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Pussinen Pirkko	Professor, deputy member	
Heinäniemi Merja	Professor, member	
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Huttunen Kristiina	Staff, deputy member	
Kotikumpu Kari	Staff, member	
Parviainen Anndra	Staff, deputy member	
Heikkilä Reeta	Staff, member	

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Omale Inikpi	Student, member
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Tariq Amina	Student, member
To be named later	Student, deputy member
Gunnar Janina	Student, member
Ikonen Ella	Student, deputy member
Zacheus Teemu	Student, member
Lehtonen Anne	Student, deputy member
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§ 1

Opening of the meeting

The chair opened the meeting at 14:07.

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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 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 5 June 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 (ME201 + Teams).

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

Decision As proposed.

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§ 3

The Dean's proposal to the Rector of the University of Eastern Finland on the appointment of MD Tuomas Rauramaa to the post of Professor, Neuropathology, 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.

One applicant applied for the post by the deadline: Tuomas Rauramaa.

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 12 February 2025 of the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, the person to be appointed to the post of Professor of Neuropathology 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 pathology and has at least two years' experience working as a specialist in pathology. Familiarity with neuropathology is considered an advantage.

Expert statements on the eligibility and merits of the person applying for the post have been requested from the following persons: Professor Dietmar R. Thal (KU Leuven) and Professor Paul G. Ince (University of Sheffield).

Based on the application documents and expert statements, the Appointments Committee proposes that MD Tuomas Rauramaa be appointed to the vacant post of Professor of Neuropathology as of 1 January 2026 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.

Tuomas Rauramaa is not required to give a trial lecture.

Motion

The Faculty Council will discuss the proposed appointment.

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Decision As proposed.

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**The Dean's proposal to the Rector of the University of Eastern Finland on the appointment of MD Sara Määttä to the post of Professor, Clinical Neurophysiology, 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.

One applicant applied for the part-time (50%) post by the deadline: MD Sara Määttä.

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 dated 13 November 2024, the person to be appointed to the post of Professor/Associate Professor of Clinical Neurophysiology 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 clinical neurophysiology and has at least two years' experience working as a specialist in clinical neurophysiology.

Expert statements on the eligibility and merits of those applying for the post have been requested from the following persons: Professor Satu Jäskeläinen (University of Turku) and Professor Sari-Leena Himanen (University of Tampere).

Based on the application documents and expert statements, the Appointments Committee proposes that MD Sara Määttä be appointed to the vacant part-time (50%) post of Professor of Clinical Neurophysiology as of 1 August 2025 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.

Sara Määttä is not required to give a trial lecture.

Motion

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Decision As proposed.

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§ 5

The Dean's proposal to the Rector of the University of Eastern Finland on the appointment of PhD Marko Lehtonen to the Tenure Track position of Associate Professor, Pharmaceutical Analytics: 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.

The post of Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Analytics (Tenure Track) that complies with the faculty's human resources plan is hosted by the School of Pharmacy. An open call for applications was organised for the post and one (1) person submitted an application by the deadline: PhD Marko Lehtonen.

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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The Dean of the Faculty has invited Professor Juha-Pekka Salminen (University of Turku) and Risto K. Kostiainen (University of Helsinki) to provide their expert statements on the scientific qualification of Assistant Professor Marko Lehtonen for the post of Associate Professor. In their joint statement, the experts find Marko Lehtonen to be competent for the post in question.

Based on the application documents, expert statements and an interview, the Appointments Committee proposes that MD Marko Lehtonen be appointed to the post of Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Analytics (Tenure Track) for a four-year term from 1 August 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.

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§ 6

The Dean's proposal to the Academic Rector on the person to be appointed as University Lecturer, Clinical Microbiology and Immunology: Hearing of the Faculty Council

According to section 10(10) of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Dean shall, after hearing the Faculty Council, decide on persons to be appointed to permanent positions that comply with the four-stage career model (excluding professors, senior university lecturers and senior clinical lecturers).

A call for applications was organised for the post of University Lecturer (clinical microbiology and immunology) that will be effective until further notice by the Institute of Clinical Medicine of the University of Eastern Finland's School of Medicine.

One (1) applicant submitted their application to the post by the deadline: PhD Anna-Mari Schroderus.

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

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

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down in the Government Decree on Universities (UEF University Regulations).

Anna-Mari Schroderus has the doctoral degree required for the post. Based on her teaching experience and other work experience, she meets the criteria set out in the call for applications excellently.

The Appointments Committee proposes (Annex) that PhD Anna-Mari Schroderus be appointed to the post of University Lecturer (Clinical Microbiology and Immunology) until further notice as from 1 September 2025.

Anna-Mari Schroderus obtained her Master's degree in 2017 and doctoral degree in 2024 from the University of Eastern Finland.

