

Board meeting

Monday, February 26th 2001, at 13.00
DataCity, 2nd floor, TY Neuvotteluhuone 3

Minutes

Present:

Christer Carlsson, Prof. (left the meeting at 15.10 during item 11.2)
Jouni Isoaho, Prof.
Timo Järvi, Prof., Chairman (not present between 13.09–13.13 during the handling of item 4.)
Juhani Karhumäki, Prof.
Henri Latvanen, M.Sc. Student (not present between 14.15–14.20 during the handling of item 10., left the meeting at 14.40 during item 11.1)
Markku Nurminen, Prof. (present between 13.09–13.13 during the handling of item 4.)
Ivan Porres Paltor, Ph.D. Student (not present between 14.15–14.20 during the handling of item 10.)
Kaisa Sere, Prof.
Reima Suomi, Prof., Vice-Chairman

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

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, February 21st 2001.

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.

3. Application to study at a distance (Back)

Decision: The item was removed from the agenda.

4. Post doctoral applications (Sund)

TUCS has received one postdoctoral application. The applicant is shortly presented below.

- Jaakko Järvi (b. October 10th, 1968), Finland.
- Ph.D. degree from TUCS / Turku University.
- Ph.D. thesis on generic programming, defended on June 9th 2000.
- Research interests include continuing the work with the Lambda library.
- Can start his postdoctoral position at TUCS with a one-month notice.
- Professor Olli Nevalainen has shown interest towards the application and is ready to be Dr. Järvi's contact person should he be accepted to TUCS.
- Dr. Järvi would be placed in the Algorithmics group (TY).
- TUCS has specific salary money that has to be used this year. In other words, the financial situation would allow the hiring of Dr. Järvi.

The application of Dr. Järvi and a presentation of the current financial situation concerning postdoctoral researchers can be found in appendix 2/2/01 (four documents, 2a-2d/2/01).

Appendix: 2/2/01 (electronic)

Proposal: Dr. Jaakko Järvi is accepted as a postdoctoral researcher to TUCS for a period of one year. He will be placed in the Algorithmics group and his contact person at TUCS will be Professor Olli Nevalainen. The starting date of Dr. Järvi will be jointly decided by the TUCS Director, Professor Nevalainen and Dr. Järvi. TUCS will pay Dr. Järvi the normal postdoctoral salary (A22).

Decision: According to proposal. Professor Reima Suomi acted as Chairman in this item.

5. Ph.D. student Chang Li (Back)

Ph.D. student Chang Li (b. October 30th 1973 in China) who currently works at the department of Computer Science of Åbo Akademi University is being financed through the Socos project. The supervisor of Chang Li is Professor Joakim von Wright. Currently she has no TUCS status. Chang Li applied to TUCS at the last intake and received the final score of 2 + (Karhumäki 2+, Nevalainen 2+ and von Wright 2+). Chang Li has a TOEFL score of 557.

Appendix: 3/2/01 (paper)

Proposal: Chang Li is accepted to TUCS as a Ph.D. student. Professor Joakim von Wright will be her supervisor in TUCS. She will be placed in the Programming Methodology Group. Chang Li will receive the normal TUCS grant.

Decision: According to proposal.

6. Start-up financing for OK (Salakoski)

Software Production Development Centre / Ohjelmistotuotannon kehittämiskeskus OK is a joint project of TUCS and Turku Polytechnic (TuAMK), currently administered by the latter. When up and going, OK is planned to function with its own external project financing, but for the start-up phase, certain support is needed to solve the bootstrapping problem. 1 Mmk of 70% money for the salaries of the key personnel has already been granted for OK from TE Centre, and therefore OK now needs to show 300 000 mk of its own money. For this money, the two most realistic sources seem to be TUCS and TuAMK. Preliminary discussions have taken place where the deal 1/3 from TUCS, 1/3 from TuAMK, and 1/3 from elsewhere was introduced.

Proposal: TUCS board grants an authorization of up to 150 000 Mk from the TUCS laboratory budget to finance OK.

Decision: The TUCS board grants an authorization to the TUCS Director of up to 150 000 Mk for the financing of the OK-project. The sum in question will be used from the TUCS laboratory budget.

7. Ph.D. student salaries and grants (Donner)

Decision: The item was left on the table.

8. TUCS summerschool (Back)

TUCS will organize a summerschool in Turku between August 13th-17th. The "TUCS summerschool on Software Architecture" is directed mainly to students, but there is also an own quota for representatives from the industry. The summerschool needs to have the TUCS guarantee, which has also previously been awarded to summerschools organized by TUCS.

Proposal: The TUCS summerschool on Software Architecture is given the TUCS guarantee. The sum of this guarantee is 50.000 Mk.

Decision: According to proposal.

9. New positions within TUCS (Back)

The University of Turku / Computer Science is planning to establish new positions within TUCS. More information regarding the planned positions can be found in appendix 4/2/01.

Appendix: 4/2/01 (electronic)

Proposal: The board supports the founding of the new positions presented in appendix 4/2/01.

Decision: According to proposal.

10. TUCS board meeting fee (Salakoski)

The student representatives in the TUCS board do not receive any kind of fee for their participation in the board meetings. The normal fee in faculty meetings is 60 Mk / meeting.

Proposal: The student representatives in the TUCS board will in the future receive a fee of 60 Mk / meeting.

Decision: The student representatives that are not on a university payroll will be paid a fee of 60 Mk / meeting. The TUCS workgroups may pay a meeting fee to their student representatives directly from the sum that TUCS has already given the groups.

11. Items for discussion (Back)

11.1 TUCS Laboratories

Professor Ralph-Johan Back presented a new model for organising the TUCS laboratories.

11.2 TUCS Premises

Professor Ralph-Johan Back presented the current situation concerning the question of new premises.

11.3 TUCS Externally Funded Projects

TUCS wants to present facts concerning externally funded projects on the TUCS homepages. The board discussed shortly the principles on how this should be done.

12. Announcements

12.1 Minutes of the TUCS board meeting of January 29th, 2001.

Appendix: 5/2/01 (electronic)

12.2 Announcements by the Director concerning the time period January 30th - February 26th, 2001.

Appendix: 6/2/01 (electronic)

The next board meeting will be held on March 26th 2001. The meeting will start at 12.00 and it will be held in DataCity, 2nd floor, TY Neuvotteluhuone 3.

Turku, February 26th, 2001

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Chairman of the board

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