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Tariq Amina	Student, member	
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Gunnar Janina	Student, member	1-10
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§ 1

Opening of the meeting

The chair opened the meeting at 14:00.



§2

Legitimacy and presence of a quorum

In accordance with the UEF University Regulations, meeting notices of a multi-member administrative body must be sent at least seven days prior to the meeting, unless the administrative body has decided otherwise.

The meeting notice was sent on 9 January 2025.

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: SN101 + Teams.

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

Decision As proposed. The order of agenda items was altered.



Record entry 5886/01.08.00/2024

Prepared by Hanna Ollikainen-Richards

§3

Granting the title of docent in Biopharmacy to DSc (Pharmacy) Mikko Gynther

DSc (Pharmacy) Mikko Gynther has proposed that he be awarded the title of docent in the field of Biopharmacy 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 Annexes.

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 Marjo Yliperttula (University of Helsinki) and Professor Birger Brodin (University of Copenhagen) as experts.

Professor Brodin submitted his statement on 25 November 2024 and Professor Yliperttula on 7 January 2025. 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 Annexes.

In accordance with section 89 of the Universities Act (558/2009), the university may award the title of docent upon application to a person who has comprehensive knowledge of his or her own field, a capacity for



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independent research or artistic work demonstrated through publications or some other manner, and good teaching skills. The Docent Committee of the Faculty of Health Sciences stated, when it processed the application, that the applicant meets the criteria of the Faculty of Health Sciences as regards teaching skills.

According to section 9(8) of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council shall decide on awarding the title of docent.

The applicant meets the qualification requirements of a docent specified in section 89 of the Universities Act and the criteria set out in the docentship guidelines of the Faculty of Health Sciences for the title of docent.

- Motion The Faculty Council states that the applicant meets the qualification requirements specified in section 89 of the Universities Act and the criteria set out in the docentship guidelines of the Faculty of Health Sciences for the title of docent and decides to grant the title of docent in Biopharmacy to DSc (Pharmacy) Mikko Gynther.
- **Decision** As proposed. Aaro Jalkanen did not participate in the processing of the matter (disqualified due to a special reason).

Annexes

1 CV Gynther



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- 2 Statement Gynther Marjo Yliperttula
- 3 Statement of the academic subject, title of docent in
 - biopharmacy
- 4 List of publications Gynther Mikko
- 5 Statement Gynther_Brodin



Record entry 56/03.04.09/2024

Prepared by

§4

Grading Lic.Med. Antti Leinonen'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.

Lic.Med. Antti Leinonen's doctoral dissertation and study "<u>Hypoxia training</u> <u>in military aviation</u>" was examined publicly on 20 December 2024. The opponent, Docent Matti Mäntysaari (Centre for Military Medicine), is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Medicine 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 statement. The opponent's statement is enclosed with the 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 of a multi-member administrative body who have a degree or completed



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	study attainments of an equivalent level or who have been appointed professors.
Motion	Based on the statements, the Faculty Council grades Lic.Med. Antti Leinonen's doctoral dissertation as Pass.
Decision	As proposed.
Annexes	6 Vastaväittäjä_Mäntysaari_lausunto_Leinonen



Record entry 56/03.04.09/2024

Prepared by Annika Koistinen

§ 5

Grading Lic.Med. Inka Puhakka'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. Inka Puhakka's doctoral dissertation and study "<u>Trends in</u> incidence and prognosis of primary central nervous system lymphoma (PCNSL) in Finland with special reference to MRI in follow-up" was examined publicly on 5 December 2024. The opponent, Docent Aki Hietaharju (University of Tampere) 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 Tarec El-Galaly (University of Aalborg, Denmark) and Docent Sari Atula (University of Helsinki) are in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Medicine and propose the grade Pass.

According to section 44 of the Universities Act (24.7.2009/558), before a doctoral dissertation is graded, the author must be given an opportunity to submit his or her response to the preliminary examiner's, the



examiner's or the opponent's statement. The doctoral candidate has no 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.

- MotionBased on the statements, the Faculty Council grades Lic.Med InkaPuhakka's doctoral dissertation as Pass.
- **Decision** As proposed.

Annexes

- 7 Preliminary examiner_El-Galaly_statement_Puhakka
- 8 Vastaväittäjä_Hietaharju_lausunto_Puhakka
- 9 Esitarkastaja_Atula_lausunto_Puhakka



Record entry 56/03.04.09/2024

Prepared by Annika Koistinen

§ 6

Grading MSc (Pharmacy) Henna Ylikangas'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.

