

Board meeting

Monday, June 9, 2008, at 13.00

ICT building, Joukahaisenkatu 3-5 B, 6th floor, TUCS conferens room

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Present:

Johan Lilius, Prof.
Christer Carlsson, Prof., Chair
Jouni Isoaho, Prof.
Juhani Karhumäki, Prof.
Timo Knuutila, Prof.
Hannu Salmela, Prof.

TUCS staff:

Tapio Salakoski, Prof., Vice-director, Presenting Officer
Christel Donner, Administrative Officer, Presenting Officer, Secretary of the meeting
Satu Jääskeläinen, Graduate School Coordinator, 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 June 4, 2008.

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. The Graduate School application for the years 2010 - 2013 (Salakoski)

In its previous meeting, TUCS Board had a discussion about the alternatives for profiling the next graduate school application by TUCS. The common opinion was that TUCS will submit one joint application, but the objectives set by the Academy of Finland and Ministry of Education has to be met. The main objectives are national and international networking for bigger units, enhanced profiling and better focus of activities, and providing improved preparedness for the working life.

Four options have been identified for TUCS.

1. Submit an application with no significant changes to the previous one
2. Pursue forming a national graduate school in information technology
3. Join the INFORTE initiative for graduate school network of Western Finland
4. Pursue creating a Nordic graduate school network along the Nordic Master School lines

Based on the discussions with the Minister of Education, rectors of the three universities in Turku, and representatives of INFORTE, the option four is seen as the best one for TUCS.

Proposal: TUCS will submit a joint graduate school application that pursues creating a Nordic graduate school network along the Nordic Master School lines. The three pillars of the application will be focusing on multidisciplinary IT education with degrees in natural sciences, technology, and economics; improving the preparedness of GS students for the working life by enhanced training in innovation and entrepreneurship component through TIP activities; and creating a strong international profile and critical mass by networking with the Nordic Master's School partners and other suitable partners in the Baltic region.

Decision: According to proposal. In the discussion, it was further agreed that the strategies, profiles and strengths of the universities should be taken into consideration in the application. The role of optimization and mathematical modeling was also discussed and it will be studied further for possible inclusion in the application.

4. Dates for upcoming meetings (Donner)

Dates for upcoming meetings should be decided. One meeting has to take place in August 2008 before the Graduate School application is submitted.

Proposal: The Board meetings will take place on August 18th, September 29th, October 20th, and December 1st, 2008. The meetings will start at 13.00.

Decision: According to proposal.

5. Quality assurance - The handbook of TUCS (Donner)

The quality handbook is a joint handbook for the Department of TUCS at Åbo Akademi University, University of Turku and Turku School of Economics. The handbook of TUCS has been written according to the instructions and timetable of Åbo Akademi University. Writing the handbook is meant to be a continuous process. The current draft of the handbook can be found in appendix 1/04/08. The work will continue in the fall, when the Quality assurance unit have given their feedback on the first draft, which has to be approved by the Board.

Appendix: 1/04/08 [The handbook of TUCS](#)

Proposal: The Board will approve the first draft of the handbook and encourage TUCS staff to continue with the work.

Decision: According to proposal.

6. Announcements

6.1 Minutes of TUCS Board meeting of May 12, 2008

http://www.tucs.fi/downloads/minutes/board/board_20080512.pdf

6.2 Turun Ammattikorkeakoulu/Åbo Yrkeshögskola

In its meeting late May, the Board of City of Turku has decided to support the application of Turun Ammattikorkeakoulu/Åbo Yrkeshögskola for joining TUCS.

6.3 Additional financing for GS-student

Doctoral student Camilla Hollanti has been granted an additional three months of financing, one and a half month from TUCS and the other half from the department.

Turku, June 9th, 2008

Christer Carlsson
Chair of the Board

Tapio Salakoski
Vice Director

Christel Donner
Presenting officer, Secretary of the meeting