

Board meeting

Monday, June 8, 2009, at 9.30

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

Items of the agenda

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Present:

Jan Westerholm, Prof.

Christer Carlsson, Prof., Chair

Jouni Isoaho, Prof.

Juhani Karhumäki, Prof.

Timo Knuutila, Prof.

Olli Mertanen, Vice Rector, left after item 4

Teijo Lehtonen, Ph.D. Student

Erik Östman, M.Sc. Student

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

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 3rd, 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: One additional announcement was added to the agenda; 7.2 Minutes of TUCS Board meeting of May 26th, 2009.

3. Recommendation on Study reports (Tenhunen)

The Graduate School Committee discussed the study reports April 1st, 2009 and agreed on a recommendation for the status of continuation for the doctoral students for the period September 1st, 2009 – August 31st, 2010.

Appendices: [01a/04/09 Continuation of the status](#)
[01b/04/09 Continuation of the status](#)
[02/04/09 No status](#)
[02a/04/09 No status](#)

Proposal: The TUCS GS steering group recommends to the TUCS Graduate School Director the continuation of the status, the continuation of financing, or no status according to appendix 01a or 02, respectively.

Decision: According to proposal with some minor changes. The final decisions can be found in appendix 01b/04/09 and 02a/04/09.

In addition, it was decided that the GS director and GS coordinator will write instructions for the students and the supervisors for the next Study Report round. In this year's round, some problems occurred with respect to the study report deadlines and this will not be tolerated in the next round.

Teijo Lehtonen and Satu Jääskeläinen were not present during the discussion of the item.

4. 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

Appendix: [06/04/09 TUCS 2010 forward](#)

Conclusion: A working group will be established to further discuss TUCS strategy 2010-20. The members in the group are the Chair and Vice Chair of TUCS Board, The Chair of the Graduate School Committee, TUCS Director and Vice Director, a representative from TuAMK (Olli Mertanen), a representative from the math department, and Tuomo Saarni as the representative for the students.

A first draft of the strategy will be discussed at the next meeting in August 2009.

5. 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: [03/04/09 Dissertation after 4y 6m or later](#)
[04/04/09 Studied 4y 6m or longer](#)
[05/04/09 Drop-outs](#)

Conclusion: The GS Coordinator will contact the supervisors that have not given the information asked for. The students will also be contacted and a summary will be presented in early September.

6. Discussion item: TUCS Marketing

TUCS marketing in general will be discussed.

The international offices of TUCS Affiliate Institutions are looking into using the so called Social Media for marketing. The Social Media includes, for example, Facebook, Second Life and Ning. However, there doesn't appear to be clear strategies within any of these institutions on this.

How should TUCS be involved in Social Media with it's marketing? TUCS could have Facebook groups for TUCS, TUCS Graduate School and NMS iICT. The aims would be to have more visibility, appeal more to potential students (both in Finland and abroad) and to promote Alumni activity.

Conclusion: The marketing will be further discussed and a more detailed plan will be presented. TUCS Graduate School and the Nordic Master School in Innovative ICT are possible groups in the Social Media.

7. Announcements

7.1 Coordination of International Master's Degree Programs

Master of Science (Econ.) Ruxandra Atanasiu has been employed as a planner starting June 1st, 2009 until December 31st, 2009. Atanasiu will coordinate the International Master's degree programs at ÅAU and coordinate the marketing of the programs and TUCS in general

7.2 Minutes of TUCS Board meeting of May 26th, 2009

http://www.tucs.fi/downloads/minutes/board/board_20090526.pdf

Turku, June 8th, 2009

Christer Carlsson
Chair of the Board

Hannu Tenhunen
Director

Christel Donner
Secretary of the meeting