

Board meeting

Monday, September 4, 2006, at 13.00
ICT Building, Joukahaisenkatu 3-5 B, 6th floor, TUCS conferens room

Items of the agenda

1. Validity of the meeting and presence of a quorum
2. Additional items
3. Establishment of a new TUCS laboratory (Salakoski)
4. Discussion items
 - 4.1 The current state of the implementation of the TUCS strategy.
5. Opening a GS coordinator position for implementation of the TUCS strategy.
6. Announcements
 - 6.1 The current state of the implementation of the new Advisory Committee.
 - 6.2 Minutes of TUCS Board meeting of June 12, 2006

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Present:

Ralph-Johan Back, Prof., Chair
Johan Lilius, Prof.
Pirkko Walden, Prof.
Sirpa Simola, Programme Development Manager
Juhani Karhumäki, Prof., arrived during item 3
Reima Suomi, Prof., Vice-Chair
Anne-Mari Virolainen, Programme Manager
Tuomo Saarni, Ph.D. Student
Erik Östman, M.Sc. Student
Tuukka Simonen, M.Sc. Student, arrived during item 3

TUCS staff:

Hannu Tenhunen, Prof., Director, Presenting Officer
Tapio Salakoski, Prof., Vice-director, Presenting Officer
Christel Donner, Administrative Officer, Presenting Officer, Secretary of the meeting
Tapio Haavisto, Administrative Officer, Presenting Officer

Department heads (no right to vote):

Barbro Back, Prof.
Ari Paasio, Prof.

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 August 30, 2006.

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: No additional items were presented.

3. Establishment of a new TUCS laboratory (Salakoski)

Professor Eija Karsten has proposed the establishment of a new TUCS laboratory by the name ZETA. The research focus of the new laboratory is in implementation and use of emerging new technologies. The Karsten group currently collaborates with various instances within TUCS, on national level, and internationally. They have performed several external funded projects. The working plan reflects the kind of activity that TUCS should support. Therefore, the new laboratory should be established.

Appendix: 1/05/06 Laboratory description

Proposal: TUCS will establish the ZETA Laboratory lead by professor Eija Karsten.

Decision: The item was left on the table. In the discussion, more information was needed regarding connections to existing laboratories, especially to HMII. The focus of the laboratory should also be clearly expressed.

4. Discussion items

4.1 The current state of the implementation of the TUCS strategy.

- The current state of development of the TUCS strategy on the local and international levels.
- Feedback from discussion with the City of Turku, Turku Science Park, EU and others.
- Opening 1-2 coordinator / project manager positions for implementation of the strategy.

5. Opening a GS coordinator position for implementation of the TUCS strategy.

According to the decision by the Ministry of Education TUCS has a new Graduate School coordinator position 1.1.2007-31.12.2011. This position should be declared open so that the selected applicant could be hired from the beginning 2007. The main responsibility of the new person would be the implementation of the TUCS strategy as described in the GS application to the Ministry of Education. The main tasks, which are heavily interdependent, include implementation of the planned mentor programme for GS students, development of international cooperation in education, and development of thematic research programmes compatible with both local and EU level strategies.

Proposal: A GS coordinator position will be declared open. The salary will be negotiated according to the new salary system.

Decision: The item was left on the table. A more specific job description of the coordinator was asked for.

6. Announcements

6.1 The current state of the implementation of the new Advisory committee.

6.2 [Minutes of TUCS Board meeting of June 12, 2006](#)

6.3 Professor Juhani Karhumäki made an announcement about the Finnish Mathematical Society (FMS) International Visitors Program 2006 – 2007. The topic of the program is Algorithmic and Discrete Mathematics. The program consists of visits of foreign researchers to Finnish universities, as well as several international conferences and workshops.

Turku, September 5, 2006

Ralph-Johan Back
Chair of the Board

Hannu Tenhunen
Director

Tapio Salakoski
Vice Director

Christel Donner
Secretary of the meeting