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**Date and time** 21 August 2025 at 14:00 -

**Place** CA3036 + Teams

Participants	Role	Present for items
Members		
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Malm Tarja	Professor, member	
Saaranen Terhi	Professor, deputy member	
Jääskeläinen Jarmo	Professor, member	1-22
Keski-Nisula Leea	Professor, deputy member	
Tuomainen Tomi-Pekka	Professor, member	1-22
Pussinen Pirkko	Professor, deputy member	
Heinäniemi Merja	Professor, member	1-16, 18, 20-22
Tohka Jussi	Professor, deputy member	
Jalkanen Aaro	Staff, member	1-22
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Kotikumpu Kari	Staff, member	1-22
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Tariq Amina	Student, member	
To be named later	Student, deputy member	
Gunnar Janina	Student, member	
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Koistinen Annika	Academic Affairs Specialist	1-22
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### **Opening of the meeting**

The chair opened the meeting at 14:05.

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### § 2

#### **Legitimacy and presence of a quorum**

In accordance with the UEF University Regulations, meeting notices of a multi-member administrative 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 14 August 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 (CA3036 + Teams).

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

**Decision**     As proposed



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### § 3

#### **Approval of the student admission criteria for the Master's Degree Programme (MDP) in Biomedicine for 2026**

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 Institute of Biomedicine has prepared a proposal for the admission criteria for the Master's Degree Programme in Biomedicine (BIOMED) taught in English for 2026 (enclosed as an Appendix).

**Motion** The Faculty Council approves the student admission criteria for the MDP in Biomedicine for 2026 as proposed and authorises the Dean to make technical changes to the admission criteria.

**Decision** As proposed

#### Annexes

1 Admissions criteria BIOMED 2026

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§ 4

### **Approval of the student admission criteria for the Master's Degree Programme (MDP) in Public Health for 2026**

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 Institute of Public Health and Clinical Nutrition has prepared a proposal for student admission criteria for the Master's Degree Programme in Public Health (MPH), taught in English, for 2026 (enclosed as an Appendix).

**Motion** The Faculty Council approves the student admission criteria for the MDP in Public Health for 2026 as proposed and authorises the Dean to make technical changes to the admission criteria.

**Decision** As proposed

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2 Master of Public Health admission criteria 2026

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§ 5

### **Approval of the student admission criteria for the Master's Degree Programme (MDP) in Toxicology for 2026**

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 has prepared a proposal for the admission criteria for the Master's Degree Programme in Toxicology (TOX), taught in English, for 2026 (enclosed as an Appendix).

**Motion** The Faculty Council approves the student admission criteria for the MDP in Toxicology for 2026 as proposed and authorises the Dean to make technical changes to the admission criteria.

**Decision** As proposed

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§ 6

### **Establishment of the Bachelor's Degree Programme in Human and Planetary Health, a Bachelor of Health Sciences degree programme taught in English, and approval of the main subject of the programme and student admission criteria for 2026**

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council will decide, within the scope of the faculty's educational responsibility, on the launch of a new major subject and shutting down of an existing one. The Faculty Council will also make decisions concerning student admission criteria.

The Faculty of Health Sciences has prepared the Bachelor's Degree Programme in Human and Planetary Health, a Bachelor of Health Sciences degree programme taught in English. The proposed main subject of the programme is Human and Planetary Health. The programme will start in autumn 2026.

A description, learning outcomes and key themes of the programme are enclosed with the agenda item as appendices. The curriculum for the Bachelor's programme will be confirmed by the Faculty Council in February 2026.

The Faculty has prepared a proposal for the admission criteria for the Bachelor's Degree Programme in Human and Planetary Health, Kuopio,

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Bachelor of Health Sciences (3 years) for 2026 (enclosed with the agenda item as an appendix). The programme has a total of 30 study places.

### Motion

1. The Faculty Council will confirm the establishment of the Bachelor's Degree Programme in Human and Planetary Health, a Bachelor of Health Sciences degree programme taught in English, at the faculty as from 1 August 2026.
2. The Faculty Council confirms the name of the main subject of the programme to be Human and Planetary Health.
3. The Faculty Council approves the admission criteria for the Bachelor's Degree Programme in Human and Planetary Health, Kuopio, Bachelor of Health Sciences (3 years) for 2026 as proposed and authorises the Dean to make technical changes to the admission criteria.

