

Board meeting

Monday, September 2nd 2002, at 13.00
DataCity A, 2nd floor, TY Neuvotteluhuone 3

Minutes

Present:

Ralph-Johan Back, Prof., Chairman
Christer Carlsson, Prof.
Cristina Cerschi Seceleanu, Ph.D. Student
Jouni Isoaho, Prof.
Juhani Karhumäki, Prof.
Tapio Salakoski, Prof.
Kaisa Sere, Prof., Vice-Director

Mats Aspñäs, Coordinator, Presenting Officer
Timo Järvi, Prof., Director, Presenting Officer

Administrative Officer Ulrika Gustafsson, Presenting Officer (financial affairs)
Administrative Officer Pia Le Grand, Presenting Officer (personnel, educational affairs),
secretary of the meeting

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, August 28th 2002.

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: Items 12 and 13 were added to the agenda.

3. TUCS Budget Summary Report 01/2002-06/2002 (Gustafsson)

A presentation of TUCS actual inflows and outflows during the time period 01/2002-06/2002 compared to the budgeted inflows and outflows during the time period 01/2002-12/2002 can be found in appendix 1/09/02. The budget includes only inflows and outflows that are managed through TUCS.

Appendix: 1/09/02 (electronic)

Proposal: The budget is approved and will be followed until the end of year 2002.

Decision: According to proposal.

4. Application for TUCS short course (Le Grand)

Christer Carlsson has submitted an application for a short course (appendix 2/09/02). The 12-hour course by Mario Fedrizzi (University of Trento) will take place September 19th–20th. The planned costs of the course amount to 2163,64 euros.

Timo Järvi's statement is that TUCS could support the organization of the course if there is money left to grant for short courses. The situation is that TUCS has already used all the budgeted money for this kind of purpose this year. Still, short courses are an important part of the education provided by TUCS.

Appendix: 2/09/02 (paper)

Proposal: TUCS supports the organization of the short course with the sum of 2163,64 euros.

Decision: According to proposal.

5. Ph.D. students (Le Grand)

5.1 Olli Järvinen's study report

After the Board meeting on June 28th, TUCS asked part-time Ph.D. student Olli Järvinen to submit his study report. We have now received it (appendix 3/09/02).

Järvinen's supervisor Markku Nurminen gives Järvinen the score 4 (on the scale 1 to 5) and supports his student status.

Appendix: 3/09/02 (paper)

Proposal: Järvinen will keep his status as TUCS part-time Ph.D. student.

Decision: According to proposal.

5.2 Svante Olofsson's application for TUCS status

TUCS has received an application from Svante Olofsson for TUCS student status (appendix 4/09/02). Olofsson does not apply for financing from TUCS. His recommendations will be handed out at the meeting.

Appendix: 4/09/02 (electronic, the signed original with enclosed Master's degree certificate has been submitted to Le Grand)

Proposal: TUCS grants Olofsson's application and considers him as a part-time Ph.D. student from September 2nd 2002.

Decision: TUCS grants Olofsson's application and considers him as a part-time Ph.D. student without TUCS guarantee from September 2nd 2002.

6. High quality education unit (Järvi)

The Ministry of Education has asked the Finnish Higher Education Evaluation Council to propose "quality units of higher education" as a basis for distributing result based money for the period 2004-2006. Åbo Akademi can propose 3 units. University networks may be proposed in addition to the universities' quotas. The question is whether TUCS should propose itself as a high quality education unit or not.

The criteria for evaluating the quality of education at a high quality unit are stated in appendix 5/09/02. Appendix 6/09/02 contains the Academy of Finland's evaluation of TUCS related to the Ministry of Education financed student positions.

Appendices: 5/09/02 and 6/09/02 (paper)

Proposal: TUCS should apply for the status as a high quality education unit as a graduate school, within the ÅA quota.

Decision: TUCS should apply for the status as a high quality education unit. It should be investigated whether it would be possible for TUCS to apply as a university network.

7. Resignation of student representatives Jani Kupila and Markus Turunen (Le Grand)

The University of Turku's student representative Jani Kupila and his deputy Markus Turunen have both submitted a letter of resignation from the TUCS Board (appendices 7a/09/02 and 7b/09/02).

