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Meeting No 5/2025
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Date and time 15 May 2025, 14:00 – 16:06

Place ME201 + Teams

Participants	Role	Present for items
Members		
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Levonen-Harju Anna-Liisa	1st Vice Dean, Vice Chair	
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Rautio Jarkko	Professor, deputy member	
Malm Tarja	Professor, member	
Saaranen Terhi	Professor, deputy member	
Jääskeläinen Jarmo	Professor, member	1-6, 8-15
Keski-Nisula Leea	Professor, deputy member	
Tuomainen Tomi-Pekka	Professor, member	1-15
Pussinen Pirkko	Professor, deputy member	
Heinäniemi Merja	Professor, member	
Tohka Jussi	Professor, deputy member	
Jalkanen Aaro	Staff, member	1-15
Huttunen Kristiina	Staff, deputy member	
Kotikumpu Kari	Staff, member	1-15
Parviainen Anndra	Staff, deputy member	
Heikkilä Reeta	Staff, member	1-15

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Lahtela-Kakkonen Maija	Staff, member	1-12
Savinainen Juha	Staff, deputy member	
Toroi Riitta-Liisa	Staff, member	1-15
Kanninen Katja	Staff, deputy member	
Suurnäkki-Piispa Mira	Student, member	1-15
Riikkilä Onni	Student, deputy member	1-15
Omale Inikpi	Student, member	
To be named later	Student, deputy member	
Tariq Amina	Student, member	
To be named later	Student, deputy member	
Gunnar Janina	Student, member	1-15
Ikonen Ella	Student, deputy member	
Zacheus Teemu	Student, member	
Lehtonen Anne	Student, deputy member	
Ollikainen-Richards Hanna	Executive Head of Administration, secretary, preparer	1-15
Other preparers		
Järvelin-Pasanen Susanna	Head of Student Services	1-15
Koistinen Annika	Academic Affairs Specialist	1-15

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Opening of the meeting

The chair opened the meeting at 14:00.

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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 8 May 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 body 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.

Record entry 6008/01.01.02/2024

Prepared by Hanna Ollikainen-Richards

§ 3

The Dean's proposal to the Rector of the University of Eastern Finland on the appointment of PhD Lucas Arrais de Campos to the post of Associate Professor, Orthodontics (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 Associate Professor of Orthodontics (Tenure Track) in accordance with the faculty's human resources plan. The position is hosted by the Institute of Dentistry at the School of Medicine. One applicant submitted their application to the post by the deadline: Lucas Arrais de Campos. 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).

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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: Anna Westerlund (University of Gothenburg), Satu Lahti (University of Turku) and David Rice (University of Helsinki).

Based on the application documents, expert statements and an interview, the Appointments Committee proposes that PhD Lucas Arrais de Campos be appointed to the post of Associate Professor, Orthodontics (Tenure Track) for a four-year term from 1 June 2025 onwards (or as agreed). He is merited to the currently open post and meets the qualification requirements set for it.

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.

Motion The Faculty Council will discuss the proposed appointment.

Decision As proposed.

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- 2 List of applicants
- 3 List of publications Arrais de Campos Lucas
- 4 Selection memorandum Orthodontics
- 5 Statement Lahti
- 6 Statement Westerlund and Rice

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§ 4

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

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 position will be filled as from 1 September 2025 (or as agreed) until further notice.

The scope of the post is as follows:

The Clinical Lecturer is responsible for the teaching of neurology to Bachelor's and Master's degree students of medicine, for the supervision of advanced level theses, for participating in the planning and development of teaching in the academic 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 Neurology that will become vacant at the Faculty.

Decision As proposed.

Record entry 644/01.01.03/2025

Prepared by Hanna Ollikainen-Richards

§ 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

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 position will be filled as from 1 September 2025 (or as agreed) until further notice.

The scope of the post is as follows:

The Clinical Lecturer is responsible for the teaching of surgery, in particular ortopedics and traumatology, 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 academic 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 Surgery that will become vacant at the Faculty.

Decision As proposed.

