

Board meeting

Monday, September 25th, at 14.05
DataCity, 2nd floor, TY Neuvotteluhuone 3

Minutes

Present:

Christer Carlsson, Prof. (arrived 14.16, left the meeting at 16.03)
Tarmo Hahto, Managing Director
Jouni Isoaho, Prof.
Timo Järvi, Prof., Chairman
Juhani Karhumäki, Prof.
Jani Kupila, M.Sc. Student
Jenni Vuorio, M.Sc. Student
Kaisa Sere, Prof.
Hannu Salmela, Prof.
Joakim von Wright, Prof.

Ralph-Johan Back, Prof., Director, Presenting Officer
Tapio Salakoski, Prof., Vice-Director

Christel Donner, Presenting Officer (left the meeting at 16.41)
Thomas Sund, Secretary, Presenting Officer

Gordon Alford, Ph.D. Student, temporary consultant in student 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, September 20th, 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 9.3 was added to the agenda.

3. TUCS situation report (R-J Back)

The TUCS situation report can be found in the appendix 1/9/00. The Board discusses and comments the situation report.

Appendix: 1/9/00

Proposal: The board accepts the TUCS situation report.

Decision: The situation report is accepted with some minor changes. The final version of the report can be found in appendix 1b/9/00

4. TUCS advisory committee (R-J Back)

Managing Director Tarmo Hahto has together with Timo Järvi and Ralph-Johan Back contacted the persons shown in appendix 2b/9/00. These persons are suggested to form the TUCS advisory committee, which will be headed by Tarmo Hahto.

Appendix: 2b/9/00

Proposal: The suggestion of members to the advisory committee presented in appendix 2b/9/00 is accepted by the Board.

Decision: The suggestion of members is accepted with the following additions: Osmo Eerola (Telelogic), Reino Kurki-Suonio (TTKK), Riitta Lahesmaa (Centre of Biotechnology), Harri Lönnberg (TY), Martti Mäntylä (TKK), Kajsa Nyberg (NRC), Bengt Stenlund (ÅA) and Tytti Varmavuo (Nokia).

5. Post doctoral applications (Salakoski)

TUCS has received six postdoctoral applications. It is proposed that three of these applications be granted. Administrative Officer Christel Donner presents the current financial situation concerning the acceptance of new postdoctoral researchers for the Board.

- Dr. Li Bixin, China
- Dr. Simion Emil, Romania
- Dr. James Daniel Paul, India
- Dr. Tatjana Petkovic, Yugoslavia
- Dr. Slavcho Shtrakov, Bulgaria
- Dr. Hasi Wulan, China

The applications of the three proposed postdocs can be found in appendix 3/9/00.

Appendix: 3/9/00

Proposal: Professor Ralph-Johan Back recommends that Dr. Li Bixin be accepted as a postdoctoral researcher to his research group in TUCS. Professor Reima Suomi recommends that Dr. James Daniel Paul be accepted and Professor Juhani Karhumäki recommends that Dr. Tatjana Petkovic be accepted. The research groups for Dr. Paul and Dr. Petkovic will be discussed and decided in the meeting. The postdocs are accepted for a period of one year, the starting date will be decided later.

Decision: Dr. Li Bixin is accepted to TUCS for a period of one year. Dr. Tatjana Petkovic is also accepted to TUCS for a period of one year. By request of Chairman Timo Järvi the application of Dr. James Daniel Paul is postponed to the next meeting due to lack of information.

6. TUCS workgroup leaders - plans for autumn 2000

6.1 Computer science workgroup (Järvi)

- A serious problem now and in the future is the fact that there are too few courses to offer the students, both on the M.Sc. and the Ph.D. level.
- There are too little qualified personnel.
- The teaching personnel have too much work.

6.2 Computer engineering workgroup (Sere)

- The workgroup has had problems spreading the available courses evenly on the study terms.
- The group should provide better information to the students on how to co-ordinate the studies and on how to steer the students to the right direction with the studies.
- The production of a students handbook (probably in the www).

6.3 Information systems workgroup (Suomi)

Reima Suomi was not present at the meeting and therefore Hannu Salmela gave the presentation.

- The workgroup will organise a student meeting in November. This meeting is directed to all IS students in all three universities.
- The group will produce a profile for the Information Systems area in Turku.
- There will not be any major changes to the current study structure.

6.4 Graduate school committee (Karhumäki)

- The committee will update the research groups in TUCS.
- The committee will produce a new study report form.
- The committee will try to arrange more postgraduate courses.

6.5 Professional upgrading workgroup (von Wright)

- A joint marketing and information channel is needed. Through this, a joint profile is developed.
- The workgroup has to make sure that the upgrading programme works according to plan.
- The biggest problem is that the intakes to the programme are too big and that the staff is too small.
- The group should develop a standard on how to replace the applicants previous studies.

7. Information Technology and Media study line in Kupittaa High School (Salakoski)

A new study line was started this fall in Kupittaa High, offering an extended selection of courses in IT, mathematics, and media. In addition, students of Kupittaa High can participate in computer science courses at University of Turku. The courses will be accepted both in high school and at the university. The arrangement can be compared to open university, so the students can enrol as computer science students at University of Turku if they have done at least 15 cu with good marks. The intake of the new line was 25 this year, and will increase in the sequel. Hence, the new line offers an excellent student recruitment source. The IT&M line has a board, which consists of representatives of the interested parties. Besides University of Turku and the City of Turku, several companies are represented. Currently, these include Turun Puhelin, Teleste, Turun Sanomat, Ericsson, and Siemens. The companies provide equipment and offer possibilities for work practise. Negotiations of Turku Polytechnic joining the co-operation are under way. Now, the co-operation seems to be extending. More companies are coming in, and the board has become an informal forum for discussion and exchange of educational ideas not only with Kupittaa high school, but also between the represented parties. The City of Turku considers the co-operation as a novel educational concept, which is likely to gain also greater interest, and will be important when e.g. attracting new companies into the area.

Proposal: From now on, TUCS will participate in this co-operation, replacing University of Turku/Computer Science.

Decision: According to proposal.

8. Items for discussion

8.1 TUCS infrastructure (Salakoski)

A suggestion on how to develop the TUCS infrastructure can be found in appendix 4/9/00.

Appendix: 4/9/00

8.2 Proposal for recommendation of salaries (Donner)

TUCS tries to build up a system to raise salaries and grants and at the same time increase the motivation for the research. The idea is to have a similar structure for all students.

Appendix: 5/9/00

The item was postponed to the next meeting due to lack of time.

9. Announcements

9.1 Minutes of the TUCS board meeting of June 19th, 2000

Appendix: 6/9/00

9.2 Announcements by the Director concerning the time period June 20th - September 25th, 2000.

Appendix: 7/9/00

9.3 The report to the ministry of education

The ministry of education has requested a report from Turun yliopisto, Åbo Akademi and Turku School of Business and Administration on how the extension programme in Turku has proceeded. This report should be at the ministry of education by October 6th 2000. TUCS will co-ordinate the work with the report.

Turku, September 25th, 2000

Timo Järvi
Chairman of the board

Ralph-Johan Back
Director