Anna-Mari Schroderus' CV and list of publications are enclosed with this agenda item as Annexes.

No trial lecture will be required.

Motion The Faculty Council will discuss the proposal.

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§ 7

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 section 10(10) of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Dean shall, after hearing the Faculty Council, decide on persons to be appointed to permanent positions that comply with the four-stage career model (excluding professors, senior university lecturers and senior clinical lecturers).

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.

Five (5) applicants submitted their applications for the post by the deadline: PhD Carlos Gomez Gallego, PhD Sayyed Morteza Safavi, MSc Christian Baltini, PhD Sahar Akhavan-Mahdavi and PhD Maryam Azizkhani.

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

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

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can grant an exemption from the language proficiency requirements laid down in the Government Decree on Universities (UEF University Regulations).

The Appointments Committee states (Annex) that four of the applicants have a relevant doctoral degree that is required for the post, as well as merits and achievements related to teaching and research. Of the applicants, Carlos Gomez Gallego has completed the highest number of university pedagogy studies and has the most extensive teaching and research experience in a field suited to the post.

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

Carlos Gomez Gallego received a doctoral degree (Food Technology, Nutrition and Food Science) from the University of Murcia in 2014. He was awarded the title of docent in Nutrition (Functional Foods, Nutrition and Microbiota) in 2006 by the University of Eastern Finland.

Carlos Gomez Gallego's CV and list of publications are enclosed with this agenda item as annexes.

No trial lecture will be required.

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Prepared by Annika Koistinen

§ 8

Grading MPH Floro Cubelo'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.

MPH Floro Cubelon's doctoral dissertation and study "[Building pathways for Filipino internationally educated nurses' mobility to the Nordic region: recruit, integrate, retain and sustain- A nurse labor migration model](#)" was examined publicly on 16 May 2025. The opponent, Professor Riitta Suhonen (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 MPH Floro Cubelo's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

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23 Opponent_Suhonen_statement_Cubelo

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§ 9

Grading MSc (Pharmacy) Mella Louhisalmi'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 (Pharmacy) Mella Louhisalmi's doctoral dissertation and study "[Kotien lääkejätteet : monimenetelmätutkimus kotitalouksien käyttämättömistä ja vanhentuneista lääkkeistä](#)" was examined publicly on 16 May 2025. The opponent, Associate Professor Mia Sivén (University of Helsinki) is in favour of the doctoral 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 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 (Pharmacy) Mella Louhisalmi's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

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§ 10

Grading Lic.Med. Annette Moisander'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. Annette Moisander's doctoral dissertation "[Thromboprophylaxis after fast-track hip and knee arthroplasty](#)" was examined publicly on 9 May 2025. The opponent, Docent Petri Virolainen (Wellbeing Services County of Päijät-Häme) 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. Annette Moisander's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

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§ 11

Grading MSc (Technology) Teemu Rintala's doctoral dissertation

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MSc (Technology) Teemu Rintala's doctoral dissertation and study "[Artificial intelligence for omics-driven patient stratification and precision medicine:Uncovering cancer subtypes in the era of big omics data](#)" was examined publicly on 16 May 2025. The opponent, Professor Sampsa Hautaniemi (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 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 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 MSc (Technology) Teemu Rintala's doctoral dissertation as Pass with distinction.

Decision As proposed.

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26 Opponent_Hautaniemi_statement_Rintala

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Grading MHSc Saija Sihvola'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.

MHSc Saija Sihvola's doctoral dissertation and study "[Resilience among the individuals with a colorectal cancer diagnosis and their evaluations of the received patient counselling](#)" was examined publicly on 23 May 2025. The opponent, Docent Satu Elo (Oulu University of Applied Sciences) 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 MHSc Saija Sihvola's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision As proposed.

Annexes

27 Opponent_Elo_statement_Sihvola

Record entry 15/03.04.09/2025

Prepared by Annika Koistinen

§ 13

Grading MSc (Pharmacy) Janne Tampio'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 (Pharmacy) Janne Tampio's doctoral dissertation and study "Enhancing drug delivery into the pancreas via L-type amino acid transporter 1", was examined publicly on 23 May 2025. The opponent, Research Director Christoffer Bundgaard (H. Lundbeck A/S, Denmark) is in favour of the doctoral 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 submitted a response to the opponent's statement. The opponent's statement and the doctoral candidate's response are enclosed with this agenda as annexes.

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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 (Pharmacy) Janne Tampio's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

Decision The Faculty Council decided not to grade the doctoral dissertation and to refer the matter back to processing because the doctoral candidate submitted a response to the opponent's statement after the Faculty Council's agenda was published. The opponent is requested to provide an additional statement regarding their statement/doctoral candidate's response.

