

## **Board meeting**

Tuesday, May 26, 2009, at 10.30

ICT building, Joukahaisenkatu 3-5 B, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, TUCS conference room

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### **Present:**

Jan Westerholm, Prof.

Johan Lilius, Prof.

Christer Carlsson, Prof., Chair

Sirpa Simola, Director

Juhani Karhumäki, Prof., left after item 3

Jukka Teuhola, Prof.

Olli Mertanen, Vice Rector

Tuomo Saarni, Ph.D. Student, left after item 3

Staffan Enberg, M.Sc. Student

Tuukka Simonen, M.Sc. Student

### **TUCS staff:**

Hannu Tenhunen, Prof., Director, Presenting Officer

Tapio Salakoski, Prof., Vice-director, Presenting Officer, left after item 3

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 May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

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: The items 7.6 and 7.7 were added to the agenda.

## **3. TUCS Graduate School funding decision (Salakoski)**

In the previous Board meeting it was decided that 8-12 new students with max 2 years funding from TUCS could be accepted to TUCS GS. In this application round TUCS GS received a total of 42 applications, 21 from Finns and 21 from foreigners. TUCS GS

Committee has evaluated the applicants according to the evaluation criteria for 2009. Based on these evaluations and taking into account other issues such as the matching funding principle and suggested funding arrangements, the balance between the participating universities and departments, the genus perspective, interest toward the suggested research plan by TUCS supervisors, and the suggested supervision arrangements, the following proposal has been prepared.

Appendices:    [01a/03/09](#)        [Proposal](#)  
                  [02/03/09](#)        [Ranking list by the Graduate School Committee](#)  
                  [03a/03/09](#)        [Funding and supervision plan](#)  
                  [04/03/09](#)        [Statistics of TUCS GS](#)  
                  [09/03/09](#)        [Dissenting opinion from GSC student members and the reply of TUCS Director](#)

Proposal:        6 funded positions with 2 years of funding and 1 funded position with 1 year of funding, will be granted in this application round as shown in appendix 01a/03/09 provided that the conditions stated therein are met and 4 year fulltime graduate study funding can be arranged. In addition, 11 new TUCS status positions will be granted provided that adequate supervision and funding for 4 year fulltime graduate study can be arranged.

Decision:        According to the proposal. The TUCS Graduate School steering group granted TUCS GS status starting September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 to the following students provided that they have or will receive the right to pursue doctoral studies at one of the universities in Turku. If the student wants to start at another time than September 1<sup>st</sup>, he/she must make a written request together with his/her supervisor to TUCS Director. If the request is accepted the start can take place between June 1<sup>st</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup> 2009.

Status with salary support:

HAVERINEN, Katri	24 months from TUCS, supervisor Tapio Salakoski
HUOVA, Mari	24 months from TUCS, supervisor Juhani Karhumäki
ISLAM, Najmul	24 months from TUCS, supervisor Reima Suomi
KAMALI, Maryam	24 months from TUCS, supervisor Kaisa Sere
PELTO, Mikko	24 months from TUCS, supervisor Iiro Honkala
RAHMANI, Amir	24 months from TUCS, supervisor Hannu Tenhunen
SIGNELL, Arthur	12 months from TUCS, supervisor Jan Westerholm

4-year funding arrangements have been verified for these applicants.

In addition, the following students will be granted TUCS full-time or part-time status without funding from TUCS, provided that adequate supervision and funding can be arranged.

BJÖRNE, Jari	supervisor Tapio Salakoski
EBRAHIM, Masoumeh	supervisor Hannu Tenhunen
ESHET, Eyal	supervisor Christer Carlsson
HASSAN, Muhammad	supervisor Kaisa Sere
JOLANKI, Otto	supervisor Juhani Karhumäki
RAUF, Irum	supervisor Ivan Porres
SALLINEN, Turo	supervisor Juhani Karhumäki
SANDQVIST, Jens	supervisor Johan Lilius
SANDVIK, Petter	supervisor Kaisa Sere
TARASYUK, Anton	supervisor Kaisa Sere
TISSARI, Jari	supervision and funding need to be arranged

On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 the Board decided that all application documents must reach TUCS Office by the application deadline (March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009). The Board discussed each individual case of delayed documents and agreed on that the applications can be accepted in this application round, since no relevant information in terms of the evaluation were missing from the documents received by the deadline. The Board also discussed about one applicant who's research interest was out of scope for TUCS GS.