### Decision

As proposed

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- 4 Programme Description\_Bachelor Degree Programme in Human and Planetary Health
- 5 Bachelor's Degree Programme in Human and Planetary Health\_Admission criteria 2026

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Record entry 1017/03.01.00/2025

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§ 7

### **Approval of the admission criteria and curriculum for the adult individual psychoanalytic psychotherapy**

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.

Ten (10) students (three (3) on a waiting list) will be admitted to the adult individual psychotherapist training that will start in spring 2026 in accordance with the enclosed admission criteria. The planned application period is 1 September – 8 January 2026. 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 steering committee for psychotherapist training has approved the curriculum. The person responsible for the training at the university is Laura Julkunen and the training will be implemented in cooperation with Itä-Suomen psykoterapiayhdistys with Minna Valkonen-Korhonen as the main trainer.

The scope of the adult individual psychoanalytic psychotherapy training is 85 ECTS. The duration of the training is four academic years (2026–2030).

## Motion

The Faculty Council approves the admission criteria and curricula for the adult individual psychoanalytic psychotherapy in accordance with the

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annexes and delegates the approval of any additions and corrections made to the curricula to the Dean.

**Decision** As proposed

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| 7 | Student admission criteria, analytical 2026–2030 |



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**The Dean's proposal to the Rector of the University of Eastern Finland on the appointment of MD Minna Purokivi to the post of Professor, Pulmonary Diseases, until further notice:  
Hearing of the Faculty Council**

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

By the deadline, one application was received to the vacant part-time (70%) post of Professor/Associate Professor: MD Minna Purokivi.

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 12 December 2025 of the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, the person to be appointed to a clinical post is required to have practical familiarity

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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 Pulmonary Diseases and has at least two years' experience working as a specialist in Pulmonary Diseases.

Expert statements on the eligibility and merits of those applying for the post have been requested from the following persons: Professor Magnus Sköld (Karolinska Institutet) and Professor Tomas Eagan (University of Bergen).

Based on the application documents and the expert statements, the Appointments Committee proposes that the vacancy be filled at Professor level and that MD Minna Purokivi be appointed to it from 1 September 2025 onwards 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.

Minna Purokivi is not required to give a trial lecture.

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

**Decision**     As proposed

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- 8 CV\_Purokivi Minna
- 9 List of publications Purokivi Minna
- 10 Statement pulmonary diseases\_Eagan
- 11 Statement pulmonary diseases\_Sköld
- 12 Selection memorandum, pulmonary diseases

Record entry 6036/01.01.02/2024

Prepared by Hanna Ollikainen-Richards

§ 9

**The Dean's proposal to the Rector of the University of Eastern Finland on the appointment of DDSc Tuomas Saxlin to the post of Associate Professor of 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 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 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.

The matter was discussed by the Faculty Council on 10 June 2025, when DDSc Susanna Paju was proposed to the post for a fixed term of four years as from 1 August 2025 (or as agreed). 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 DDSc Tuomas Saxlin be appointed to the vacant post of Associate Professor of Parodontology and Oral Geriatrics as from 1 September 2025 for a fixed term of four years.

A 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

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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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| 18 | Statement Oral Pathology and Oral Geriatrics_Lopez        |

Record entry 398/01.01.03/2025

Prepared by Hanna Ollikainen-Richards

§ 10

**A proposal on the person to be appointed as University Lecturer, Biomedicine: 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 at the Institute of Biomedicine of the University of Eastern Finland's School of Medicine for the post of University Lecturer in Biomedicine that will be effective until further notice.

Four (4) applicants applied for the post by the deadline: DSc (Pharmacy), docent Maria Hytti; PhD Sivakumar Joghi Thatha Gowder; PhD, Docent Saara Marttila; and PhD, Docent Sanna Oikari

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)

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(Government Decree on Universities 770/2009). The Dean of the faculty can grant an exemption from the language proficiency requirements laid down in the Government Decree on Universities (UEF University Regulations).

The Appointments Committee states (Annex) that three of the applicants meet the requirements laid down for the post. The applicant that best meets the criteria set out in the call for applications is Sanna Oikari.

The Appointments Committee proposes that PhD Sanna Oikari be appointed to the post of University Lecturer (Biomedicine) from 1 September 2025 onwards until further notice. Sanna Oikari received a PhD (molecular medicine) in 2008 from the University of Kuopio. She received the title of docent in cell metabolism in 2016 from the University of Eastern Finland.

Oikari's CV and list of publications are enclosed with the agenda item as Annexes.