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Record entry 323/01.08.00/2025

Prepared by Hanna Ollikainen-Richards

§ 6

Granting the title of docent in Nutrition to PhD Jetta Tuokkola

PhD Jetta Tuokkola has proposed that she be awarded the title of docent in the field of Nutrition, especially Children's Clinical Nutrition and Nutrition Therapy 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 Harri Niinikoski (University of Turku) and Research Professor Suvi Virtanen (University of Tampere) as experts.

Professor Niinikoski submitted his statement on 24 February 2025 and Research Professor Virtanen on 24 April 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 Nutrition, especially Children's Clinical Nutrition and Nutrition Therapy, to PhD Jetta Tuokkola.

Decision

As proposed.

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- 7 CV Tuokkola_Redacted
- 8 List of publications Tuokkola
- 9 Statement Jetta Tuokkola_Niinikoski
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Record entry 324/01.08.00/2025

Prepared by Hanna Ollikainen-Richards

§ 7

Granting the title of docent in Nutrition to PhD Iman Zarei

PhD Iman Zarei has proposed that he be awarded the title of docent in the field of Nutrition, especially Nutritional Metabolomics and Health, 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 Katariina Öörni (University of Helsinki) and Associate Professor Maria Kortensniemi (University of Turku) as experts.

Professor Öörni submitted her statement on 21 April 2025 and Associate Professor Kortensniemi on 31 March 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 Nutrition, especially Nutritional Metabolomics and Health, to PhD Iman Zarei.

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

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- 14 Statement Iman Zarei_Öörni
- 15 Statement Iman Zarei_Kortesniemi
- 16 Statement of the academic subject, nutrition

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Prepared by Annika Koistinen

§ 8

Grading MSc Salla Grommi'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. The Faculty Council will decide on the grade of the dissertation based on the grade proposal of the opponent.

MSc Salla Grommi's doctoral dissertation and study "[The effects of educational and feedback interventions on pain nursing care](#)" was examined publicly on 2 May 2025. The opponent, Professor Anna Axel (University of Turku) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Health Sciences 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 annex.

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

Motion Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades MSc Salla Grommi's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

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Record entry 15/03.04.09/2025

Prepared by Annika Koistinen

§ 9

Grading Lic.Med., MSc (Pharmacy) Heli Järvinen'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. The Faculty Council will decide on the grade of the dissertation based on the grade proposal of the opponent.

Lic.Med., MSc (Pharmacy) Heli Järvinen's doctoral dissertation and study "[Incidence and risk factors of hospital-treated infections in persons with Alzheimer's disease](#)" was examined publicly on 22 April 2025. The opponent, Docent Arja Helin-Salmivaara (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.

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 annex.

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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 Lic.Med., MSc (Pharmacy) Heli Järvinen's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

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As proposed.

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Record entry 870/03.01.00/2020

Prepared by Susanna Järvelin-Pasanen

§ 10

Approval of the admission criteria and curriculum for the individual psychoanalytic psychotherapy of children and adolescents

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

Government Decree 1120/2010 amending the Decree on Health Professionals entered into force on 31 December 2011. Under section 2a of the Decree, the use of the protected title of a psychotherapist is subject to the condition that the person concerned has completed psychotherapist training organised by a university or by a university together with another training organisation. The skills required to work as a psychotherapist are acquired through studies whose scope must be 60 ECTS at the minimum and that consist of theoretical studies, supervised psychotherapist work with patients, educational psychotherapy and skills demonstration. Competence is proved through a skills demonstration. The university issues the student a certificate of the completion of the training.

The psychotherapist training organised by the Faculty of Health Sciences or the Philosophical Faculty of the University of Eastern Finland is professional development training for health professionals that leads to the professional title of a health care psychotherapist in accordance with the Government Decree (VNA 1120/2010). The trainings are managed by

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the Centre for Continuous Learning of the University of Eastern Finland. In professional development training, students do not have the status of a degree student.

