

Board meeting

Friday June 18, 2010 at 10.00 – Wednesday June 23, 2010 at 16.00
E-mail meeting

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Members of the board:

~~Jan Westerholm, Prof.~~
Johan Lilius, Prof.
Christer Carlsson, Prof., Chair
~~Sirpa Simola, Director~~
Juhani Karhumäki, Prof.
~~Timo Knuutila, Prof.~~
Reima Suomi, Prof., Vice-Chair
~~Jaakko Kuosmanen, Managing director~~
~~Tuomo Saarni, Ph.D. Student~~
~~Erik Östman, M.Sc. Student~~
Tuukka Simonen, M.Sc. Student

Deputy members:

~~Hannu Toivonen, Prof.~~
~~Barbro Back, Prof.~~
~~Pirkko Walden, Prof.~~
~~Jouni Isoaho, Prof.~~
~~Tiro Honkala, Prof.~~
~~Jukka Teuhola, Prof.~~
Kai Kimppa
~~Olli Mertanen, Vice Rector~~
Sami Hyrynsalmi, Ph.D. Student
~~Staffan Enberg, M.Sc. Student~~

TUCS staff:

Hannu Tenhunen, Prof., Director, Presenting Officer
Tapio Salakoski, Prof., Vice-director, Presenting Officer
Outi Tuohi, Graduate School Coordinator, Presenting Officer, 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 June 15th, 2010.

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. TUCS GS application round in fall 2010

In the previous Board meeting it was decided that a few funded positions will also be available during the fall status application round. This funded position application round is for increasing the gender balance and balance in the distribution of study places between participating universities. Therefore we encourage especially high quality applications from female students or from students to be registered to Åbo Akademi University or Turku School of Economics for PhD studies.

The budget frame for the intake autumn 2010 was at maximum 18 positions with 24 months of funding each, evenly spread over the four-year period. In the spring application round 12 applicants with 24 months funding and 1 applicant with 12 months funding were admitted. Therefore, in the fall application round maximum 4 students could still be admitted with 24 months funding.

Appendices: [01/04/10](#) [Call for applications fall 2010](#)
[02/04/10](#) [Application procedure](#)

Proposal: The fall application round will be held 6.9.-8.10.2010. TUCS GS will aim at selecting 2-4 new students with 24 months of funding each.

Decision: According to proposal.

4. Date for the upcoming meeting

Date for the next Board meeting should be decided. The present Board will attend the meeting unless the new Board has already been nominated.

Proposal: The next Board meeting will take place on August 30th 2010 at 13.00.

Decision: According to proposal.

5. Discussion item: New statutes of TUCS

TUCS director has discussed the new statutes with Risto Hovirinta in the beginning of the summer and the subject has been discussed in the presidents' and administrators' meeting, where some specifications were made mostly by the Åbo Akademi University. After Mr. Hovirinta resigned/retired from his post at University of Turku the handling of the matter has been moved to Chief Operating Officer Päivi Mikkola with whom the TUCS Director has been discussing the matter further. She will make the changes according to the presidents' meeting and discuss once more with TUCS Directors before the statutes are presented to the boards of University of Turku and Åbo Akademi University. Most probably the matter will be handled after the summer holidays. The delays are unfortunate but cannot be helped.

6. Discussion item: Focus of the new TUCS Graduate School

Due to the remodelling of the graduate school system in Finland, both University of Turku and Åbo Akademi University will found their own Graduate Schools (University of Turku probably one and Åbo Akademi University two?). The faculties will present doctoral programmes according to the universities' strategies. TUCS Graduate

Programme application is therefore a collaboration between the doctoral programmes of ÅAU and UTU, which together form the TUCS Graduate Programme and for which funding is applied from the Academy of Finland. Since the universities prioritise their graduate programmes themselves, it is important that both the programmes of ÅAU and UTU are contentually in line with the universities' strategies and chosen focus areas.

What this means in practice, is that first discussions with the heads of departments have been started already. The process will happen during summer and right after the holidays. Most likely the outcome will be a matrix construction that shows the thematic areas and strong competence areas in TUCS core community. With the thematic areas we hope to show the future need for doctoral graduates and with the competence areas our track record in excellence.

7. Announcements

7.1 Minutes of TUCS Board meeting of May 17, 2010

http://tucs.fi/downloads/minutes/board/board_20100517.pdf

Turku, June 24th, 2010

Christer Carlsson
Chair of the Board

Hannu Tenhunen
Director

Outi Tuohi
Secretary of the meeting