

Board meeting

Monday, September 27, 2004, at 13.00
DataCity A, 2nd floor, TY Neuvotteluhuone 3

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Present:

Members of the board:

Ralph-Johan Back, Prof., Chair
Christer Carlsson, Prof.
Jouni Isoaho, Prof.
Juhani Karhumäki, Prof.
Tapio Salakoski, Prof., arrived during item 3.
Johan Lilius, Prof.
Paula Steinby, Ph.D. Student
Henry Lönnbäck, M.Sc. Student
Hannu-Pekka Kulta, M.Sc. Student

TUCS staff:

Timo Järvi, Prof., Director, Presenting Officer
Mats Aspнас, Coordinator, Presenting Officer
Christel Donner, Administrative Officer, Presenting Officer
Monika Eklund, Administrative Officer, Secretary of the meeting
Ulrika Gustafsson, Administrative Officer, Presenting Officer

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 September 22, 2004.

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: Discussion item 9.1 was added to the agenda.

3. Result based result negotiations (Järvi)

TUCS staff has prepared a proposal (appendix 1/05/04) for the result negotiations on October 25th 2004. It is based on the conditional budget for the years 2005-2006 where some minor changes have been made. The board should especially discuss new funding possibilities, TUCS agreement for students, and the travel funding for graduate schools.

Appendix: 1/05/04 Proposal for the result based budget negotiations

Proposal: The board will approve the proposal and decide about possible actions.

Decision: The board discussed the proposal for the result negotiations and approved it with the following changes:

- Stronger emphasize on the future of TUCS.
- The TUCS co-operation is unique and it is something that should be supported in the future.
- The name OPM Exp in the budget should be called Basic funding from the universities.

4. Graduate School application (Järvi)

M.Sc. Mia Peltomäki has applied for a part time Ph.D. student position in TUCS GS (appendix 2a/05/04). She works as a teacher in mathematics and IT at Kupittaa senior high. Her motivation is that already in 2001 she started joint research with Learning and Reasoning Laboratory aiming for the doctoral thesis. Last academic year she was working reduced hours at the school and acting as a part time research assistant in L&R Lab. She has 5 joint publications in national series.

Now she wants to become a part time student in the GS and applies as well for a grant of €500-600 per month until 31.7.2005. She declares to continue working reduced hours.

Her supervisor Prof. Salakoski has supported her application (the other supervisor Prof. von Wright is on leave of absent) (appendix 2b/05/04). This case should be accepted anyhow. Extra arguments are the co-operation between TUCS and Kupittaa senior high as well as the co-operation between City of Turku and TUCS. Also the required investment is modest.

Appendices: 2a/05/04 Peltomäki's application
 2b/05/04 Salakoski's statement

Proposal: Mia Peltomäki will be accepted as a part time doctoral student in TUCS GS and she will receive a grant of 600 EUR/month during the period of October 1st, 2004 – July 31st, 2005.

Decision: According to proposal.

5. Permission to conduct research abroad (Järvi)

Finnish students can apply for permission to conduct their research in another location than Turku (e.g. abroad), and still get a salary from TUCS during the period in question. Decisions concerning Finnish doctoral students' one semester (or less) stays abroad have been made by TUCS director. If a student wishes to stay abroad for a longer period than one semester, the decision should be made by the board.

Foreign students getting financing from TUCS have not been financed while conducting their research in another country than Finland.

Ph.D. student Kalle Saari is applying for permission to conduct research for one year at the University of Waterloo, Canada. Saari has been offered an appointment as visiting scholar. There is no salary associated with this position and the only duty is to collaborate on research with Prof. Jeff Shallit.

Saari started at TUCS September 1st, 2003 and he has received project funding from the start. He will continue to be on project funding during his stay and the travel expenses will be paid by the University of Waterloo.

Appendix: 3/05/04 Saari's application

Proposal: TUCS Board gives its permission to Kalle Saari to conduct research in Canada during the period of September 1st, 2004 – August 31st, 2005.

Decision: TUCS Board gives its permission to Kalle Saari to conduct research in Canada during the period of October 1st, 2004 – September 30th, 2005.

6. TUCS grant for new Ph.D. students (Donner)

At the Board meeting held June 16th, 2004 the Board decided to raise the grant for Ph.D. students. Starting September 1st 2004 the TUCS grant is 1.260 euros/month for Ph.D. students without an insurance and 1.280 euros/month for health insurance holders.

At the Board meeting held February 2nd, 2004 the Board decided that new students will not receive the salary increment. This rule concerns students who started in the fall of 2004 or later. The salary class for new students is A18/I compared to A20/II for others.

Based on these two decisions there is a need to pay a lower grant for Ph.D. students who started this fall.

Proposal: Starting September 1st 2004 the TUCS grant for new students who has started in the fall of 2004 or later will be 1.200 euros/month (1.220 euros/month for health insurance holders).

Decision: According to proposal.

7. Raising TUCS grant for post doctoral researchers (Donner)

The TUCS grant for post doctoral researchers is for the moment 1.430 euros/month (1.450 euros for health insurance holders). Due to lower income taxes and raises in the salaries during the past years the grant is too low compared to the net salary. According to TUCS rules the grant should be comparable to the net salary.

Proposal: The TUCS grant for post doctoral researchers will be raised by 170 euros per month. Starting October 1st 2004 the TUCS grant for post docs will be 1.600 euros/month (1.620 euros/month for health insurance holders). The board also recommends that the departments will apply this raise for post docs receiving grants from projects.

Decision: According to proposal.

8. Laboratory leaders (Järvi)

Due to changes in personnel some new laboratory heads should be nominated as follows:

- Health and Medical Informatics Institute
 - Its board has elected Prof. Reima Suomi as a chairman for the years 2004 – 2006.
- Microelectronics Laboratory
 - As Ari Paasio has been appointed as professor in microelectronics he should be nominated as the leader of the laboratory

Proposal: The board will adopt the changes of the leaders above.

Decision: According to proposal.

9. Discussion item: Future funding possibilities of TUCS

The chairman of the Board, Ralph-Johan Back, raised a discussion about the future funding possibilities of TUCS. He suggested that an informal meeting should be organized where the issue would be discussed. The meeting will be organized within 2 weeks.

9.1 Discussion item: Course clearing

Christer Carlsson raised a discussion about the possibility for students from Åbo Akademi University, department of Information Systems, to participate in courses organized by Turku School of Economics and Business Administration. The Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences has no money budgeted for this purpose and can not allow their students to participate in courses at Turku School of Economics and Business Administration. Hopefully the situation will change as soon as possible.

10. Announcements

10.1 Minutes of TUCS board meeting of June 16, 2004

http://www.tucs.fi/about/organization/board/minutes/2004/board_20040616.pdf

Turku, October 11th, 2004

Ralph-Johan Back
Chairman of the Board

Timo Järvi
Director

Christel Donner
Administrative Officer