MSc (Pharmacy) Henna Ylikangas's doctoral dissertation and study "<u>Virtual</u> <u>screening of ligands for kallikrein-related peptidase 3 and the L-type</u> <u>amino acid transporter 1</u>" was examined publicly on 20 December 2024. The opponent, Docent Tommi Nyrönen (CSC – IT Center for Science) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Pharmacy 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 statements. The opponent's statement is enclosed with the 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 (Pharmacy)
	Henna Ylikangas'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	
	10 Vastaväittäjä_Nyrönen_lausunto_Ylikangas



Record entry 4200/03.01.00/2023

Prepared by Susanna Järvelin-Pasanen

§ 7

Specialisation studies in community and hospital pharmacy for Bachelors and Masters of Pharmacy, admission criteria for 2025

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

The School of Pharmacy of the Faculty of Health Sciences of the University of Eastern Finland has prepared a proposal for the admission criteria for specialisation studies in community and hospital pharmacy for Bachelors and Masters of Pharmacy for the spring 2025.

The scope of the specialisation studies is 60 ECTS for those with an MSc in Pharmacy and the normative duration of the studies is 4 years. For those with a BSc in Pharmacy, the scope of the studies is 40 ECTS and the normative duration of the studies is 3 years. The training will be carried out in cooperation with the University of Helsinki. The training is subject to a fee (EUR 100 per ECTS).

In 2025, ten (10) students will be selected for the specialisation studies in community and hospital pharmacy at the University of Eastern Finland in accordance with the enclosed admission criteria. The scheduled application period is 14 February – 30 April 2025. The studies will begin in



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September 2025. Students admitted to the training are granted a limited study right, which only covers the studies included in the training. The admission criteria for the specialisation studies in community and hospital pharmacy for 2025 are enclosed with this agenda as an appendix.

Motion The Faculty Council approves the student admission criteria for the specialisation studies in community and hospital pharmacy as proposed and authorises the Dean to make technical changes to the admission criteria.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

11 ASF ERKO admission criteria 2025



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Record entry No 1/00.03.04/2025

Prepared by Hanna Ollikainen-Richards

§ 8

Update of the UEF University Regulations and the Regulations on Authorised Signatories

At its meeting of 18 December 2024, the Board of the University of Eastern Finland approved the update of the UEF University Regulations, which entered into force on 1 January 2025: <u>The UEF Board approved the updated University Regulations.</u>

The Rector of the university confirmed the update of the UEF Regulations on Authorised Signatories on 2 January 2025. UEF's intranet: <u>Authorisations</u>.

With the update of the UEF University Regulations, the duties of the Faculty Council are specified and regular meetings established between the Faculty Council and the faculty's management or steering group. These measures enhance the transparency and preparation of decision-making and the flow of information.

MotionThe updates of the UEF University Regulations and the Regulations on AuthorisedSignatories are stated from the perspective of the Faculty Council's activities.

Decision As proposed.



Record entry No 1/00.03.04/2025

Prepared by Tuija Lappeteläinen

§ 9

Faculty's budget for 2025

According to section 9(2) of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council addresses the starting points of the faculty's budget preparation and operational planning, as well as financial performance reports and the budget.

The UEF Board approved the university's budget for 2025 on 19 December 2024: <u>UEF Board approved the university's plan of operations and budget</u> <u>for 2025</u>.

The funding of faculties has been allocated in accordance with the principles verified by the Board for the internal allocation of funds. The funding of faculties consists of indicator-based funding, strategic funding based on the development plans of the faculties, and other agreed items allocated based on strategic principles. As regards external funding, minimum targets have been specified for each faculty.

The 2025 budget of the Faculty of Health Sciences is enclosed with this agenda item as an appendix.

The basic funding (subsidies) of the budget of the Faculty of Health Sciences for 2025 is EUR 40.77 million in total. The total cost of the basic



funding in the 2025 budget of the Faculty is EUR -3.0 million higher than in the 2024 budget.

The target level of external funding of the Faculty of Health Sciences for 2025 is EUR 33.3 million. The schools and departments of the faculty have budgeted the revenue from external funding to be EUR 29.75 million, in addition to which the faculty has estimated the amount of investment grants to be EUR 2.1 million and the estimated change in the funds to be 1.45 million.