No trial lecture will be required.

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

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- 21 Selection memorandum University Lecturer Biomedicine
- 22 List of applicants University Lecturer Biomedicine

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§ 11

**A proposal on the person to be appointed as Clinical Lecturer, Surgery: Hearing of the Faculty Council**

According to the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, Head of the department or school will make a proposal to the Dean on persons to be appointed to permanent posts of the four-stage career model of teaching and research staff after hearing the Faculty Council.

A call for applications was organised for the post of Clinical Lecturer (Surgery) by the Institute of Clinical Medicine of the University of Eastern Finland's School of Medicine.

One applicant submitted their application to the post by the deadline: MD Ville Happonen.

A person to be appointed as Clinical Lecturer shall hold a suitable doctoral degree. For a special reason, a person who has completed a specialist degree in medicine or dentistry, or a person who has the right to act as a specialist in medicine or dentistry may be appointed as a Clinical Lecturer. Furthermore, a person to be appointed as Clinical Lecturer shall have good teaching skills (section 31 of the UEF University Regulations).

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Members of the university's teaching and research staff are required to have command of the language they give teaching in (Finnish or Swedish) (Government Decree on Universities 770/2009). The Dean of the faculty can grant an exemption from the language proficiency requirements laid down in the Government Decree on Universities (UEF University Regulations, section 33).

The Institute of Clinical Medicine proposes in its proposal (Annex) that MD, medical specialist Ville Happonen be appointed to the said post of Clinical Lecturer as from 1 September 2025 until further notice. The Head of the School of Medicine supports the proposal.

Ville Happonen received a doctoral degree in medicine in 2024 and a specialist degree in orthopaedics and traumatology in 2018 from the University of Eastern Finland.

Happonen's CV and list of publications are enclosed with the agenda item as Annexes.

A trial lecture is required. A trial lecture was given on 11 August 2025.

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

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- 23 List of publications Happonen Ville
- 24 Selection memorandum, Clinical Lecturer, Surgery
- 25 List of applicants, Clinical Lecturer, Surgery
- 26 CV Happonen Ville

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§ 12

**A proposal on the person to be appointed as Clinical Lecturer, Neurology: Hearing of the Faculty Council**

According to the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, Head of the department or school will make a proposal to the Dean on persons to be appointed to permanent posts of the four-stage career model of teaching and research staff after hearing the Faculty Council.

A call for applications was organised for the post of Clinical Lecturer (Neurology) by the Institute of Clinical Medicine of the University of Eastern Finland's School of Medicine.

One applicant submitted their application to the post by the deadline: MD Miika Korhonen.

A person to be appointed as Clinical Lecturer shall hold a suitable doctoral degree. For a special reason, a person who has completed a specialist degree in medicine or dentistry, or a person who has the right to act as a specialist in medicine or dentistry may be appointed as a Clinical Lecturer. Furthermore, a person to be appointed as Clinical Lecturer shall have good teaching skills (section 31 of the UEF University Regulations).

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Members of the university's teaching and research staff are required to have command of the language they give teaching in (Finnish or Swedish) (Government Decree on Universities 770/2009). The Dean of the faculty can grant an exemption from the language proficiency requirements laid down in the Government Decree on Universities (UEF University Regulations, section 33).

The Institute of Clinical Medicine proposes in its proposal (Annex) that MD, medical specialist Miika Korhonen be appointed to the said post of Clinical Lecturer as from 1 September 2025 until further notice. The Head of the School of Medicine supports the proposal.

Miika Korhonen received a doctoral degree in medicine in 2018 and a specialist degree in neurology in 2024 from the University of Eastern Finland.

Korhonen's CV and list of publications are enclosed with the agenda item as Annexes.

A trial lecture is required. A trial lecture was given on 11 August 2025.

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

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§ 13

### **A part-time (30%) post of Professor/Associate Professor of Adolescent Psychiatry, description of the post: Hearing of the Faculty Council**

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

In their strategic human resources plan, the School of Medicine and the Institute of Clinical Medicine of the University of Eastern Finland propose that a part-time (30%) post of Professor/Associate Professor of Adolescent Psychiatry be filled at the institute.

The post is co-financed with the Wellbeing Services County of Central Finland. The Professor will work at Hospital Nova.

The post will be filled until further notice as from 1 January 2026 at the earliest.

