

## Minutes

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**Place** ME201 + Teams

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Lahtela-Kakkonen Maija	Staff, member	1-10
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Tariq Amina	Student, member	
To be named later	Student, deputy member	
Gunnar Janina	Student, member	1-19
Ikonen Ella	Student, deputy member	
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### **1**

#### **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 13 November 2024.

According to the UEF University Regulations, multi-member administrative bodies 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 Sari Hämäläinen to the post of Associate Professor of Internal Medicine (Tenure Track): Hearing of the Faculty Council**

According to 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.

The post of Associate Professor of Internal Medicine (Tenure Track) that complies with the faculty's human resources plan is hosted by the Institute of Clinical Medicine at the School of Medicine. The post was advertised through a public notice of vacancy and one person submitted an application by the deadline: MD Sari Hämäläinen.

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

A person to be appointed as an Associate Professor (apulaisprofessori) in the Tenure Track shall hold a suitable doctoral degree and have good



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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.

The Dean of the Faculty has invited Professor Janne Hukkanen (University of Oulu) and Professor Heikki Koistinen (University of Helsinki) as experts to provide statements on the scientific qualifications of the applicants for the post of Associate Professor. The experts find the applicant to be qualified for the post in question at Associate Professor level.

Based on the application documents, interviews and expert statements, the Appointments Committee proposes that the vacant post of Professor/Associate Professor be filled at Associate Professor (apulaisprofessori) level and that MD Sari Hämäläinen be appointed to it for a fixed term of four years from 1 January 2026 onwards.

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

**Annexes**

- 1      List of publications Hämäläinen Sari
- 2      CV Hämäläinen Sari
- 3      List of applicants, internal medicine
- 4      Selection memorandum, internal medicine

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### **The Dean's proposal to the Rector of the University of Eastern Finland on the appointment of MD Timo Nykopp to the post of Associate Professor of Urology (Tenure Track): Hearing of the Faculty Council**

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The post of Associate Professor of Urology (Tenure Track) that complies with the faculty's human resources plan is hosted by the Institute of Clinical Medicine at the School of Medicine. The post was advertised through a public notice of vacancy and one person submitted an application by the deadline: MD Timo Nykopp.

According to the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, a person to be appointed to a professorship shall be scientifically or artistically qualified, have good teaching skills and, if important for attending to the duties, have practical familiarity with the field of the post. A person to be appointed as an Associate Professor (apulaisprofessori) in the Tenure Track shall hold a suitable doctoral degree and have good teaching skills. Furthermore, a person to be appointed as an Associate

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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.

The Dean of the Faculty has invited Professor Johan Stranne (University of Gothenburg) and Christian Beisland (University of Bergen) as experts to provide statements on the scientific qualifications of the applicants for the post of Associate Professor.

The experts find the applicant to be qualified for the post in question at Associate Professor level.

Based on the application documents, interviews and expert statements, the Appointments Committee proposes that the vacant post of Professor/Associate Professor be filled at Associate Professor (apulaisprofessori) level and that MD Timo Nykopp be appointed to it for a fixed term of four years from 1 January 2026 onwards.

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

**Decision**      As proposed

## Annexes

- 5      List of applicants, urology
- 6      List of publications Nykopp Timo
- 7      CV Nykopp Timo
- 8      Selection memorandum, urology

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## **5**

### **Granting the title of docent in Occupational Health to PhD Eija Haukka**

PhD Eija Haukka has proposed that she be awarded the title of docent in the field of Occupational 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 Docent Arto Reiman (VTT) and Docent Research Professor Timo Sinervo (THL) as experts.

Docent Reiman submitted his statement on 25 October 2025 and Docent Research Professor Sinervo on 13 October 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(10) 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 Occupational Health to PhD Eija Haukka.

### Decision

As proposed

### Annexes



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- 11 CV Haukka Eija
- 12 List of publications Haukka Eija
- 13 Statement of the academic subject, title of docent in  
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## **6**

### **Granting the title of docent in Exercise Physiology to DHSc Laura Joensuu**

DHSc Laura Joensuu has proposed that she be awarded the title of docent in the field of Exercise Physiology 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 Katja Pahkala (University of Turku) and Docent Pauliina Husu (UKK Institute) as experts.

Professor Pahkala submitted her statement on 9 November 2025 and Docent Husu on 9 October 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(10) 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 Exercise Physiology to DHSc Laura Joensuu.

### Decision

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| 15 | Expert statement Joensuu Laura_Husu    |



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- 16 CV Joensuu Laura
- 17 List of publications Joensuu Laura
- 18 Statement of the academic subject, title of docent in Exercise  
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## **7**

### **Granting the title of docent in Health Promotion to DHSc Niina Tamminen**

DHSc Niina Tamminen has proposed that she be awarded the title of docent in the field of Health Promotion 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 Nelli Lyyra (University of Tampere) and Professor Sami Pirkola (University of Tampere) as experts.

Docent Lyyra submitted her statement on 10 November 2025 and Professor Pirkola on 14 October 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 Health Promotion to DHSc Niina Tamminen.

### Decision

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- 21 List of publications Tamminen Nina
- 22 CV Tamminen Nina
- 23 Statement of the academic subject, title of docent in Health  
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### **Establishing an additional training programme in specialist education in outpatient pediatrics**

According to section 9(4), subsection 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. According to the national study guide on additional training programmes for specialists in medicine, the purpose of the additional training programmes is to secure expertise in specialist fields based on the needs of the health care system (the employer). In some specialist fields, the needs only apply to university hospitals, whilst in others, the specialist expertise is also needed outside university hospitals. Additional training is training provided based on the resources of the health services system (the employer).

