

Board meeting

Monday, June 19th, at 9.15
DataCity, 2nd floor, TY Neuvotteluhuone 3

Minutes

Present:

Barbro Back, Prof.
Tarmo Hahto, Managing Director
Jeanette Heidenberg, Ph.D. Student
Jouni Isoaho, Prof.
Timo Järvi, Prof., Chairman
Kaisa Sere, Prof.
Reima Suomi, Prof., Vice-Chairman

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 Wednesday, June 14th, 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: Item six was added to the agenda. Also, the postdoctoral application of Dr. Zhang Haiyi was handed out in the meeting (addition to appendix 4/6/00).

3. The Ph.D. applications

The closing date for postgraduate applications was May 15th, 2000. TUCS received 34 applications, 8 of which were rejected. The following members of the Graduate School committee handled the applications: Barbro Back, Jouni Isoaho, Juhani Karhumäki (Chairman), Olli Nevalainen, Hannu Salmela and Joakim von Wright. Kaisa Sere and Jukka Teuhola assisted in the evaluation process. A listing of the applicants as well as the GS evaluation of the applicants can be seen in the appendices 1/6/00 and 2/6/00. The proposal of the GS committee can be viewed in appendix 3/6/00, that will be sent separately. Administrative Officer Christel Donner presents the current financial situation concerning the acceptance of new Ph.D. students for the Board.

Appendices: 1/6/00, 2/6/00. Appendix 3/6/00 will be sent separately

Proposal: The new Ph.D. students are accepted according to the proposal that was handed out in the meeting (appendix 3b/6/00). Applicant Sebastian Lafond is accepted without funding but with TUCS guarantee. Applicant Urpo Kaila is accepted without TUCS guarantee and funding. The supervisor and research group of applicant Adrian Costea will be finally decided at a later time.

Decision: According to proposal.

4. Post doctoral applications

TUCS has received four postdoctoral applications. Administrative Officer Christel Donner presents the current financial situation concerning the acceptance of new postdoctoral researchers for the Board.

- Qiong, Chen (born February 14th 1963, nationality Chinese)
- Rodriguez-Paton, Alfonso (November 16th 1969, Spanish)
- Wang Yun, Feng (Chinese)
- Xun, Yang (1973, Chinese)

The applications can be found in appendix 4/6/00.

Appendix: 4/6/00

Proposal: Professor Ralph-Johan Back recommends that Dr. Feng Wang Yun be accepted as a postdoctoral researcher to his research group in TUCS for one year, starting October 1st 2000. The possible acceptance and placement in TUCS research groups concerning the other applicants will be discussed and decided in the meeting.

Decision: According to proposal. Also, Dr. Qiong Chen is accepted to TUCS, her contact person will be Mats Aspnäs. Dr. Xun Yang is accepted to TUCS, his contact person will be Kaisa Sere. Dr. Zhang Haiyi (application handed out in the meeting as an addition to appendix 4/6/00) is accepted to TUCS, his contact person will be Barbro Back. The application of Dr. Alfonso Rodriguez-Paton will be handled in the next Board meeting. The postdoctoral students are accepted to TUCS for a period of one year, provided that they have completed their Ph.D. studies.

5. TUCS laboratories

TUCS is planning to establish various laboratories in different areas that TUCS is involved in.

5.1 Bioinformatics laboratory - Salakoski (Appendix 5/6/00)

5.2 ETT - Isoaho (Appendix 6/6/00)

5.3 Embedded Systems laboratory - Lilius (Appendix 7/6/00)

5.4 Software engineering teaching laboratory - Järvi (Appendix 8/6/00)

5.5 Tietoteknisen matematiikan laboratorio - Karhumäki (Appendix 9/6/00)

5.6 TUCS Health institute - Suomi (Appendix 10/6/00)

Detailed information of the laboratories that are proposed at this time can be found in appendices 5/6/00 - 10/6/00, that will be sent later.

Appendices: 5/6/00 - 10/6/00 (will be sent later)

Proposal: The laboratories are started and financed according to the proposal that was handed out in the meeting (appendix 14/6/00).

Decision: According to proposal. It is noted that the TUCS Health Institute is seen in a positive way, although more information is needed before the Board can make final decisions about it.

6. Ph.D. student representative in the Graduate School committee (additional item)

Since the Graduate School committee handles matters that concern the Ph.D. students, it is important that the students have their own representative in this group. Therefore, the Ph.D. students propose Mr. Gordon Alford to be the student representative in the Graduate School committee.

Proposal: Ph.D. student Gordon Alford is appointed student representative to the Graduate School committee.

Decision: According to proposal.

7. Items for discussion

7.1 Ph.D. student teaching

Most TUCS students are positive to the idea of participating in teaching. Administrative Officer Christel Donner gave a general presentation on how this matter has been organised financially in other universities in Finland.

8. Announcements

8.1 Minutes of the TUCS board meeting of May 30th, 2000

Appendix: 11/6/00

8.2 Announcements by the Director concerning the time period May 30th - June 19th, 2000.

Appendix: 12/6/00

8.3 TUCS and Turku Polytechnic joint laboratory

Appendix: 13/6/00 (handed out in the meeting)

8.4 The next meeting

The next TUCS Board meeting will be held on Thursday, August 24th 2000, starting at 15.00.

Turku, June 19th, 2000

Timo Järvi
Chairman of the board

Ralph-Johan Back
Director