

Turku Centre for Computer Science - TUCS

TUCS Board meeting

Monday, October 28th 2002, at 13.00
DataCity A, 5th floor, Meeting room Monologi

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Minutes

Present:

Members of the board:

Reima Suomi, Prof., Vice-Chairman, Chairman of the meeting
Barbro Back, Prof.
Christina Seceleanu, Ph.D. Student
Jouni Isoaho, Prof.
Juhani Karhumäki, Prof.
Aija Hakala, M.Sc. Student
Tapio Salakoski, Prof.
Kaisa Sere, Prof., Vice-Director

Mats Aspnäs, Coordinator, Presenting Officer
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 Wednesday, October 23rd 2002.

Proposal: The validity of the meeting and presence of a quorum will be recorded.

Decision: According to the 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 7.3 was added to the agenda.

3. Post doc applications (Järvi)

TUCS has received two new postdoctoral applications. The applicants M. Ganjer Ali's and Yu You's applications are in appendix 1-2/11/02. Jussi Vesma (postponed from the last meeting) has withdrawn his application (will start at NVO).

We asked statements about Ali from profs Nevalainen, Isoaho, Sere and Lilius, as well as about You from profs Salmela, Nurminen, and Walden. Nobody showed interest in the applicants.

Appendices: 1-2/11/02 (electronic)

Proposal: Jussi Vesma's withdrawal will be notified. M. Ganjer Ali's and Yu You's applications will be rejected.

Decision: According to the proposal.

4. Ph. D. applications (Järvi)

TUCS Graduate School Committee held a meeting on October 25th 2002 where all the applications that had arrived by the deadline of September 30th 2002 were examined. The GS committee evaluated a total of 39 applications that had been sent to the members of the group prior to the meeting (of the 46 applications in total 7 had been rejected by Timo Järvi and Mats Aspäs). This time 14 applicants were estimated to 2+ or higher. A listing of all the applicants is marked 3/11/02. The GS committee's evaluation of the applicants is summarized in 4/11/02.

The applications of the potential TUCS students have been sent (paper format, marked 5/11/02) to the members of the Board prior to the BM. The rest of the applications can be viewed at the meeting or in the office of Administrative Officer Pia Le Grand.

At present TUCS has no salary positions open for spring 2002. There is 1 grant position available (see appendix 6/11/02). We have asked whether the laboratories can take new Ph.D. students using project money: Karhumäki has given a positive reply concerning 1 position and Porres has stated that it would be possible to take 4 students on project money. The problem is that there are not very good applicants for their laboratories. Another problem is that we would like to take the Finns Meretoja, Solin, and Tuuna in salary positions, but there are no vacant positions. So I am waiting for the members of the board to investigate whether someone in their department could be moved from TUCS salary to project salary position.

Appendices: 3-6/11/02 (paper)

Proposal:

TUCS accepts the following applicants to the Graduate School:

Kuusisto, Sami (Telecommunication and Digital Systems laboratory, Jouni Isoaho, part-time, no funding)

Matei, Razvan C. (Data Mining and Knowledge Management laboratory , Barbro Back, part-time, no funding)

Ilic, Dubravka (Distributed Systems laboratory, Kaise Sere, project)

Alanen, Marcus (Software Construction laboratory, Ralph-Johan Back, project)

Salmela, Petri (Discrete Mathematics for Information Technology laboratory, Juhani Karhumäki, project)

TUCS status (without guarantee) is given to applicants:

Minna Kallio, (Data Mining and Knowledge Management laboratory, Barbro Back, status)

Ilkka Kemppainen (LABORIS Information Systems laboratory, Markku Nurminen, status)

Eija Nordlund (Bioinformatics laboratory, Tapio Salakoski, status)

Decision:

TUCS accepts the following applicants to the Graduate School:

Kuusisto, Sami (Telecommunication and Digital Systems laboratory, Jouni Isoaho, status as part-time Ph.D. student, no funding)

Matei, Razvan C. (Data Mining and Knowledge Management laboratory, Barbro Back, status as part-time Ph.D. student, no funding)

Ilic, Dubravka (Distributed Systems laboratory, Kaise Sere, TUCS status with guarantee)

Alanen, Marcus (Software Construction laboratory, Ralph-Johan Back, TUCS status with guarantee)

Solin, Kim (Learning and Reasoning Laboratory, Joakim von Wright, TUCS status with guarantee)

TUCS status without guarantee is given to applicants:

Minna Kallio, (Data Mining and Knowledge Management laboratory, Barbro Back, status)

Ilkka Kemppainen (LABORIS Information Systems laboratory, Markku Nurminen, status)

Eija Nordlund (Bioinformatics laboratory, Tapio Salakoski, status)

5. Laboratory money (Järvi)

TUCS has received 7 applications for the second part of lab money 2002 seen in appendix 7/11/02. According to the budget we should have 165 k€ to distribute, but there are other expenses to be covered, too:

TUCS is moving to the 5th floor and needs new furniture for ca. 20 k€ in addition to the usable old furniture TUCS got from University of Turku.

I suggest that we shall pay the AV-equipment for the new common conference rooms Monologi & Dialogi. This would be less than 10 k€.

Money is needed for the locking and security systems on the 5th floor.

I also suggest that we should transfer money to grants to get a decent amount of new PhD-students.

A table about the applications is presented in appendix 8/11/02. It contains also the recommendations for the use of laboratory money.

Appendices: 7-8/11/02 (paper)

Proposal: According to appendix 8/11/02

Decision: From the money that can be distributed to TUCS laboratories, 20 000 € will be used for furniture for TUCS premises, 10 000 € for Monologi & Dialogi AV-equipment and 10 000 € for locking and security systems for the new TUCS premises.

The laboratories will be granted money according to the proposal except from the following changes in appendix 8b/11/02:

Discrete math project secretary: 10 000 € will be granted for the year 2003 and 10 000 € for the year 2004.

Network economics: the granted 6 000 € can be used for both PC's and for the ECIS2004 conference preparation.

Appendix 8b/11/02 includes the changes.

6. Time for the next board meeting (Le Grand)

The Centre of Excellence is organizing a mini-conference, the UML Theme Days, on Dec 2 and 3, 2002. It will start at 12.00 on Monday and end after lunchtime on Tuesday 3.

TUCS next board meeting is scheduled for Monday 2 at 13.00. Since several people of the TUCS board are involved in the mini-conference, Victor Bos has kindly asked whether it would be possible to re-schedule the board meeting.

Proposal: TUCS board meeting will be held on December 2nd 2002 at 9.15 in meeting room Monologi.

Decision: TUCS board meeting will be held on December 9th 2002 at 13.00 in meeting room Monologi.

If this date is not suitable, December 2nd at 9.15 is kept as an alternative date for the December meeting.

7. Announcements

7.1 Minutes of the TUCS board meeting of October 2nd 2002

Appendix: 9/11/02

http://www.tucs.fi/about/organization/board/minutes/2002/board_20021002.pdf

7.2 Conference participation

Appendix: 10/11/02 (electronic)

7.3 Budgetary negotiations

Prof. Järvi gave information about the budgetary negotiations that were held on October 23rd.