

## Board meeting

Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 2001, at 13.00  
DataCity, 2nd floor, TY Neuvotteluhuone 3

### Minutes

#### Present:

Christer Carlsson, Prof. (arrived at 13.14, during item 5., left the meeting at 15.12, during item 8.2)

Ivan Porres Paltor, Ph.D. Student (left the meeting at 13.58, during item 6.)

Jouni Isoaho, Prof. (arrived at 13.11, during item 4.)

Timo Järvi, Prof., Chairman

Juhani Karhumäki, Prof.

Henri Latvanen, M.Sc. Student

Kaisa Sere, Prof. (left the meeting at 14.03, during item 6.)

Reima Suomi, Prof., Vice-Chairman

Ralph-Johan Back, Prof., Director, Presenting Officer (not present during 14.50-14.52, during item 7.5)

Tapio Salakoski, Prof., Vice-Director, Presenting Officer

Adm. Officer Ulrika Gustafsson, Presenting Officer (personnel, financial affairs) (left the meeting at 15.13, during item 8.2)

Adm. Officer Thomas Sund, Presenting Officer (personnel, educational affairs), secretary of the meeting

Adm. Officer Tiina Lehto (not present during 14.46-14.49, during item 7.5)

### 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 19th 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:** One new item was presented to the board. The item was given the number 7.5.

### 3. Appointment of new members to the Advisory Committee (Sund)

The Åbo Akademi representative in the Advisory Committee, Prof. Bengt Stenlund has resigned from the Advisory Committee due to his retirement. Therefore TUCS has contacted Roger Broo, the Administrative Director of Åbo Akademi, who has shown interest for the position. Concern Director Folke Lindström from Veritas wishes to appoint IT-Director Kari Bäckman in his place as the new Veritas representative.

**Proposal:** Administrative Director Roger Broo from the Åbo Akademi University and Veritas IT-Director Kari Bäckman are appointed to the Advisory Committee to take the place of Åbo Akademi Professor Bengt Stenlund and Veritas Concern Director Folke Lindström, respectively.

**Decision:** According to proposal.

#### 4. Extension of the postdoctoral contracts (Sund)

The TUCS policy concerning the postdoctoral positions has been to offer a contract for a period of one year. The Academy of Finland however recommends that when the financing comes from the Academy of Finland the length of each contract should be two years. Therefore, TUCS needs to extend the contracts of two postdocs that currently work at TUCS. The persons that the change affects are presented in the table below.

Name	Born	Nationality	Length of current contract	Supervisor	Source of funding
Kaukoranta, Timo	16/8/68	Finnish	1.1.2001-31.12.2001	Nevalainen	Academy of Finland post doc salary
Aittokallio, Tero	11/6/74	Finnish	1.9.2001-31.8.2002	Gyllenberg	Academy of Finland post doc salary

**Proposal:** TUCS extends with one year the contracts for Timo Kaukoranta (the new contract ends 31.12.2002) and Tero Aittokallio (31.8.2003). TUCS will in the future strive to mainly offer two-year contracts when the funding comes from the Finnish Academy. The board however still retains the right to also offer one-year contracts to postdoc applicants.

**Decision:** According to proposal.

#### 5. Development of joint www-services (Salakoski)

The TUCS www-pages have been renewed, and new services are currently under development. To get the most out of our common infrastructure, some administrative procedures should be integrated; these include maintaining (public) information about personnel in departments and laboratories; courses (especially those given in English at advanced level); and the reservation of teaching premises (in Data City). Later on, also confidential information could be shared over the TUCS intranet. Technically, the idea is to partially replace the current static web pages of the departments and laboratories with centralized databases and selectable dynamic views for departments, laboratories, or TUCS as a whole. Updating the information, however, should remain decentralized, and thus, the departments should commit themselves to give the needed information in a common format using a common interface. The aim is to obtain better service with less work.

**Proposal:** TUCS encourages the departments to commit themselves to joint www-services to be developed. To start with, this would mean co-operation in collecting and updating the information concerning personnel (teachers, researchers, and students) and education (especially advance level courses).

**Decision:** According to proposal.

#### 6. TUCS proposal for result negotiations with the universities (Back)

The result negotiations between the universities and TUCS will be held on October 15th 2001. In the appendix that will be sent by 2 pm on Friday September 21st is a description of the matters that will be discussed in the result negotiations.

*Appendix: 1/9/01 (will be sent by 2 pm on Friday, September 21st)*

**Proposal:** The board accepts the proposal presented in appendix 1/9/01.

**Decision:** According to proposal.

## **7. Donation to TUCS (Gustafsson)**

TUCS has received a donation of 26 100 Mk from a joint TY/ÅA fund called "Sovelletun matematiikan ja tietojenkäsittelyalan tutkimussäätiö". The letter describing the donation and the suggested way of handling the sum can be found viewed as appendix 2/9/01.

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**Proposal:** 5 000 Mk is allocated to the mathematics department of the Åbo Akademi University to be used as grants for students. Prof. Göran Högnäs from the mathematics department at the Åbo Akademi University has been consulted in this matter. The rest of the donation, 21 100 Mk, will be used as TUCS grants according to the normal principles.

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## **7.5 Automatic study right to all three universities (Sund) (Handed out at the meeting)**

The TUCS students have the right to take courses from all of the three participating universities. However, before they can take part in the courses that are being offered they have to separately register to all three universities. In order to make things go smoother the TUCS students should get the study right to all three universities automatically. The idea is, that when a TUCS student registers to his/her home university, the student automatically gets the study right at the advanced level to all of the main subjects that are being represented at TUCS. For more detailed information, see appendix 5/9/01.

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**Proposal:** The TUCS board recommends to the participating departments and the study offices of the three universities that the TUCS students will in the future get automatically each year the study right to all TUCS main subjects at the advanced level when they register to their home university. Also, the students should get the study right for specific courses that are mentioned in the study curriculum at lower levels. The TUCS main subjects in question are:

University of Turku:

- Computer Science program, Information Technology program (M.Sc. Techn.), Electronics & Telecommunications track (later program) in the Physics program, Mathematical Comp. Sc. and Math. Modeling tracks in the Mathematics program.

Åbo Akademi University:

- Computer Science program, Information Technology program (M.Sc. Techn.), Information Systems program, M.Sc. (B.A.)

Turku School of Economics and Business Administration:

- Information Systems program in M.Sc. (Econ.)

**Decision:** According to proposal. The letter found as appendix 5/9/01 will be sent to the involved departments, faculties and study offices of each universities.

## **8. Discussion items**

### **8.1 TUCS premises (Back)**

The TUCS Director presented the current situation concerning the planned new TUCS premises.

### **8.2 New TUCS www pages (Salakoski)**

TUCS is planning to launch new web pages. The pages are still under development but the Administrative Officer of TUCS, Ms. Tiina Lehto presented the current situation of the web pages for the board.

## **9. Announcements**

### **9.1 Minutes of the TUCS board meeting of June 19th 2001**

*Appendix: 3/9/01*

### **9.2 Announcements by the Director**

*Appendix: 4/9/01*

The next board meeting will be held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2001.

Turku, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2001

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