The minimum of 8 and the maximum of 12 students (three (3) students on a waiting list) will be admitted to the individual psychoanalytic psychotherapy training of children and adolescents that will start in the spring 2026 in accordance with the enclosed admission criteria. The planned application period is 2 June – 1 October 2025. Selected students are granted a fixed term right to study in the training to which they have been selected.

The Academic Rector appointed a Steering Committee for psychotherapist training on 23 November 2023. The term of the Steering Committee is 4 years (2024–2027). The Steering Committee includes 3 full and deputy members from the Faculty of Health Sciences and 2 full and deputy members from the Philosophical Faculty. In addition, the Steering Committee includes 1 member and deputy member from the Centre for Continuous Learning. The curriculum has been approved by Laura Julkunen who was appointed by the steering committee for psychotherapist training as the person in charge of the education. The person in charge of the education at the university is Laura Julkunen and the main trainers are Child Psychotherapist (VET) (Therapeia Foundation), Psychologist Tarja Pajunen and Trainer Psychotherapist of adolescent psychotherapy, Psychologist Niina Rita.

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The scope of the individual psychoanalytic psychotherapy training of children and adolescents is 83 ECTS. The duration of the training is four academic years (2026–2029).

Motion The Faculty Council approves the admission criteria and curricula for individual psychoanalytic psychotherapy of children and adolescents in accordance with the Annexes and delegates to the Dean the approval of any additions and corrections made to the curricula.

Decision As proposed.

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| 19 | Student admission criteria for children and adolescents, 2026–2029 |
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Record entry No 6411/03.00.01/2024

Prepared by Susanna Järvelin-Pasanen

§ 11

Approval of the standing orders of the Faculty of Health Sciences

According to section 9 of the UEF University Regulations, the Faculty Council shall decide, among others, on curricula.

The Faculty of Health Sciences has prepared the standing orders of the Faculty's education. The share of Bachelor's and Master's level education has been prepared by the Development Committee for Education and the share of further education in the doctoral programme working group.

Motion The Faculty Council will confirm the standing orders in accordance with the appendix.

Decision As proposed. The name of the degree, "Master of Health Science", has been corrected to page 17 (annex 1) of the standing orders.

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Record entry No 1/00.03.04/2025

Prepared by Hanna Ollikainen-Richards

§ 12

Faculty Council meetings in the autumn semester 2025

The meetings of the spring semester 2025 are proposed to be held as follows:

Thu 21 August at 14:00

Thu 18 September at 14:00

Thu 23 October at 14:00

Thu 20 November at 14:00

Thu 18 December at 14:00

Motion The Faculty Council approves the proposed meeting schedule for the autumn semester 2025.

Decision As proposed.

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§ 13

For information

The statements by experts Professor Sanna Salanterä (University of Turku) and Professor Mikaela von Bonsdorff (University of Jyväskylä) on the qualifications of Associate Professor Marja Härkänen to the post of Professor of Nursing Science.

Motion Marked for information.

Decision As proposed.

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| 22 | Statement Härkänen's professorship - Salanterä |
| 23 | UEF_härkänen_lausunto_vonbonsdorff2025 |

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Record entry 500/01.01.04/2025

Prepared by Hanna Ollikainen-Richards

§ 14

Hearing of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Health Sciences on the election of the Vice Dean

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 duties of the Dean are described in section 10 of the UEF University Regulations. The Dean may devolve a matter in their remit to be resolved by the Vice Dean, the Administrative Principal of the Teacher Training School, or by another person at the faculty.

By the deadline of 28 April 2025, a total of one (1) application were received for the post of Vice Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences (Research) for the period from 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2029: Head of School of Medicine, Professor, MD Ville Leinonen.

The application period for the post of Vice Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences (Education) has been extended and will end on 9 May 2025.

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

The Rector shall elect the Vice Dean at the Dean's proposal.

Motion The Dean will hear the Faculty Council on the election of the Vice Deans.

Decision As proposed. The call for application for the post of Vice Dean for Education of the Faculty ended after the agenda was published. University Lecturer, PhD Arja Lyytinen submitted an application for the post. The Dean heard the Faculty Council on both applicants.



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Closing of the meeting

The chair closed the meeting at 16:06.

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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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