MotionThe budget of the Faculty of Health Sciences for 2025 is marked for
information.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

12 Terveystieteiden tiedekunta_talousarvio_2025



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For information

After the previous Faculty Council meeting held on 19 December 2024, the Dean or the Vice Dean have approved the following doctoral dissertations (statements of the opponents and preliminary examiners are enclosed with this agenda item as appendices):

Anna-Mari Launonen, 23 December 2024, Pass with distinction Mirja Methuen, dental health care, 23 December 2024, Pass

Motion Marked for information.

Decision As proposed.



Record entry 3973/01.01.02/2023

Prepared by Hanna Ollikainen-Richards

§ 11

The Dean's proposal to the Rector of the University of Eastern Finland on the appointment of MD Ville Kytö to the post of Professor, Cardiology, until further notice: Hearing of the Faculty Council

> By a decision made on 9 November 2023, the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences approved the description of the post of Professor/Associate Professor of Cardiology.

A total of six persons applied for the post of Professor/Associate Professor by the deadline (Annex): Marja Hedman, Ville Kytö, Jari Laukkanen, Mika Lehto, Jukka Lehtonen and Tuomas Rissanen.

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.



By decision of the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences dated 23 October 2023, the person to be appointed to the post of Professor of Cardiology 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 cardiology and has at least two years' experience working as a specialist in cardiology.

The matter was discussed at the Faculty Council on 22 August 2024, when MD Jari Laukkanen was proposed to the post as of 1 January 2025 until further notice. However, Laukkanen informed that he is not available for the position and the matter was referred back to the Appointments Committee for further consideration.

Based on the application documents, interviews and expert statements, the Appointments Committee proposes that MD Ville Kytö be appointed to the vacant post of Professor of Cardiology as of 1 February 2025 until further notice. The proposal of the Appointments Committee and Ville Kytö's 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.

Ville Kytö is not required to give a trial lecture.



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Motion The Faculty Council will discuss the proposed appointment.

Decision	As proposed.	
Annexes		
	13	CV Kytö Ville
	14	List of publications Kytö Ville
	15	Selection memorandum cardiology, supplement



Record entry 641/01.01.02/2024

Prepared by Hanna Ollikainen-Richards

§12

The Dean's proposal to the Rector of the University of Eastern Finland on the appointment of MD Sonja Soininen to the part-time (50%) post of Associate Professor, General Practice (Tenure Track): Hearing of the Faculty Council

> According to section 10(9) 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.

> An open call for applications was organised for the post of Professor/Associate Professor of General Practice (Tenure Track) in accordance with the faculty's human resources plan. The post is hosted by the Institute of Public Health and Clinical Nutrition, the School of Medicine. Three applicants applied for the post by the deadline, two of whom fulfilled the eligibility criteria for the post: MD, medical specialist Sonja Soininen and MD, medical specialist Maria Hagnäs. A summary of the applicants is enclosed with this agenda item as an Appendix.

A person to be appointed as an Associate Professor in the Tenure Track shall hold a suitable doctoral degree and have good teaching skills. Furthermore, a person to be appointed as an Associate Professor in the Tenure Track shall have the prerequisites for fulfilling the qualification



requirements of a Professor by the end of the Tenure Track term (UEF University Regulations, section 31).

Expert statements on the eligibility and merits of those applying for the post have been requested from the following persons, in accordance with the Dean's decision: Professor Päivi Korhonen (University of Turku), Professor Ruth Kalda (University of Tartu) and Professor Carl Johan Östgren (Linköping University)..

Based on the application documents, expert statements and interviews, the Appointments Committee proposes that MD Sonja Soininen be appointed to the part-time (50%) post of Associate Professor, General Practice (Tenure Track) for a four-year term from 1 February 2024 onwards (or as agreed). She meets the qualification requirements set for the post.

No trial lecture will be required.

The proposal of the Admissions Committee, expert statements and the application documents of the person proposed to be appointed to the position are enclosed with this agenda item as appendices.

The criteria, objectives and results to be achieved during the term in order to proceed to the next level of the Tenure Track will be agreed in detail with the appointee to the Associate Professor position when signing the contract of employment.



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Motion The Faculty Council will discuss the proposed appointment.

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

Annexes

16	List of publications Soininen Sonja
17	Soininen Sonja CV
18	Evaluation general practice Kalda
19	Evaluation general practice Korhonen
20	Evaluation general practice Östgren
21	Selection memorandum, general practice



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Closing of the meeting

The chair closed the meeting at 15:58.



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§14

Translation of the agenda/minutes

The English translation of the agenda/minutes of the meeting is attached to the agenda item.

Annexes

22	Supplementary Agenda_TT_meeting_29-01-2025
23	Agenda_TT_Meeting_16-01-2025