

Turku Centre for Computer Science - TUCS

Board meeting

Wednesday, October 2nd 2002, at 13.00
DataCity A, 2nd floor, TY Neuvotteluhuone 3

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Minutes

Present:

Members of the board:

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

Sébastien Lafond, Ph.D. Student (participated as an observer)

Timo Järvi, Prof., Director, Presenting Officer
Administrative Officer Christel Donner, Presenting Officer (financial affairs)
Administrative Officer Ulrika Gustafsson
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 Friday, September 27th 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: Item 7 was added to the agenda.

3. TUCS preliminary budget for 2003 (Donner)

The result negotiations between the universities and TUCS will be held on October 23rd 2002. TUCS preliminary budget for 2003 is in appendix 1/10/02.

Appendix: 1/10/02 (paper)

Proposal: The board accepts the preliminary budget.

Decision: The board has discussed the preliminary budget and accepted it as a basis for the result negotiations.

4. Post doc applications (Järvi)

TUCS has received two new postdoctoral applications. The applicants Wang Shangfei's and Jussi Vesma's applications are in appendix 2a-b/10/02.

Prof. Sere has sent a statement about applicant Shangfei:

Vi har just fått en post doc på detta område och den här sökanden tycks vara längre bort från det vi gör än han som just kom, så jag är inte intresserad.

Prof. Salakoski has sent a statement about applicant Shangfei:

En usko että meidän kannattaa sijoittaa yhteisiä rahoja tähän kaveriin. Minulle on juuri tulossa selvästi paremmalta vaikuttava post doc, joten passaan tämän. Kaisa voi tietysti silti olla kiinnostunut.

Prof. Isoaho has sent a statement about applicant Vesma:

Minua kävi joku aika sitten tapaamassa varsin mielenkiintoinen Post-Doc -hakija. Ohessa hänen hakemuksensa ja CV:nsä. Tunnen hänet hänen jatko-opintojensa alkua ajoilta TTKK:lta. Hän on varsin lahjakas tutkija - yksi lahjakkaimmista mitä minä tiedän signaalinkäsittely- ja tietoliikennepuolelta. Väitellyään hän oli vähän aikaa tutkijana TTKK:lla. Sen jälkeen hän siirtyi NRC:lle helsinkiin. Hän olisi nyt muuttamassa perheineen Turkuun. Tarkoituksemme on tehdä hänestä ns. uratutkija, joka hankkii paljolti itse rahoituksensa teollisuudesta ja muista lähteistä. Yhteishankkeesta on NRC:llä keskustelut menossa. Samoin hänellä olisi intressejä liittyä digitv-tutkimukseen, jossa potentiaalisia partnereita ovat mm. NVO ja Auria. Tarkoituksemme on alkaa katsoa yhteisiä projektikuvioita radiopuolen asioista wireless@KTH ja Pietarin suuntaan. Tarvitsemme hänelle vuoden "takuun" palkasta, tosin uskon, että saamme hänellä vahvemman palkkaus pohjan tätä nopeammin. Jos ratkaisuja voidaan tehdä pian hän on valmis tulemaan joko marras- tai joulukuun alusta. Mielellämme hyödyntäisimme hänen tutkimuskapasiteettiaan ja teollisia kontakteja.

Christel Donner has given information about current status of TUCS post docs (appendix 2c/10/02).

Appendices: 2a-c/10/02 (electronic)

Proposal: Dr. Tech. Jussi Vesma will be accepted for post doc (salary) position for period 1.11.2002 – 1.11.2003. Ph.D. Shangfei Wang's application will be rejected.

Decision: The decision concerning Vesma is post-poned to the next Board meeting. Shangfei's application is rejected.

5. Health insurances for foreign grant students (Le Grand)

On April 8th 2002 TUCS Board decided that all foreign Ph.D. students and Post Doctoral researchers who get a Ph.D. or Post Doctoral grant are obliged to buy a private health insurance. Accordingly, the Ph.D. grant would be raised to 1200 € / month and the Post Doctoral grant to 1450 € / month (see appendix 3a/10/02).

The idea with the private health insurance was that students getting a grant could – just as students getting a salary and thus having social security – get refunds for i.e. expenses for prescribed medicine and x-rays. What the people involved with this decision did not know at that point was that the insurance companies require the holders of this kind of health insurance to be covered by social security.

In appendix 3b/10/02 you will find a report on the situation.

TUCS Board should discuss the matter thoroughly on the basis of the information in appendix 3b/10/02.

Appendices: 3a-b/10/02 (electronic)

Proposal: Considering the fact that TUCS students/researchers getting a grant (i. e. foreigners without social security) cannot, according to the insurance companies rules, get a health insurance, the TUCS Board's decision of April 8th considering this matter is quashed.

Decision: The item was put on the table and will be brought up on the next meeting. Further investigations will be made to find a solution.

6. TUCS International Master's Program Workgroup (Le Grand)

On September 27th, TUCS International Master's Program workgroup had a meeting, to which had been invited representatives from the participating departments and faculties. The purpose of the meeting was to plan and discuss the Master's Program,

and to propose to the TUSC Board to invite some new members to the group. The idea is to have an extended workgroup, and within this extended group, there would be a smaller group of people, a kind of an executive group, to make the workgroup's work more effective.

The workgroup's chairman Prof. Tapio Salakoski has expressed the wish that he would continue in the group, but no longer as a chairman. He has discussed about the chairmanship with Prof. Jan Westerholm, who has said he is willing to take over.

The minutes from the workgroup meeting will be sent to you asap (appendix 4/10/02).

Appendix: 4/10/02 (electronic)

Proposal: In addition to the workgroup's present members, TUCS Boards invites Jan Westerholm (ÅA), Britt-Marie Villstrand (ÅA), Pia-Maria Kallio (ÅA), Gurli-Maria Garderg (ÅA), Tua Henriksson (ÅA), Tia Loukkola (TY), Heli Vilhonen (TY), Juha Plosila (TY) and Veronika Ståhlberg (TuKKK) to the extended working group. Jan Westerholm is appointed as the new chairman. The extended workgroup will among the their members choose a smaller executive group.

Decision: According to proposal.

7. Rossi de Mio's request to obtain one year of absence leave starting in October 2002

Ph. D. student Rossi de Mio has submitted a request for a leave of absence for the period October 2002-October 2003 (appendix 7/10/02). His supervisor Prof. Christer Carlsson has supported the request.

Appendix: 7/10/02

Proposal: TUCS Board accepts Rossi de Mio's request. He will still need to submit a Study Report (for the period April-October 2002) in April 2003.

Decision: According to proposal. The leave of absence is granted for a maximum of 1 year.

8. Announcements

8.1 Minutes of the TUCS board meeting of September 2nd 2002

Appendix:

http://www.tucs.fi/about/organization/board/minutes/2002/board_20020902.pdf

8.2 Conference participation

Appendix: 6/10/02 (electronic)