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| 28 | Opponent_Bundgaard_statement_Tampio |
| 29 | Response_to_opponent_statement_Tampio |

Record entry 253/03.01.00/2025

Prepared by Susanna Järvelin-Pasanen

§ 14

**Approval of the admission criteria and curriculum for group psychotherapist training
2026-2029**

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 group psychotherapist training that will start in the spring 2026 in accordance with the enclosed admission criteria. The planned application period is 23 June – 13 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 Minna Valkonen-Korhonen 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 Minna Valkonen-Korhonen and the main trainer is Taru Kaivola, Trainer Psychotherapist (VET), Suomen ryhmäanalyysikoulutus Oy.

The scope of the group psychotherapist training is 85 ECTS. The duration of the training is four academic years (2026–2029).

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Motion The Faculty Council approves the admission criteria and curricula for the group psychotherapist training 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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| 30 | Student admission criteria, group psychotherapist training 2026–2029 |
| 31 | Group psychotherapist training 2026–2029 curriculum |

Record entry No 6411/03.00.01/2024

Prepared by Susanna Järvelin-Pasanen

§ 15

Approval of amendments to the curriculum for the Master of Science (Pharmacy) degree programme 2025–2028

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council will make decisions concerning curricula and degree requirements. The Faculty Council also approves any significant changes made to the confirmed curriculum.

The Faculty Council of the Faculty of Health Sciences has approved the curriculum for the Master of Science (Pharmacy) degree programme for the academic years 2025-2028 at its meeting of 20 February 2025 (record entry 6411/03.00.01/2023).

The specialist field of biopharmacy proposes the following amendments to the confirmed curriculum for the Master of Science (Pharmacy) degree programme:

1. Changing the scope of Drug Metabolism and Pharmacokinetics 4215505 (DMPK) from 4 ECTS to 5 ECTS.
 - The change in the scope of the course affects the scope of the compulsory advanced studies in the specialist fields of biopharmacy, pharmacology and drug toxicology of the 4–5-year students of the Master of Science (Pharmacy) degree programme. In other specialist fields, the course is available as part of optional advanced studies.

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2. Changing the scope of ADME Models and pharmacokinetic modelling TF00CO82 (ADMEL) from 3–4 ECTS to 4–5 ECTS.
 - The change in the scope of the course affects the scope of the compulsory advanced studies in the specialist field of biopharmacy of the 4–5-year students of the Master of Science (Pharmacy) degree programme. In other specialist fields, the course is available as part of optional advanced studies.
3. Physical Pharmacy in Formulation Development TF00CO95 (FOFA), 4 ECTS, will be removed from the compulsory advanced studies in the specialist field of biopharmacy of the 4–5-year students of the Master of Science (Pharmacy) degree programme. In the future, the course will only be available as an optional advanced course.

The proposal of the person in charge of the specialist field of biopharmacy is enclosed with the agenda item as an Annex. An updated version of the degree structure of the Master of Science (Pharmacy) degree programme is also enclosed with the agenda item as an Annex.

Motion The Faculty Council will confirm the changes to the curriculum for the Master of Science (Pharmacy) degree programme for the academic years 2025–2028 as proposed.

Decision As proposed.

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- 32 Proposed amendments to the curriculum for biopharmacy
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- 33 The degree structure of the Master of Science (Pharmacy)
degree programme corrected

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§ 16

National skills assessment guides for specialist education in medicine and dentistry for the period 1 August 2025 – 31 July 2026

According to section 9(4) of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council will make decisions concerning curricula, degree requirements and student admission criteria.

The skills assessment guides for specialist education in medicine and dentistry that comply with Decree 55/2020 of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health are valid for one academic year at a time and their content is updated annually through national cooperation. The skills assessment guide is included in the curriculum.

The skills assessment guides that are proposed to be accepted concern specialising students who receive their study right between 1 August 2025 and 31 July 2026. Specialising students who received their study right earlier than that will have the opportunity to shift to following the latest skills assessment guide.

The skills assessment guides were discussed by the National Advisory Committee on Professional Further Education and Training (VAJT) on 05 May 2025 and by the local committees and regional advisory boards of all five universities.

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Motion

- 1) to accept the national skills assessment guides for specialist education in medicine and dentistry for the academic year 2025–2026 as set out in Annexes 1 and 2
- 2) to delegate to the Head of the School of Medicine the authority to make decisions on any national amendment proposals made regarding the Annexes
- 3) to authorise the preparing official to make, where required, any technical specifications and additions to the Annexes

Decision As proposed.

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| 34 | Annex 2 EHL skills assessment 2025-2026 |
| 35 | Annex 1 EL skills assessment 2025-2026 |

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§ 17

Student intake to specialist education in medicine and dentistry for the academic year 2025–2026

In accordance with section 36§ (558/2009) of the Universities Act, the university shall decide on the principles of student admissions. According to section 9(4) of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council will make decisions concerning curricula, degree requirements and student admission criteria.

