

Board meeting

Monday, September 29, 2008, at 13.00

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

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Present:

Jan Westerholm, Prof
Barbro Back, Prof.
Christer Carlsson, Prof., Chair
Sirpa Simola, Director
Juhani Karhumäki, Prof., left after item 4
Jukka Teuhola, Prof.
Reima Suomi, Prof., Vice-Chair
Tuukka Simonen, M.Sc. Student

TUCS staff:

Hannu Tenhunen, Prof., Director, Presenting Officer
Tapio Salakoski, Prof., Vice-director, Presenting Officer
Tomi Mäntylä, Technical Planner, 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 September 24, 2008.

Proposal: The validity of the meeting and presence of a quorum will be recorded.

Decision: Validity and quorum were confirmed.

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. Discussion item: The European Institute of Technology

Certain decisions have been made that will create an opportunity for TUCS joining EIT as a full partner. This is clearly a major strategic decision for the whole TUCS community, and hence calls for discussion at the Board. This requires an active participation of TUCS in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community (KIC).

Conclusion:

4. Discussion item: TuAMK joining TUCS

Please find attached a draft of the temporal amendment for TUCS statutes for joining TuAMK to TUCS.

Appendix: [01/06/08](#) [The draft](#)

Conclusion:

5. Discussion item: The doctoral students' traveling

The deployment of the TRAVEL system has caused a need to evaluate and possibly adjust the procedures at TUCS for handling the doctoral students' traveling. Should TUCS delegate the task to the departments or should the procedures be developed according to the current system?

Conclusion:

6. Announcements

6.1 Minutes of TUCS Board meeting of August 26, 2008

http://www.tucs.fi/downloads/minutes/board/board_20080826.pdf

6.2 The Graduate School application 2010-2013

The GS application has been sent to the Academy of Finland in August 2008. TUCS applied for 25 positions instead for the 15 that will end at the end of 2009.

6.3 The Nordplus Framework Programme

The Nordplus Framework Programme Nordic Master School in iICT application has been accepted 17.9.2008 as follows: 13 800 EUR for mobility and 15 000 EUR for other activities for the first year (17.9.2008 – 1.10.2009). The new application round will take place in March, 2009.

6.4 Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window (EM ECW)

EM ECW is a co-operation and mobility scheme in the area of higher education launched in 2007 by Europe Aid cooperation Office and implemented by the Executive Agency Education, Audiovisual and Culture. EM ECW is designed to foster co-operation in the field of higher education between the European Union and Third-Countries through a co-operation and mobility scheme addressing students and academic staff.

Eureca is one of the 20 projects that were selected to the EU-funding for 2008-2009. The Eureca is a consortium of 9 EU and 7 Asian partners, coordinated by Mälardalen University, Sweden. TUCS (University of Turku) is one of the partners of the network. The schedule of the project:

- Application period (only from Asia to EU): 25.9-8.10
- Deadline for the local selection: 15.10
- Deadline for the EU universities selection: 25.10
- Final selection: 31.10
- Final results: 3.11
- Students arrive: deadline 31.3.2009

6.5 Erasmus Mundus ECW Asian Call application

TUCS (Åbo Akademi University) is preparing a new Erasmus Mundus ECW Asian Call application. The project aims at the promotion of cooperation between higher education institutions and the exchange of students, researchers and academic staff from EU Member States and the countries targeted in Asia. The deadline of the application is 31.10.2008. Åbo Akademi University has agreed to be the coordinating university of the new network. The planned partner universities are: University of Turku, Turku School of Economics, KTH, DTU (Technical University of Denmark), TTU (Tallinn University of Technology), TU Darmstadt (Germany) or UPC (Barcelona).

6.6 Nordforsk: Call for NORIA-net

NordForsk's aim is to promote efficient co-operation between the Nordic countries in research and researcher education of the highest international quality. The basis for NordForsk's initiatives is national priorities, as expressed in national programmes or in initiatives taken by the research councils, universities and other research institutions.

As a means of performing this task, NordForsk launches a second call for NORIA-net starting with an Expression of Interest as part of a two-step application procedure.

Deadlines for the Call Step 1: 15 October 2008

Step 2: Final applications, 15 April 2009

6.7 TUCS Short Course

The short course *Writing an academic article* will be paid by TUCS. The lecturer is docent Eija Karstén and the course will take place Sept. 15th – Nov. 24th 2008.

6.8 Additional TUCS financing for GS students

Doctoral student Eeva Suvitie (Math/UTU) has been granted an additional four months of financing, two months from TUCS and two months from the department.

Turku, September 29th, 2008

Christer Carlsson
Chair of the Board

Hannu Tenhunen
Director

Tomi Mäntylä
Secretary of the meeting