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



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A person to be appointed as an associate professor in the tenure track in accordance with the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland shall hold a suitable doctoral degree and have good teaching skills. Furthermore, the person shall have the prerequisites to fulfil the qualification requirements of a professor by the end of the tenure track term.

The description of the post (Appendix) includes the scope and specifications of the post required by the UEF University Regulations.

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

**Decision** As proposed

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| 31 | A description of the post of Professor or Associate Professor of Adolescent Psychiatry_corrected |
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Record entry 321/01.08.00/2025

Prepared by Hanna Ollikainen-Richards

§ 14

### **Granting the title of docent in Artificial Intelligence in Biomedicine to PhD Luca Cattelani**

PhD Luca Cattelani has proposed that he be awarded the title of docent in the field of Artificial Intelligence in Biomedicine 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 Lähdesmäki (Aalto University) and Professor Juho Rousu (Aalto University) as experts.

Professor Lähdesmäki submitted his statement on 16 June 2025 and Professor Rousu 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 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 Artificial Intelligence in Biomedicine to PhD Luca Cattelani.

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| 33 | List of publications Cattelani Luca                         |
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### **Granting the title of docent in Cancer Biology and Clinical Oncology to MD Tuula Klaavuniemi**

MD Tuula Klaavuniemi has proposed that she be awarded the title of docent in the field of Cancer Biology and Clinical Oncology 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 Panu Jaakkola (University of Turku) and Docent Olli Tenhunen (OYS, Fimea) as experts.

Professor Jaakkola submitted his statement on 5 June 2025 and Docent Tenhunen on 7 July 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 Cancer Biology and Clinical Oncology to MD Tuula Klaavuniemi.

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- 40 Statement of the academic subject title of docent in Cancer  
Biology and Clinical Oncology
- 41 List of publications Klaavuniemi Tuula

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### **Granting the title of docent in Environmental Health to PhD Tytti Pasanen**

PhD Tytti Pasanen has proposed that she be awarded the title of docent in the field of Environmental 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 Paula Salo (University of Turku) and Docent Jenni Radun (Turku University of Applied Sciences) as experts.

Professor Salo submitted her statement on 29 June 2025 and Docent Radun on 6 July 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 University 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 Environmental Health to PhD Tytti Pasanen.

### Decision

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| 43 | List of publications Pasanen Tytti                            |
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- 45 Statement title of docent in Environmental Health\_Paula Salo
- 46 Statement of the academic subject\_title of docent in  
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Prepared by Annika Koistinen

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### **Grading MSc Oscar Liu's doctoral dissertation**

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland (1 January 2024), the Faculty Council grades doctoral dissertations. According to Section 14 of the standing rules of the Faculty of Health Sciences on degrees and studies, doctoral dissertations are graded on the scale fail – pass – pass with distinction. Passing with distinction requires that two of the three examiners (preliminary examiners and opponent) propose this grade.

MSc Oscar Liu's doctoral dissertation and study "[Hypoxia-Mediated Regulation of Transcription and Epigenetics in Cardiovascular Tissues and Cells](#)" was examined publicly on 5 August 2025. The opponent, Professor Peppi Karppinen (University of Oulu) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Philosophy and proposes the grade Pass. Both preliminary examiners, Professor Lauri Eklund (University of Oulu) and Academy Research Fellow Emma Raitoharju (University of Tampere) are in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Philosophy and propose the grade Pass.

According to section 44 of the Universities Act (24.7.2009/558), before a doctoral dissertation is graded, the author must be given an opportunity to submit his or her response to the preliminary examiner's, the examiner's or the opponent's statement. The doctoral candidate has no

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comments on the statements. The statements of the preliminary examiners and the opponent are enclosed with this agenda item as appendices.

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 Oscar Liu's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

**Decision** As proposed

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| 47 | Opponent_Karppinen_statement_Liu              |
| 48 | Preliminary examiner_Raitoharju_statement_Liu |
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#### For information

Expert statements of Professor Maritta Välimäki (University of Helsinki) and Professor Riitta Suhonen (University of Turku) on the qualifications of Professor (non-tenured) Tarja Välimäki for the post of Professor of Nursing Science, Preventive Nursing Science.

For information, the change made to the description of the post in Dermatology and Venereology concerning the starting date of the post. The description of the post was addressed by the Faculty Council on 21 November 2024.

