

Turku Centre for Computer Science – TUCS

Board meeting

Wednesday, November 5, 2003, at 13.00

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Minutes

Present

Members of the board:

Ralph-Johan Back, Prof., Chair

Christer Carlsson, Prof.

Jouni Isoaho, Prof.

Tapio Salakoski, Prof.

Kaisa Sere, Prof., Vice-Director

Paula Steinby, Ph.D. Student

Henry Lönnbäck, M.Sc. Student

Niko Railo, M.Sc. Student

TUCS staff:

Timo Järvi, Prof., Director, Presenting Officer

Mats Aspnäs, Coordinator, Presenting Officer

Ulrika Gustafsson, Administrative Officer

Christel Donner, Administrative Officer, Presenting Officer, 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, October 31, 2003.

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: Discussion item 2.1 was added to the agenda.

2.1 TUCS result negotiations

Director Timo Järvi informed the TUCS Board about the result negotiations held October 30th 2003.

3. Application for TUCS salary (Donner)

Ph.D. student Joonas Lehtinen is applying for TUCS salary for the time period 1.1 –31.7.2004. Lehtinen started at TUCS 1.7.1998 and so far he has received a total of 2 years and 7 months of financing from TUCS. Lehtinen has been on leaves of absence, worked part-time (50 % salary from TUCS) and since 1.8.2002 he has been a part-time Ph.D. student. Lehtinen is applying for the TUCS salary to be able to finish up his doctoral thesis.

Appendix: 1/09/03: Lehtinen's application

Proposal: Joonas Lehtinen will get TUCS salary for the time period 1.1. – 31.7.2004.

Decision: According to the proposal with the addition that the studies must be full time.

4. Applications to TUCS Graduate School (Järvi)

TUCS Graduate School received a total of 34 applications by the deadline of September 30th 2003 (see appendix 2a/09/03).

At this moment TUCS has 28 Ph.D. student salary positions and the number of positions will be constant until the end of 2005. In addition to this TUCS has 14 grant positions for year 2004, but the number of positions will decrease during the following years.

In this intake TUCS can accept a maximum of 5 new students (4 salary positions and 1 grant position). Accepting 5 new Ph.D. students with TUCS financing would however be risky, considering that currently 17 students have the TUCS guarantee and might need TUCS financing at some point. Prof. Christer Carlsson has now let us know that he would like to move Ph.D. student Anna Sell (who has the TUCS guarantee) from project funding to a TUCS salary position. Other laboratory leaders have informed that it is still unclear if their Ph.D. students need TUCS guarantee or not.

As we did not have many really excellent applicants and as the financing possibilities do not seem good next spring either, I came into a conclusion that we could give only 2 new salary

positions and 1 grant position. This would minimize the risks of guarantees and give more flexibility next spring.

Appendices: 2a/09/03: Summary list of the applicants
2b/09/03: Summary table of GSC's evaluation
2c/09/03: Applications from those applicants, who got 2+ and higher in the GSC's evaluation:

Dudkov 3-
Löfman 2.5
Shi J. 2.5
Hakonen 2+
Hollanti 2+
Kangas 2+
Raitoharju 2+
Shi Z. 2+
Tuominen 2+
Ungureanu 2+

2d/09/03: TUCS GS student financing

2e/09/03: Proposal

Proposal: According to appendix 2e/09/03

Decision: According to proposal.
(Dudkov, Alexey TUCS grant
Löfman, Robert TUCS salary
Hakonen, Henri TUCS status
Hollanti, Camilla TUCS status
Kangas, Kaisa TUCS status
Raitoharju, Reetta TUCS salary
Tuominen, Johanna TUCS status)

5. Application for TUCS Short Course (Donner)

TUCS Board has received an application from Prof. Christer Carlsson concerning the short course Individual and Group Decision Making in Fuzzy Environment given by Prof. Mario Fedrizzi.

The course will be held in March 2004 and will include 20 hours of lectures. The course description and the estimated budget are presented in the appendix. The expenses for the course are estimated to 3.733 euro.

Appendix: 3/09/03: Prof. Carlsson's application

Proposal: TUCS supports the organization of the short course with the amount of 3.700 euros.

Decision: According to proposal. The duration of the course could be longer.

6. Announcements

6.1 Minutes of TUCS board meeting of October 7, 2003

http://www.tucs.fi/about/organization/board/minutes/2003/board_20031007.pdf

Turku, November 6, 2003

Ralph-Johan Back
Chairman of the Board

Timo Järvi
Director

Christel Donner
Administrative Officer