Appendices: 7a/09/02 and 7b/09/02

Proposal: TUCS Board supports Kupila's and Turunen's demand of resignation.

Decision: TUCS notifies the Rector's Office at the University of Turku about Kupila's and Turunen's demands of resignation.

8. Effective commercialization of university inventions (Järvi)

A working group of the Ministry of Trade and Industry proposes a new mainly contractual act, which would provide for rights to inventions made at universities. The working group further suggests that the researcher exemption included in the Right to Employee Inventions Act be repealed. The committee report as a whole can be read on the page <http://www.vn.fi/ktm/julkaisu/tyto6elo.pdf>.

The University of Turku has asked for a statement of report.

Appendix: 8/09/02 (electronic)

Proposition: TUCS will send the statement (in Finnish) in appendix 8/09/02 to University of Turku.

Decision: TUCS will send the statement (in Finnish) in appendix 8/09/02 to University of Turku after suitable adaptation by Järvi, Back and Carlsson.

9. **Unused laboratory money (Gustafsson)**

TUCS Laboratory Money

In June 2000 TUCS board made the following laboratory funding decision:

Embedded Systems lab 300 000 FIM
Software Engineering lab 500 000 FIM
Telecommunications lab 600 000 FIM
Biotechnology lab 100 000 FIM

There is still some unused money, but since the proposal stated that the funding decision was made for year 2000 (appendix 9/09/02, will be handed out at the meeting), the unused money could be set free and would thereby be possible to allocate for other purposes.

Unused:

Embedded Systems lab 0 €
Software Engineering lab (UTU) 47 357,76 €
Telecommunications lab 10 137,92 €
Biotechnology lab (Bioinformatics) 8 305,11 €

Appendix: 9/09/02 (handed out at the meeting)

Proposal: The unused money of the Software Engineering lab, Telecommunications lab and the Biotechnology lab is set free and can be allocated for other purposes.

Decision: The unused money of the Software Engineering lab, Telecommunications lab and the Biotechnology lab is set free and can be allocated for other purposes.

In the future, laboratory money will be allocated on a one-year basis. If the applied and granted money is not used within the year, it will come back to TUCS. Further applications can then be made.

10. **Discussion item: New premises on the 5th floor (Aspnäs)**

TUCS is moving up to the 5th floor. The architects' plans are presented.

11. **Discussion item: Student recruitment (Le Grand)**

The student recruitment situation should be discussed. As a basis for discussion figures for 2002 will be presented.

12. Discussion item: TUCS as a regional coordinator of a new TEKES program

Christer Carlsson asked TUCS for an unofficial blessing concerning the idea that TUCS would act as a regional coordinator for regional TEKES projects. He proposed Kristiina Sunell from the Software Development Centre to be the actual coordinator.

13. Discussion item: Financing for the International Master's Programs within the area of Information Technology at Åbo Akademi University (Gustafsson)

On the 9th of April 2002 the Rector of Åbo Akademi University decided that 20 students with bachelors degrees could be accepted to the international master's programs that are managed by departments belonging to TUCS.

During 2002 the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences could accept 10 students to the International Master's Program in Software Engineering, managed by the Department of Computer Science, and the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences could accept 10 students to the International Master's Program in Information Systems managed by the Department of Information Systems.

The programs would start in 2002 without extra financing, but financing would be applied for concerning 2003. Simultaneously, 5 International Master's Programs within Information Technology were introduced at the department of Information Technology (belongs to TUCS) at Turku University (TY).

In their preliminary proposal for 2003 to the Ministry of Education, TY has estimated that a total of 110 000 € is needed for their three International Master's Program areas (European Studies, Information Technology and The Baltic Sea Region Cooperation). Professor Tapio Salakoski, head of the Department of Information Technology, has presented to the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences that 55 000 € would be needed for the International Master's Programs within the area of Information Technology.

At Åbo Akademi University, the Department of Computer Science and the Department of Information Systems could present the need of money for the International Master's Programs to their faculties, and thereby be taken into account during the negotiations with the Ministry of Education concerning financing for 2003.

14. Announcement: Minutes of the TUCS board meeting of June 28th 2002

Appendix: 9/09/02 (electronic)

Turku, September 12th, 2002

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Chairman of the board

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