

## Board meeting

Tuesday, November 28th, at 10.00  
DataCity, 2nd floor, TY Neuvotteluhuone 3

## Minutes

### Present:

Christer Carlsson, Prof. (arrived at 10.05 during item three)  
Tarmo Hahto, Managing Director (left the meeting at 11.55 during item six)  
Jouni Isoaho, Prof. (arrived at 10.20 during item four)  
Timo Järvi, Prof., Chairman  
Juhani Karhumäki, Prof. (left the meeting at 12.05 during item six)  
Ivan Porres Paltor, Ph.D. Student  
Kaisa Sere, Prof.  
Reima Suomi, Prof., Vice-Chairman  
Joakim von Wright, Prof.

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

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

### 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 Thursday, November 23rd, 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 6.2 was added to the agenda by request of Reima Suomi. Chairman Timo Järvi removed item five from the agenda.

### 3. The Ph.D. applications (Back)

The closing date for postgraduate applications was October 30th, 2000. TUCS received 23 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. Johan Lilius and Hannu Tenhunen assisted in the evaluation process. A listing of the applicants as well as the GS evaluation of the applicants can be seen in the appendix 1/11/00. The proposal of the GS committee can also be found in the appendix. Administrative Officer Christel Donner presents the current financial situation concerning the acceptance of new Ph.D. students for the Board.

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**Proposal:** The new Ph.D. students are accepted according to the proposal that can be seen in appendix 1/11/00. In addition to this, applicant Henrik Enqvist is accepted as a new student to TUCS.

**Decision:** Irina Georgescu is accepted to the TUCS graduate school, her supervisor being Christer Carlsson or Barbro Back. Tuomas Valtonen is also accepted, his supervisor will be Jouni Isoaho. Engineering students Dag Björklund, Henrik Enqvist and Jonas Munsin are accepted, but they can start their studies at TUCS only after the completion of their diploma work. Björklund, Enqvist and Munsin must complete their diploma work by August 31st 2001. Johan Lilius will be the supervisor for Björklund, Enqvist and Munsin.

#### **4. Post doctoral applications (Back)**

TUCS has received seven postdoctoral applications.

- Dr. Ajin Jirachiefpattana, Thailand
- Dr. Timo Kaukoranta, Finland
- Dr. Irina A. Lomazova, Russia
- Dr. Zhan Naijun, China
- Dr. James Daniel Paul, India
- Dr. Gheorghe Stefanescu, Romania
- Dr. Mingsheng Ying, China

It is proposed that four of these applications be granted. Administrative Officer Christel Donner presents the current financial situation concerning the acceptance of new postdoctoral researchers for the Board. The applications of the applicants can be found in appendix 2/11/00.

*Appendix: 2/11/00*

**Proposal:** Dr. Ajin Jirachiefpattana and Dr. Zhan Naijun are accepted as postdoctoral researchers (grant) to the Programming methods research group in TUCS. Professor Mingsheng Ying is accepted as a research fellow in the same group. Dr. Timo Kaukoranta is accepted as postdoctoral researcher (salary) to the Algorithmics group. These positions are all for a period of one year, with the starting dates being decided later. At the same time, TUCS will introduce a new category, research fellow, that is used to fund senior researchers who have a full professor position in another university, or who can be considered to be very merited in their research. This position comes with a higher grant or salary than the ordinary postdoctoral position.

**Decision:** Dr. Ajin Jirachiefpattana, Dr. Mingsheng Ying and Dr. Zhan Naijun are accepted as postdoctoral researchers (grant) to the Programming methods research group in TUCS. The contact person for Dr. Ajin Jirachiefpattana and Dr. Mingsheng Ying is Ralph-Johan Back. Dr. Zhan Naijun's contact persons are Ralph-Johan Back, Christer Carlsson and Juhani Karhumäki. Dr. Naijun can besides the programming methods research group also work in the research groups of Christer Carlsson and Juhani Karhumäki. Dr. Timo Kaukoranta is accepted as a postdoctoral researcher (salary) to the Algorithmics group, his contact person being Olli Nevalainen. These positions are all for a period of one year, with the starting dates being decided later.

#### **5. Appointment of a deputy member for the external member of the Board (Back)**

The external member in the TUCS Board, Managing Director Tarmo Hahto, has at the moment no deputy member. The Board should therefore appoint a deputy member for the external member.

**Proposal:** The vice-chairman of the TUCS advisory committee, Mr. Marcus Karsten (Siemens Osakeyhtiö) is appointed deputy-member to the TUCS board. The term of Mr. Karsten is the same as the term of Mr. Hahto.

**Decision:** The item was removed from the agenda.

## **6. Items for discussion (Back)**

### **6.1 Teacher and researcher careers in TUCS**

We need to define a comprehensive and attractive career system in TUCS, which makes it possible to recruit good people to the new positions that are being created by the expansion. This means defining a number of new positions (with associated salaries and responsibilities). The career should cover the following phases:

- Graduate studies (B.Sc. – M.Sc.)
- Researcher studies (M.Sc. - Ph.D.)
- Postdoctoral work (Ph.D. - Professor)
- University teacher and researcher work (Ph.D. - )
- Professorships

Ralph-Johan Back held a presentation concerning the need for a better-planned career path for the teachers and researchers of TUCS. It was suggested in the discussion that followed that the industry should be tied to this project. The board seemed unanimous concerning the question of a need for a change and the board will handle this item at a later time.

### **6.2 Publishing in Finnish and Swedish in a TUCS series**

There is a need within TUCS to publish some of the reports in Finnish or Swedish instead of English, which is the main publication language. For example can industrial co-operation lead to the need of Finnish publications. As a result of this the director of TUCS is planning to establish a "National Publication Series". In this series, the publication language will be either Finnish or Swedish.

There will be no formal review process for these publications. However, each publication has to be approved by the leader of the research group in which the work has been done, or by a professor of a department belonging to TUCS.

## **7. Announcements**

### **7.1 Minutes of the TUCS board meeting of June 19th, 2000**

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### **7.2 Announcements by the Director concerning the time period September 25th - November 28th, 2000.**

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### **7.3 Result of TUCS negotiations with the universities**

The following items were discussed in the result negotiations on November 15th 2000 between TUCS and Turku University, Åbo Akademi University and Turku School of Economics and Business Administration:

- The TUCS budget for the year 2001
- The knowledge strategy funds (Tietostrategia)
- Responsibility for the co-ordination of the total funding
- TUCS premises
- The TUCS administration
- The TUCS technical infrastructure

## **8. The next meeting**

The next Board meeting will be held on Monday, January 29th 2001. The meeting will start at 10.00 and it will be held in Neuvotteluhuone 3 in the premises of University of Turku, DataCity.

Turku, November 28th, 2000

Timo Järvi  
Chairman of the board

Ralph-Johan Back  
Director