After the previous Faculty Council meeting (12 June 2025), the Dean or the Vice Dean have graded the following doctoral dissertations (statements of the opponents are enclosed with this agenda item as appendices):

Laura Ortju, Nursing Science, 17 June 2025, Pass

Elina Kaprio, Oncology, 17 June 2025, Pass

Susanna Hiltunen, Surgery, 17 June 2025, Pass

Aija Laitinen, Nutrition, 19 June 2025, Pass

Juuso Jussila, Public Health, 19 June 2025, Pass

Jyrki Mustonen, Internal Medicine, 19 June 2025, Pass

Raju Gudhe, Clinical Pathology, 19 June 2025, Pass with distinction

Laura Mussalo, Molecular Medicine, 4 July 2025, Pass

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Johanna Huotari, Pharmacy, 4 July 2025, Pass

Juho Mononen, Biomedicine, 4 July 2025, Pass

**Motion**           Marked for information.

**Decision**        As proposed

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- 50           Statement\_prev nursing science\_Välimäki
- 51           Statement\_prev nursing science \_Suhonen
- 52           Opponent\_Sahu\_statement\_mononen
- 53           Opponent\_Kuuranne\_statement\_helo
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- 55           Opponent\_Ruusuvuori\_statement\_Gudhe
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- 60           Opponent\_Nevala\_statement\_Kaprio
- 61           Opponent\_Hakulinen\_statement\_Ortju
- 62           Description of the post\_Dermatology and Venereology  
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**The Dean's proposal on the scope and specifications of the post of Associate Professor of Genetic Epidemiology (Tenure Track) and the person to be appointed to the post: Hearing of the Faculty Council**

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

According to section 10 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, and to Tenure Track positions after hearing the Faculty Council.

In their strategic human resources plan, the School of Medicine and the Institute of Clinical Medicine of the University of Eastern Finland propose that the post of an Associate Professor of Genetic Epidemiology (Tenure Track) be filled at the institute. The post is to be filled by appointing Taru Tukiainen to it without a public call as from 1 September 2025.

The position is filled for a four-year term. The position is filled for a fixed term due to it being a Tenure Track position.

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The duties of the Associate Professor shall be the management and supervision of research, acquisition of external funding, development and application of, in particular, the methods of genetic epidemiology, population level analyses and molecular/cell level mapping, integration of FinnGen data with local cohorts, development of the activities of the Genome Center on University of Eastern Finland, education and research, and quality work, planning and development of education, and responsibility for scientific postgraduate education.

Based on section 31 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, 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, the person shall have the prerequisites to fulfil the qualification requirements of a professor by the end of the tenure track term.

In accordance with the Dean's decision, expert statements have been requested on the qualifications and merits of the person proposed to the post from Professor Gibran Heman (University of Bristol) and Professor Päivi Pajukanta (UCLA). The favourable expert statements are enclosed with this agenda item as appendices.

The Appointments Committee established in accordance with the UEF University Regulations was chaired by the Head of School of Medicine, Ville Leinonen, with Head of the School of Medicine, Head of the Institute of Clinical Medicine, Professor Joona Sirola, Head of the A.I. Virtanen Institute



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for Molecular Sciences, Professor Minna Kaikkonen-Määttä and Professor Mikko Hiltunen as members.

In summary, the Appointments Committee states that the qualifications and merits of DSc (Tech.), Docent Taru Tukiainen meet the criteria set for the associate professor level of the Tenure Track.

Taru Tukiainen's CV and list of publications are enclosed with this agenda item as annexes.

The criteria for the progress on the tenure track will be specified in more detail in the specifying agreement to be annexed to the employment contract.

**Motion** The Faculty Council will address the proposed scope and specifications and the proposed title of the post.

**Decision** As proposed

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| 64 | List of publications Tukiainen Taru      |
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| 66 | Statement genetic epidemiology_Pajukanta |

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### **Granting the title of docent in Lung Diseases and Allergology to MD Hanna Nurmi**

MD Hanna Nurmi has proposed that she be awarded the title of docent in the field of Lung Diseases and Allergology 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 Terttu Harju (University of Oulu), and Docent Hille Suojalehto (Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare (THL)) as experts.

Docent Harju submitted her statement on 21 July 2025 and Docent Suojalehto on 13 August 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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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 Lung Diseases and Allergology to MD Hanna Nurmi.

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| 68 | Expert statement, Hanna Nurmi_Suojalehto |
| 69 | CV Nurmi Hanna                           |
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### **Closing of the meeting**

The chair closed the meeting at 15:55.

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### Translation of the agenda/minutes

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

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