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1**Opening of the meeting**

The chair opened the meeting at 14:00.

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Legitimacy and presence of a quorum

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

The meeting notice was sent on 20 August 2026.

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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The Dean's proposal to the Rector of the University of Eastern Finland on the appointment of PhD Marco Tomietto to the post of Professor, Nursing Science, Health Pedagogy, 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 Nursing Science, Health Pedagogy.

A total of 15 persons applied for the post of Professor/Associate Professor by the deadline.

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 to a professorship shall be scientifically

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or artistically qualified, have good teaching skills and, if important for attending to the duties, have practical familiarity with the field of the post.

By decision of the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, the person to be appointed to the post is not required to have practical familiarity with the field of the post.

The Appointments Committee selected the following top candidates for expert evaluation: Jaana-Maija Koivisto, Krista Jokiniemi, Marco Tomietto, Kaisa Mishina and Ari Voutilainen. Based on the Dean's decision, expert statements on the eligibility and merits of the person applying for the post were requested from the following persons: Professor Mariann Fossum (University of Agder), Professor Tiny Jaarsma (Linköping University) and Professor Joakim Öhlen (University of Gothenburg).

Based on the application documents and expert statements, the Appointments Committee proposes that the vacancy be filled at Professor level and that PhD Marco Tomietto be appointed to it as from 1 January 2027 (or as agreed) until further notice. The proposal of the Appointments Committee and the application documents are enclosed with this agenda item as annexes.

According to 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.

Marco Tomietto is not required to give a trial lecture.

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Motion The Faculty Council will discuss the proposed appointment.

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4

A proposal on the person to be appointed as University Lecturer, Health Promotion: Hearing of the Faculty Council

According to 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 (Health Promotion) 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.

Eighteen applications were received by the deadline, of which five did not meet the qualification requirements of the post.

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 proposes (Annex) that DHSc, PhD docent Ari Voutilainen be appointed to the post of University Lecturer (Health Promotion) from 1 September 2026 onwards until further notice.

DHSc, PhD, Docent Ari Voutilainen meets the qualification requirements of a university lecturer, as referred to in the University Regulations, and the prerequisites laid down in the specifications of the post. CV and list of publications are enclosed with the agenda item as Annexes.

No trial lecture will be required.

Motion The Faculty Council will address the proposal on the person to be appointed to the post.

Decision As proposed.

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5

A proposal on the person to be appointed as University Teacher, Oral Health Care: Hearing of the Faculty Council

According to 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 Teacher (Dental Health Care) that will be effective until further notice by the Institute of Dentistry of the University of Eastern Finland's School of Medicine.

One applicant, Lic.Dent., MSc (Econ. & Bus.Adm.), Specialist Dentist Rosa Korhonen, applied for the position by the deadline. A summary of the applicants is enclosed with this agenda item as an Appendix.

A person to be appointed as a university teacher shall hold a suitable higher university degree and have good practical familiarity with the domain and good teaching skills (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).

The School of Medicine, the Institute of Dentistry, proposes that Lic.Dent., MSc (Econ. & Bus.Adm.), Specialist Dentist Rosa Korhonen be appointed to the post of University Teacher (Dental Health Care) as from 1 September 2026 until further notice.

Lic.Dent., MSc (Econ. & Bus.Adm.), Specialist Dentist Rosa Korhonen meets the qualification requirements of a university teacher referred to in the UEF University Regulations and the prerequisites laid down in the specifications of the post. CV and list of publications are enclosed with the agenda item as Annexes.

No trial lecture will be required.

Motion The Faculty Council will address the proposal on the person to be appointed to the post.

Decision As proposed.

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6

Granting the title of docent in the field of Clinical Artificial Intelligence and Digital Health to PhD Hamid Behravan

PhD Hamid Behravan has proposed that he be awarded the title of docent in the field of Clinical Artificial Intelligence and Digital 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 Associate Professor, Docent Sami Äyrämö (University of Jyväskylä) and Assistant Professor Kimmo Kartasalo (Karolinska Institutet) as experts.

Associate Professor submitted his statement on 18 August 2026 and Assistant Professor Kartasalo on 11 August 2026. 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.

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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.

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 the UEF University Regulations, 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 University of Eastern Finland for the title of docent.

Motion The Faculty Council states that the applicant meets the criteria set for the title of docent in the Universities Act and decides to grant PhD Hamid Behravan the title of docent in Clinical Artificial Intelligence and Digital Health.

Decision As proposed.

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7

Granting the title of docent in the field of Public Health to DHSc Tiina Latvala

DHSc Tiina Latvala has proposed that she be awarded the title of docent in the field of Public 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 Katja Joronen (University of Tampere) and Professor Atte Oksanen (University of Tampere) as experts.

Professor Joronen submitted his statement on 15 June 2026 and Professor Oksanen 18 June 2026. 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 the UEF University Regulations, 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 University of Eastern Finland for the title of docent.

Motion The Faculty Council states that the applicant meets the criteria set for the title of docent in the Universities Act and decides to grant DHSc Tiina Latvala the title of docent in Public Health.

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8

Granting the title of docent in the field of Nursing Science, especially Patient Safety, to DHSc Tarja Tervo-Heikkinen

DHSc Tarja Tervo-Heikkinen has proposed that she be awarded the title of docent in the field of Nursing Science, especially Patient Safety, 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 Minna Stolt (University of Turku) and Docent Jaana-Maija Koivisto (University of Helsinki) as experts.

Professor Stolt submitted her statement on 16 June 2026 and Docent Koivisto on 26 June 2026. 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.

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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.

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 the UEF University Regulations, 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 University of Eastern Finland for the title of docent.

Motion

The Faculty Council states that the applicant meets the criteria set for the title of docent in the Universities Act and decides to grant DHSc Tarja Tervo-Heikkinen the title of docent in Nursing Science, especially Patient Safety.