On 19 June 2024, the Faculty Council confirmed the admission criteria for specialist education in medicine and dentistry for the academic years 2024–2026. The student intake is based on the needs assessment of student intake carried out at universities by the expert working group appointed by the coordination committee of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health in specialist education in medicine and dentistry. The student intake to specialist education in medicine and dentistry in autumn 2025 is proposed to the Faculty Council for confirmation as set out in Annex 1. Any study places that are not filled in autumn 2025 will be filled in the additional admissions in spring 2026.

The student intake was discussed by the Professional Further Education Committee on 7 May 2025 and the Regional Advisory Board on 12 May 2025. The committees propose that the student intake be approved by the Faculty Council.

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Motion The proposed student intake be confirmed for all specialist fields as set out in Annex 1.

Decision As proposed.

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36 Annex 1 Student intake 2025-2026

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§ 18

Election of a deputy member to the Faculty Council

According to section 13 of the Election Regulations, if a member of the University Collegium or the Faculty Council loses their eligibility or resigns from the administrative body at their own request, the person's personal deputy member shall take the person's place for the remaining period. If a deputy member loses their eligibility, resigns at their own request, or becomes a member of the administrative body, the University Collegiate Body shall appoint a new deputy member to the University Collegiate Body, and the Faculty Council shall appoint a new deputy member to the Faculty Council for the remaining term on the basis of the results of the election or, if this is not possible, after having heard the opinion of the group concerned.

Anndra Parviainen, deputy member of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Health Sciences, is no longer a member of the staff of the Faculty of Health Sciences, which means that she is no longer eligible for election.

Deputy membership was examined in the Faculty based on the result of the election (term starting from 1 January 2022) and the availability of the person on the waiting list for the post. Based on the above and in accordance with their consent, Academy Research Fellow Vittorio Fortino would become the personal deputy of Kari Kotikumpu for the remainder of the Faculty Council's term of office until 31 December 2025.



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Motion The Faculty Council appoints Vittorio Fortino as the personal deputy of Kari Kotikumpu for the remainder of the term of office of the Faculty Council.

Decision As proposed.

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Record entry 769/01.08.00/2025

Prepared by Hanna Ollikainen-Richards

§ 19

Awarding the title of docent in toxicology of air pollution to PhD Mo Yang

PhD Mo Yang has proposed that he be awarded the title of docent in the field of toxicology of air pollution 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 Docent Merja Korkalainen (THL) and docent Khaled Abass (University of Oulu) as experts.

Docent Korkalainen submitted her statement on 20 May 2025 and Docent Abass on 3 June 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 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 toxicology of air pollution to PhD Mo Yang.

Decision

As proposed.

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| 37 | List of publications Yang Mo |
| 38 | CV Yang Mo |
| 39 | Statement of the academic subject, Toxicology of air pollution |
| 40 | Statement Yang_Korkalainen |

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§ 20

The Dean's proposal to the Rector of the University of Eastern Finland on the appointment of DDSc Susanna Paju to the post of Associate Professor, Parodontology and Oral Geriatrics (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.

The post of Associate Professor of Parodontology and Oral Geriatrics (Tenure Track) that complies with the faculty's human resources plan is hosted by the Institute of Dentistry at the School of Medicine. An open call for applications was organised for the post and two (2) persons submitted an application by the deadline: DDSc Susanna Paju and DDSc Tuomas Saxlin.

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

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

The Dean of the Faculty has invited Marja Laine (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam), Rodrigo Lopez (University of Bergen) and Andreas Stavropoulos (Malmö University) as experts to provide a statement on the scientific qualification of the applicants to the post. In their joint statement, the experts find both applicants to be qualified for the post in question.

Based on the application documents, expert statements and an interview, the Appointments Committee proposes that DDSc Susanna Paju be appointed to the post of Associate Professor of Parodontology and Oral Geriatrics (Tenure Track) for a four year term from 1 August 2025 onwards (or as agreed). She is the most merited of the applicants to the currently vacant 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.

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Motion The Faculty Council will discuss the proposed appointment.

Decision As proposed.

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- 42 Statement, Parodontology and Oral Geriatrics Paju_Lopez
- 43 Statement, Parodontology and Oral Geriatrics Saxlin_Lopez
- 44 Statement, Parodontology and Oral Geriatrics_Laine
- 45 Statement, Parodontology and Oral Geriatrics_Stavropoulos
- 46 Selection memorandum, Parodontology and Oral Geriatrics
- 47 CV Paju Susanna
- 48 List of publications Paju Susanna
- 49 List of applicants, Parodontology and Oral Geriatrics

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Closing of the meeting

The chair closed the meeting at 15:47.

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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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