

*Turku Centre for Computer Science - TUCS*

## **Board meeting**

Monday, April 26, 2004, at 12.00  
DataCity A, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, TY Neuvotteluhuone 3

## **Items of the agenda**

1. Validity of the meeting and presence of a quorum
2. Additional items
3. Study Reports (Järvi)
4. Post doctoral application (Järvi)
5. Discussion item: One or two application rounds per year to TUCS Graduate School
6. Announcements
  - 6.1 Minutes of TUCS board meeting of March 15, 2004
  - 6.2 Applying for the Centre of Excellence Programme

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## **Minutes**

### **Present:**

#### **Members of the board:**

Ralph-Johan Back, Prof., Chair  
Christer Carlsson, Prof.  
Jouni Isoaho, Prof.  
Tapio Salakoski, Prof.  
Johan Lilius, Prof.  
Reima Suomi, Prof., Vice-Chair  
Jaakko Kuosmanen, CEO  
Paula Steinby, Ph.D. Student  
Hannu-Pekka Kulta, M.Sc. Student

#### **TUCS staff:**

Timo Järvi, Prof., Director, Presenting Officer  
Mats Aspnäs, Coordinator, Presenting Officer  
Ulrika Gustafsson, Administrative Officer, Presenting 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 April 21, 2004.

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 5 and 6.2 were added to the agenda.

## **3. Study Reports (Järvi)**

The Graduate School Committee treated the study reports in its meeting on April 19th. Their recommendations are gathered in a table (appendix 1a/03/04). The maximum funding is with a good reason 5 years and the maximum status 8 years. The appendix 1b/03/04 shows the financing situation of TUCS students according to the laboratories.

Note: personal matters have been removed from the minutes on the web pages.

In the meeting it was discovered that some of the students had changed project and supervisor and this was used as a reason for extra time. It is notified, that TUCS office must be informed about these kind of changes and they should not increase the total study time.

Appendix: [Study reports \(appendix 1a/03/04\)](#)  
[Financing statistics \(appendix 1b/03/04\)](#)

Proposal: According to appendix 1a/03/04 (excluding one change of personal matters).

Decision: The Board approved the proposal of the Graduate School committee with some additional clarifications, which are included in [appendix 1c/03/04](#). The decision concerning the status for one Ph.D. student was postponed.

## **4. Post doctoral application (Järvi)**

This item was postponed in the previous meeting:

"TUCS has received a postdoctoral application from Zheng Liang, who is applying for an extension of his current contract. Liang started at TUCS June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003 and his current appointment is until May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004. Before that he worked in the Distributed System Design Laboratory during September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002 – May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2003 as a CIMO grant holder. Liang's application is in appendix 3a/02/04 and Prof. Kaisa Sere's statement in appendix 3b/02/04.

At the Board meeting held February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004 it was decided that only 45.000 EUR would be reserved for postdoctoral grants this year. This means that there is no money for this extension."

In the previous meeting the Board discussed the principle of matching funds. Now Prof. Sere has found half of the funding (appendix 2/03/04). The grant for 6 months can be covered from the savings in TUCS staff salaries.

Appendix:    [3a-b/02/04 \(electronic\)](#)  
                  3a/02/04    Zheng Liang's application  
                  3b/02/04    Prof. Kaisa Sere's statement  
                  [2/03/04    Prof. Kaisa Sere's e-mail](#)

Proposal:    TUCS will give Ph.D. Zheng Liang a Post Doc grant for the period June 1<sup>st</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup> 2004. After that he will be funded according to appendix 2/03/04.

Decision:    According to the proposal.

## **5. Discussion item: One or two application rounds per year to TUCS Graduate School**

Until now there have been two application rounds per year to TUCS Graduate School. At the Graduate School Committee meeting, on April 19<sup>th</sup>, the possibility of removing one application round was discussed. If TUCS cannot accept more than a few new students per year, it would be feasible to have only one application round per year. If one of the application rounds is removed, the Graduate School Committee would support removing the autumn's application round and maintaining the application round in the spring.

Discussion: The Board discussed the alternative of having only one application round per year. Since TUCS has had very few positions to grant during the last years, there is no reason to arrange a second round in the autumn for the time being.

## **6. Announcements**

### **6.1 Minutes of TUCS board meeting of March 15, 2004**

[http://www.tucs.fi/about/organization/board/minutes/2004/board\\_20040315.pdf](http://www.tucs.fi/about/organization/board/minutes/2004/board_20040315.pdf)

### **6.2 Applying for the Centre of Excellence Programme**

The call for plans of intent for the centre of excellence programme in 2006-2011 opened April 14 and the deadline is August 16, 2004. TUCS will not apply for this programme.

Turku, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004

Ralph-Johan Back  
Chairman of the Board

Timo Järvi  
Director

Christel Donner  
Administrative Officer