An additional training programme for outpatient pediatrics has already been established at the universities of Oulu and Turku. A corresponding additional training programme should also be established at the University of Eastern Finland, where there are competent trainers as well as a need for and willingness to participate in the additional training programme. The learning outcomes and curriculum are uniform at

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national level. The duration of the additional training programme is two years (120 ECTS) and it is aimed at specialists in pediatrics.

The proposal to establish the additional training programme was discussed by the Professional Further Education Committee of specialist education in medicine and dentistry on 9 September, and the Committee proposes to the Faculty Council that the additional training programme be established.

## Appendices:

- Annex 1: Proposal for establishment
- Annex 2: Curriculum

## Motion

The Faculty Council approves the establishment of the additional training programme in outpatient pediatrics at the University of Eastern Finland as set out in the annexes. The Faculty Council delegates to the Head of the School of Medicine the authority to make decisions on any national amendment proposals made regarding the Annexes and authorises the presenting official to make any technical amendments to the Annexes.

## Decision

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## **9**

### **Grading MSc Pedro Andrade'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 Pedro Andrade's doctoral dissertation and study "Seizures, sleep dysregulation, and epileptogenesis – A video-electroencephalogram study in an experimental model of post-traumatic epilepsy" was examined publicly on 3 October 2025. The opponent, Professor Christine Ekdahl Clementson (University of Lund) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in philosophy 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

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comments on the statements. The opponent's statement is enclosed with the item as an annex.

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 Pedro Andrade's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

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Opponent\_Ekdahl Clementson\_statement\_Andrade

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### Grading MSc Tuuli-Maria Sonninen'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 Tuuli-Maria Sonninen's doctoral dissertation and study "[From Monolayers to Microfluidics: Uncovering How Brain Support Cells Contribute to Parkinson's Disease -Impact of LRRK2 mutation and microfluidic platform on endothelial cell and astrocyte function](#)" was examined publicly on 26 September 2025. The opponent, Professor Winfried Neuhaus (AIT Austrian Institute of Technology GmbH) 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

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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.

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 Tuuli-Maria Sonninen's doctoral dissertation as Pass with distinction.

**Decision** As proposed

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27 Opponent\_Neuhaus\_statement\_Sonninen

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## 11

### Grading MSc Jaana Laine'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 Jaana Laine's doctoral dissertation and study "[Trapping of CYP bioactivated drugs and xenobiotics](#)" was examined publicly on 17 October 2025. The opponent, Professor Miia Turpeinen (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.

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 Jaana Laine's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

**Decision** As proposed

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### Grading Lic.Med. Aleksi Vanninen'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. Aleksi Vanninen's doctoral dissertation and study "[Cerebrospinal fluid biomarkers of Alzheimer's disease in idiopathic normal pressure hydrocephalus](#)" was examined publicly on 17 October 2025. The opponent, Professor Roxana Carare (University of Southampton, UK) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in medicine 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

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comments on the statements. The opponent's statement is enclosed with the item as an annex.

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 Lic.Med. Aleksi Vanninen's doctoral dissertation as Pass with distinction.

**Decision**

As proposed

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29            Opponent\_Carare\_statement\_Vanninen



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## 13

### Grading Lic.Med. Ulla Mikkonen'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. Ulla Mikkonen's doctoral dissertation and study "[Self-care preparedness, health-related quality of life, and depressive symptoms among primary health care patients with chronic diseases](#)" was examined publicly on 24 October 2025. The opponent Associate Professor Mikael Ekblad (University of Turku) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in medicine and proposes the grade Pass.

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 opponent's statement is enclosed with the item as an annex.

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 Lic.Med. Ulla Mikkonen's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

**Decision** As proposed

**Annexes**

30 Opponent\_Ekblad\_statement\_Mikkonen

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### Grading Lic.Med. Jenni Korhonen'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. Jenni Korhonen's doctoral dissertation and study "[The Role of Atopy, Mast Cells, and Immunoglobulin E in Skin Photodamage and Cancer](#)" was examined publicly on 24 October 2025. The opponent, Docent Pilvi Riihilä (University of Turku) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in medicine and proposes the grade Pass.

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 Lic.Med. Jenni Korhonen's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

**Decision** As proposed

## Annexes

31 Opponent\_Riihilä\_statement\_Korhonen

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### Grading MHSc Julia Lindlöf'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 Julia Lindlöf's doctoral dissertation and study "[Empowering support framework for family members of individuals with traumatic brain injury – A mixed-methods study](#)" was examined publicly on 24 October 2025. The opponent, Professor Marja Kaunonen (University of Tampere) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in health sciences and proposes the grade Pass.

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 opponent's statement is enclosed with the item as an annex.

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 Julia Lindlöf's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

**Decision** As proposed

## Annexes

32 Opponent\_Kaunonen\_statement\_Lindlöf

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### Grading LicHSc Susanna Kallakorpi'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.

LicHSc Susanna Kallakorpi's doctoral dissertation and study "[Evaluation and promotion of cultural competence and culture-based care in psychiatry](#)" was examined publicly on 7 November 2025. The opponent, Professor (Tenure Track) Jari Kylmä (University of Tampere) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Health Sciences and proposes the grade Pass.

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 opponent's statement is enclosed with the item as an annex.

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 LicHSc Susanna Kallakorpi's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

**Decision** As proposed

## Annexes

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### **Faculty Council meetings in the spring semester 2026**

The meetings of the spring semester 2026 are proposed to be held as follows:

Thu 22 January at 14:00

Thu 26 February at 14:00

Thu 26 March at 14:00

Thu 23 April at 14:00

Wed 27 May at 14:00

Wed 17 June at 14:00

### **Motion**

The Faculty Council approves the proposed meeting schedule for the autumn semester 2026.

### **Decision**

As proposed



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### **Closing of the meeting**

The chair closed the meeting at 15:45



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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.