



RECTOR'S DECISION

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Amendment to a decision on the preliminary examination and approval of doctoral theses

A decision on the preliminary examination and approval of doctoral theses at the University of Helsinki was made on 20 June 2017 (HY/498/00.00.06.00/2017, amendment HY134/00.00.06.00/2019). Under item 13 of this decision, the custos must be a faculty professor or associate professor. Faculties have since proposed that the primary thesis supervisor who holds the title of docent and is employed by the faculty could also be appointed as the custos.

Accordingly, an amendment proposal has been prepared cooperatively by the following University Services sectors: Teaching and Learning Services, Research Services and HR Services. The proposal has been discussed by the Academic Affairs Council, the Research Council, the doctoral school steering group and the University's management group, and it has been positively received by all of these bodies.

Section 3, item 13 of the decision on the preliminary examination and approval of doctoral theses at the University of Helsinki is hereby amended as follows:

13. As a rule, the faculty council appoints the primary supervisor of the doctoral thesis to act as the custos in the public examination. The custos must be a faculty professor or associate professor, or a docent employed by the faculty that awards the degree.

The custos serves as the supervisor of the public examination.

This decision will take effect on 1 August 2021.

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