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As proposed.

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Granting the title of docent in the field of Clinical and Translational Multi-omics to PhD Markku Varjosalo

PhD Markku Varjosalo has proposed that he be awarded the title of docent in the field of Clinical and Translational Multi-omics 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 Noora Kotaja (University of Turku) and Professor Riitta Lahesmaa (University of Turku, Turku Bioscience Centre) as experts.

Professor Kotaja submitted her statement on 14 May 2026 and Professor Lahesmaa on 15 May 2026. 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.

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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.

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 the UEF University Regulations, 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 University of Eastern Finland for the title of docent.

Motion The Faculty Council states that the applicant meets the criteria set for the title of docent in the Universities Act and decides to grant PhD Markku Varjosalo the title of docent in Clinical and Translational Multi-omics.

Decision As proposed.

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Prepared by Hanna Ollikainen-Richards

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Granting the title of docent in the field of Physical Activity Epidemiology to DHSc Katja Waller

DHSc Katja Waller has proposed that she be awarded the title of docent in the field of Physical Activity Epidemiology 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 DHSc, docent (Physical Activity Epidemiology) Mari Leppänen (UKK Institute) and docent Ilkka Heinonen (University of Turku) as experts.

Docent Leppänen submitted her statement on 9 June 2026 and Docent Heinonen on 20 August 2026. 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.

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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.

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 the UEF University Regulations, 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 University of Eastern Finland for the title of docent.

Motion The Faculty Council states that the applicant meets the criteria set for the title of docent in the Universities Act and decides to grant DHSc Katja Waller the title of docent in Physical Activity Epidemiology.

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Record entry 1004/03.01.00/2026

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11

Approval of the student admission criteria for the Bachelor's Degree Programme in Health Sciences for 2027

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 Bachelor's Degree Programme in Health Sciences, taught in English, for 2027. Compared with the admission criteria for 2026, only technical changes have been made to the admission criteria. The admission criteria proposal is enclosed with the agenda item as an appendix.

Motion

The Faculty Council approves the student admission criteria for the Bachelor's Degree Programme in Health Sciences for 2027 as proposed and authorises the Vice Dean (Education) to make technical changes to the admission criteria.

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As proposed.

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12

Approval of the student admission criteria for the Master's Degree Programme (MDP) in Toxicology for 2027

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 student admission criteria for the Master's degree programme in Toxicology (TOX), taught in English, for 2027. Compared with the admission criteria for 2026, only technical changes have been made to the admission criteria. The admission criteria proposal is enclosed with the agenda item as an appendix.

Motion The Faculty Council approves the student admission criteria for the MDP in Toxicology for 2027 as proposed and authorises the Vice Dean (Education) to make technical changes to the admission criteria.

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13

Approval of the student admission criteria for the Master's Degree Programme (MDP) in Biomedicine for 2027

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 student admission criteria for the Master's degree programme in Biomedicine (BIOMED), taught in English, for 2027. Compared with the admission criteria for 2026, the most significant change in the admission criteria for 2027 is that the application video is now mandatory for all applicants. The admission criteria proposal is enclosed with the agenda item as an appendix.

Motion

The Faculty Council approves the student admission criteria for the MDP in Biomedicine for 2027 as proposed and authorises the Vice Dean (Education) to make technical changes to the admission criteria.

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14

Approval of the student admission criteria for the Master's Degree Programme (MDP) in Public Health for 2027

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 the student admission criteria for the Master's degree programme in Public Health (MPH), taught in English, for 2027. Compared with the admission criteria for 2026, the most significant change in the admission criteria for 2027 is that the application video is now mandatory for all applicants. The admission criteria proposal is enclosed with the agenda item as an appendix.

Motion The Faculty Council approves the student admission criteria for the MDP in Public Health for 2027 as proposed and authorises the Vice Dean (Education) to make technical changes to the admission criteria.

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Prepared by

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Amendment to the Annex of the curriculum for the degree programme in medicine

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 degree programme in medicine with related annexes for the academic years 2025–2028 at its meeting on 20 February 2025 (Dnro 6411/03.00.01/2024) and approved the amendments made to the curriculum and its annexes at its meeting on 26 February 2026 (Dnro 98/03.00.01/2026).

It is proposed that the Faculty Council approve changes to the regulations for internship that are enclosed with the curriculum for the degree programme in medicine as an annex.

The updated versions of the regulations for internship of the curriculum for the degree programme in medicine as regards the one-tier and two-tier degree structure are enclosed with the agenda item.

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The changes will enter into force on 1 August 2026.

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The Faculty Council will confirm the change to the curriculum for the degree programme in medicine for the academic years 2026–2028 as proposed.

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For information

After the previous Faculty Council meeting (17 June 2026), the Dean has graded the following doctoral dissertations (statements of the opponents are enclosed with this agenda item as annexes):

Ville Myllymäki, Dentistry, Pass, 23 June 2026

Elisa Koljonen, Pharmacy, Pass, 23 June 2026

Iida-Mari Kotanen, Clinical Medicine, Pass, 23 June 2026

Lenka Dvořáková, Molecular Medicine, Pass, 23 June 2026

Heli Jeskanen, Biomedicine, Pass with distinction, 26 June 2026

Raimo Goyarrola, Clinical Medicine, Pass, 3 July 2026

Kaustubh Jadhav, Molecular Medicine, Pass, 16 July 2026

Aija- Leena Vanhanen, Clinical Medicine, Pass, 30 July 2026

Rahul Mallick, Molecular Medicine, Pass with distinction, 14 August 2026

Katrimaija Luurila, Nursing Science, Pass, 14 August 2026

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Marked for information.

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The chair closed the meeting at 15:36.

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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.