

Board meeting

Tuesday, May 30th, at 10.00
DataCity, 2nd floor, TY Neuvotteluhuone 3

Minutes

Present:

Barbro Back, Prof.
Jouni Isoaho, Prof.
Timo Järvi, Prof., Chairman (Not present from 10.50-10.55, during item 3)
Juhani Karhumäki, Prof.
Kaisa Sere, Prof.
Reima Suomi, Prof., Vice-Chairman (Chairman from 10.50-10.55, during item 3. Left the meeting at 11.40, during item 7)
Joakim von Wright, Prof.
Jeanette Heidenberg, Ph.D. Student

Tarmo Hahto, Outside Representative (Left the meeting at 11.40, during item 7)

Ralph-Johan Back, Prof., Director, Presenting Officer

Christel Donner, Presenting Officer (personnel, financial affairs)
Thomas Sund, Secretary, Presenting Officer (personnel, educational affairs)

1. Validity of the meeting and presence of a quorum

The notice of a board meeting has to be sent three weekdays before the meeting takes place. The meeting must be valid and the members present have to constitute a quorum. The meeting constitutes a quorum when the chairman and at least five members of the board are present.

The notice of this board meeting was sent on Friday, May 26th, 2000

Proposal: The validity of the meeting and presence of a quorum will be recorded.

Decision: According to proposal.

2. Additional items

The agenda of possible additional items will be handed out in the beginning of the meeting.

Proposal: Possible additional items will be presented.

Decision: No additional items were presented for the Board.

3. Appointment of a TUCS vice-director

The Board needs to appoint a vice-director for TUCS. The responsibilities of the vice-director are stated in the TUCS statutes.

Appendix 1/5/00

Proposal: Professor Timo Järvi is appointed vice-director of TUCS.

Decision: Ph.D. Tapio Salakoski is appointed new vice-director for TUCS. TUCS pays 50% of the A28 salary to the University of Turku/Computer Science, as compensation

for the workload imposed by being vice-director. It is also noted that the salary includes the possibility to length of service increments. Ph.D. Salakoski is appointed starting 1.6.2000 for the remaining time of the vice-directorship period. More detailed information about the responsibilities of the vice-director can be found in appendix 1b/5/00, that was handed out in the meeting.

4. The study reports

The TUCS Graduate School committee (members: Barbro Back, Jouni Isoaho, Chairman Juhani Karhumäki, Olli Nevalainen, Hannu Salmela and Joakim von Wright) proposes continuation of TUCS status and financing for the TUCS Ph.D. students according to the appendix 2/5/00.

The students will be informed about the continuation or termination of their financing/student status by a letter. These decisions will take effect in the beginning of the next academic year, September 1st, 2000.

Appendix 2/5/00

Proposal: The TUCS board will approve the proposal of the TUCS Graduate School committee for continuation of TUCS status and financing for the TUCS Ph.D. students according to the appendix 2/5/00.

Decision: The TUCS Board approves the proposal of the TUCS Graduate School committee for continuation of TUCS status and financing for the TUCS Ph.D. students according to the appendix 2b/5/00. It was also decided that the Graduate School committee would produce clear rules concerning the principles of the funding of the studies. Also, the Graduate School committee will further develop the electronic Study Report form.

5. Professorships at TUCS

The current situation regarding the planned Professorships within TUCS can be seen in appendix 3/5/00.

Appendix 3/5/00 (handed out in the meeting)

Proposal: The Board discusses and approves the plans presented in appendix 3/5/00.

Decision: According to proposal.

6. Status report concerning the TUCS workgroups

The Chairmen of the newly founded TUCS workgroups will give a short presentation about the work that has been done in each group.

Proposal:

Decision: The Chairmen (Professor Reima Suomi - IS workgroup, Professor Kaisa Sere - CE workgroup, Professor Timo Järvi - CS workgroup, Professor Juhani Karhumäki - GS committee and Professor Joakim von Wright - Professional upgrading workgroup,) of the TUCS workgroups gave short presentations of the current situations in each group.

7. Application for a leave of absence

TUCS student Samuel Holmström is applying for a leave of absence from his position during the time period of August 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000. During this time period Mr. Holmström will work on a project at ABB Corporate Research (Västerås, Sweden).

Appendix 4/5/00

Proposal: TUCS Ph.D. student Samuel Holmström will be given permission to work at ABB Corporate Research during the time period of August 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000. It is also proposed that the director of TUCS can in the future grant normal leaves of absences directly without a separate Board decision.

Decision: According to proposal. When a leave of absence is granted by the director of TUCS it must be announced for the Board in the following Board meeting together with the more important decisions the director has made during the timeperiod between Board meetings.

8. TUCS student proposals

8.1 Consistent web pages for research groups

To make the information about the research groups in TUCS more easily accessible, the web pages would benefit from conforming to a consistent format.

Appendix 5/5/00

Proposal: The web pages of the research groups will be modified according to the proposal presented in appendix 5/5/00.

Decision: The item is moved to be handled by the Graduate School committee.

8.2 TUCS informal gathering

Informal gatherings held twice a year would help introduce the new TUCS students and the TUCS staff to each other. Tea, coffee and light refreshments would be served. The new students would introduce themselves. The research groups would give brief (1-2 min) introductions of their research areas, during which all the members of the group would be present. After the introductions, there would be informal mingling.

Proposal: TUCS has informal gatherings twice a year starting this fall.

Decision: The item was moved to be handled by the Graduate School committee.

9. Items for discussion

9.1 TUCS laboratory engineer

The Board decided to handle item 9.1 in the next Board meeting.

9.2 New facilities for TUCS

Professor Jouni Isoaho gave a brief presentation for the Board about the current situation concerning the new facilities for TUCS in DataCity, which will be located on the fifth floor.

9.3 The post doctoral situation

Professor Ralph-Johan Back gave a presentation on how to develop the career opportunities for researchers in TUCS. There would be two main options; one career that would involve more teaching responsibilities and the other career would on the other hand concentrate more clearly on research. Besides being a Graduate School, this model would more clearly give TUCS a profile of a research centre.

The Board responded positively to the presentation given by Professor Back.

9.4 TUCS libraries

The Board decided to handle item 9.4 in the next Board meeting.

9.5 How to encourage TUCS students to learn languages?

The Board decided that item 9.5 will be handled by the Graduate School committee.

9.6 Student teaching

The Board decided to handle item 9.6 in the next Board meeting.

10. Announcements

10.1 Minutes of the TUCS board meeting of April 17th, 2000

Appendix: 7/5/00

10.2 The next meeting

The next TUCS Board meeting will be held on Monday, June 19th 2000, starting at 9.00.

Turku, May 30th, 2000

Timo Järvi
Chairman of the board

Ralph-Johan Back
Director