The acceptance of the delayed complementing documents is based on the administrative law 6.6.2003/434 section 22: completion of a document

([Hallintolaki 6.6.2003/434 22 pykälä: Asiakirjan täydentäminen](#)).

Tuomo Saarni announced a dissenting opinion to the minutes on the following issues: the acceptance of applications complemented after the deadline; and that only the ranking list without the pre-evaluation points from the Graduate School Committee as well as the funding and supervision plan for students were supplied with the call for the meeting.

#### **4. 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 has been written according to the instructions and timetable of ÅAU. The audit of ÅAU will take place in November 2009.

Appendix:     [05/03/09     The handbook of TUCS](#)

Proposal:     The Board approves the handbook of TUCS.

Decision:     According to proposal. A description of the evaluation process will be added to paragraph 2.

#### **5. Discussion item: TUCS 2010**

The Board will discuss

- TUCS strategy 2010 – 2020
- The new statutes of TUCS, including TuAMK
- The role of TUCS in the restructuring of ÅAU and UTU

Conclusion:    The item will be discussed at the next meeting.

#### **6. Discussion item: Drop-outs and long study times**

Updated statistics about TUCS GS students drop-outs and study duration will be presented and discussed. Measures to improve the situation will also be discussed. As TUCS has not received sufficient written information about the course of events in all non-satisfactory cases, discussions considering each case are being carried out in order to create a good picture of the reasons for non-satisfactory outcome.

Appendices:   [06/03/09     Dissertation after 4y 6m or later](#)  
                  [07/03/09     Studied 4y 6m or longer](#)

Conclusion: The item will be discussed at the next meeting.

## **7. Announcements**

### **7.1 Minutes of TUCS Board meeting of March 30, 2009**

[http://www.tucs.fi/downloads/minutes/board/board\\_20090330.pdf](http://www.tucs.fi/downloads/minutes/board/board_20090330.pdf)

### **7.2 Administrative complaint (Hallintokantelu)**

UTU doctoral student Markus Voltti has filed an administrative complaint to the UTU Chancellor concerning the handling of his application to TUCS GS in 2008 and the consequent events. The Chancellor has asked for a statement by TUCS.

### **7.3 TUCS conference guarantee for TkT-päivät**

Prof. Barbro Back has applied for TUCS conference guarantee for the organization of the Tietojenkäsittelytieteiden päivät (TkT-päivät) in Turku 1.6 – 2.6.2009. The guarantee has been granted to the amount of 2.500 €.

### **7.4 TUCS Short Course**

The short course *Reconfigurable Computing* has been granted financing from TUCS. The course was arranged by the Department of Information Technology/UTU and took place May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The invited lectures were Field Application Engineer Bo Asklund from Acal Technology Ab, Sweden and Roger Mellander from ABB Corporation Research, Sweden.

### **7.5 “Master of Coordination” Diploma for successful coordination of an international Master’s degree program**

The University Admissions Finland, which is a centralized admission service established by Finnish universities, has awarded a “Master of Coordination” diploma to TUCS planner MSc Eija Nordlund. The diploma was awarded for successful coordination of an international Master’s degree program.

### **7.6 Notice of resignation from the Graduate School Committee**

Professor Olli Nevalainen has handed in a notice of resignation from the membership of the GS Committee due to his current work load. The GS Director will contact the Department of Information Technology/UTU to discuss the nomination of a new member preferably from the same research domain as Prof. Nevalainen

### **7.7 Additional TUCS financing**

Doctoral student Jussi Nissilä (TSE) has been granted one additional month of TUCS financing. After this, Nissilä has received a total of 25 months of TUCS financing.

Turku, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Christer Carlsson  
Chair of the Board

Tapio Salakoski  
Vice Director

Christel Donner  
Secretary of the meeting