMSc (Admin.) Risto Nikunlaakso's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

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| 11 | Esitarkastaja_Furu_lausunto_Nikunlaakso |
| 12 | Vastaväittäjä_Pirkola_lausunto_Nikunlaakso |
| 13 | Esitarkastaja_Wahlbeck_lausunto_Nikunlaakso |

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Prepared by Annika Koistinen

§ 9

Grading MSc Sohvi Ohtonen's doctoral dissertation

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MSc Sohvi Ohtonen's doctoral dissertation and study "[Neurodegeneration linked genetic and environmental factors in in vitro human microglia model: focus on APOE, LRRK2 and traffic-related air pollution](#)" was examined publicly on 25 October 2024. The opponent, Professor Nael Nadif Kasri (Radboud University Medical Centre, the Netherlands) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Philosophy and proposes the grade Pass. The preliminary examiner, Docent Vassilis Stratoulas (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. The preliminary examiner, PhD Jessica Rosati (Fondazione IRCCS Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza, Italy), is in favour of the doctoral dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Philosophy and proposes the grade Pass with distinction.

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According to section 29 of the Universities Act (24.7.2009/558), a study attainment may be assessed only by those members or deputy members of a multi-member administrative body who have a degree or completed study attainments of an equivalent level or who have been appointed professors.

Motion Based on the statements, the Faculty Council grades MSc Sohvi Ohtonen's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

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- 14 Preliminary examiner_Rosati_statement_Ohtonen
- 15 Preliminary examiner_Stratoulis_statement_Ohtonen
- 16 Opponent_Kasri_statement_Ohtonen

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Prepared by Annika Koistinen

§ 10

Grading Lic.Med. Dina Rahkola'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.

Lic.Med. Dina Rahkonen's doctoral dissertation and study "[The molecular C3-iC3b-CD11b axis in keratinocyte skin cancers, cutaneous small vessel immune complex vasculitis and psoriasis](#)" was examined publicly on 18 October 2024. The opponent, Professor Veli-Matti Kähäri (University of Turku) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Medicine and proposes the grade Pass. Both preliminary examiners, Docent Pilvi Riihilä (University of Turku) and Docent Alexander Salava (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 Lic.Med. Dina Rahkola's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

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| 17 | Esitarkastaja_Salava_lausunto_Rahkola |
| 18 | Vastaväittäjä_Kähäri_lausunto_Rahkola |
| 19 | Esitarkastaja_Riihilä_lausunto_Rahkola |

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Record entry 56/03.04.09/2024

Prepared by Annika Koistinen

§ 11

Grading MHSc Tuula Saarikoski'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.

MHSc Tuula Saarikoski's doctoral dissertation and study

["Potilasturvallisuudesta raportoitujen tietojen käyttö johtamisessa neljässä sairaanhoitopiirissä"](#) was examined publicly on 8 November 2024. The opponent, Professor Outi Kanste (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, Docent Pirjo Kaakinen (University of Oulu) and Docent Marita Koivunen (University of Turku) 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 Tuula Saarikoski's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

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| 21 | Esitarkastaja_Kaakinen_lausunto_Saarikoski |
| 22 | Esitarkastaja_Koivunen_lausunto_Saarikoski |

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Record entry No 4284/00.03.11/2024

Prepared by Hanna Ollikainen-Richards

§ 12

Conferring an Honorary Doctorate

The University of Eastern Finland will hold a Doctoral Conferment Ceremony on the Kuopio campus on 5–7 June 2025. According to section 9 of the UEF University Regulations, the Faculty Council shall decide on the conferment of honorary doctorates.

Each faculty participating in the Doctoral Conferment Ceremony may propose 3-6 honorary doctors, from among whom the university's leadership will select the honorary doctors together with the faculties.

The faculties have made proposals to the Dean on the persons to be conferred an honorary doctorate. The Faculty of Health Sciences proposes that six honorary doctorates be conferred.

Due to the confidential preparatory stage of the matter, the Dean of the faculty will present the honorary doctorates at the meeting. The matter will become public when all decisions on the conferment of honorary doctorates have been made. Once the matter becomes public, the university's communications unit will publish the names of the honorary doctorates of the faculties participating in the Doctoral Conferment Ceremony in a joint bulletin.



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Motion The Faculty Council decides to confer honorary doctorates to the persons proposed by the chair.

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Record entry 5571/01.01.04/2024

Prepared by Hanna Ollikainen-Richards

§ 13

Election of the Vice Dean: Hearing of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Health Sciences

In accordance with Section 10 of the UEF University Regulations, the Rector shall, at the proposal of the Dean and after having heard the opinion of the Faculty Council, appoint one or two Vice Deans for the term of office of the Faculty Council. If a faculty has two Vice Deans, the 1st Vice Dean will be the primary stand-in for the Dean. The Vice Dean is required to hold an applicable doctoral degree, which is related to the faculty's fields of education and research.

The faculty's Vice Dean in charge of education has been elected as the Dean of the Faculty as of 1 January 2025 and will be replaced by a new Vice Dean. This post of Vice Dean for the term of office from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025 was open for internal applications until 21 October 2024.

Applicants for the post in alphabetical order were: Jarmo Jääskeläinen and Reino Pöyhiä.

The application documents submitted by the applicants will be delivered to the Faculty Council by email.

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The Rector of the University has delegated the hearings of Faculty Councils related to the election of Vice Deans to Deans. The Rector shall elect the Vice Dean at the Dean's proposal.

Motion The Faculty Council will discuss the appointment of the Vice Dean under the leadership of the Dean.

Decision As proposed. Jarmo Jääskeläinen did not participate in the processing of the matter (disqualified due to involvement).

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Closing of the meeting

The chair closed the meeting at 15:10.

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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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