

Turku Centre for Computer Science - TUCS

Board meeting

Monday, February 14, 2011 at 15.00
ICT building, Joukahaisenkatu 3-5 B, 6th floor, TUCS conference room

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Members of the board:

Barbro Back, Prof.
Ralph-Johan Back, Prof.
Juhani Karhumäki, Prof.
Janne Lahtiranta, Manager for R&D
Kaisa Sere, Prof.
Olli Mertanen, Vice Rector
Tapio Salakoski, Prof., Chair
Reima Suomi, Prof., Vice Chair
Sami Hyrynsalmi, Ph.D. Student
Niclas Jern, M.Sc. Student

Deputy members:

Ivan Porres, Prof.
Jan Westerholm, Prof.
Iiro Honkala, Prof.
Rikumatti Levomäki, Managing Director
Hannu Toivonen, Prof.
Juha Kontio, Director of Education
Jouni Isoaho, Prof.
Hannu Salmela, Prof.
Pekka Rantala, M.Sc. Student
Guopeng Yu, Ph.D. Student

TUCS staff:

Johan Lilius, Prof., Director, Presenting Officer
Outi Tuohi, Graduate School Coordinator, Presenting Officer, Secretary of the meeting

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 February 9th, 2011.

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

Decision: According to proposal.

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.

Appointment of the Graduate Programme Committee

The Board should nominate a new Graduate Programme Committee and also nominate a chair for the Committee.

Previous GS Committee members:

- Ralph-Johan Back, Åbo Akademi University, Department of Information Technologies (Jan Westerholm)
- Sami Hyrynsalmi, University of Turku, Department of Information Technology, Doctoral student member (Mats Neovius)
- Jouni Isoaho, University of Turku, Department of Information Technology (Marko Mäkelä)
- Juhani Karhumäki, University of Turku, Department of Mathematics (Marko Mäkelä)
- Timo Knuutila, University of Turku, Department of Information Technology (Marko Mäkelä)
- Johan Lilius, Åbo Akademi University, Department of Information Technologies, Chairman of the Graduate Programme Committee (Jan Westerholm)
- Matti Mäntymäki, University of Turku, Turku School of Economics, Institute of Information Systems Sciences (Mats Neovius)
- Reima Suomi, University of Turku, Turku School of Economics, Institute of Information Systems Sciences (Kai Kimppa)
- Pirkko Walden, Åbo Akademi University, Department of Information Technologies (Jan Westerholm)

Proposal: The Board nominates a new Graduate Programme Committee and a chair for the Committee.

Decision: The Board decided not to nominate a new Graduate Programme Committee for the time being. The matters previously handled by the GSC (study reports, GS applications) will be handled by the Board. The need for a new GP Committee will be assessed at a later date.

Updating of the evaluation criteria and selection process

Changes in the evaluation criteria are needed before the spring 2011 application round. The evaluation criteria should be updated annually. The Board should discuss the possible evaluation schemes and decide on the best method for this spring's application round.

The TUCS Graduate Programme is open for applications during 1.3.2011-31.3.2011 with deadline on 31.3.2011 at 16.00 Finnish time.

Appendix: [01/02/11 Evaluation criteria 2010](#)
[01a/02/11 Evaluation criteria 2011](#)

Proposal: The Board decides on the evaluation criteria for the spring 2011 application round.

Decision: It was decided to conduct this spring's evaluation by preparing two separate ranking lists, objective and subjective, and these will be merged into one through conversation at the Board meeting.

The objective pre-evaluation will be conducted as before with a point scale from 0 to 100. The coordinator and chair of the Board will decide on the distribution of the applications between board members and they will conduct the subjective pre-evaluation of the applications on a scale from 0 to 5. Every application will be

reviewed by at least two evaluators. The objective and subjective pre-evaluations will be examined at the Board meeting and the Board will decide on the most suitable PhD candidates. The director will then conduct the discussions with the potential supervisors regarding the funding for the student and the Board will then make the final decision on the matter.

Employment of the TUCS vice director

The position of the TUCS vice director needs to be announced and a new vice director selected. The Board should decide on the requirements for the vice director position.

Proposal: The Board decides on the requirements for the position and the position will be announced.

Decision: Reima Suomi has addressed his interest in the post of the TUCS vice director. The role of the vice director, compensation and the procedure for replacing board members were somewhat unclear at the moment so the matter was left on the table.

TUCS Strategy seminar

There should be more informal discussion meeting where the Board and the TUCS community could discuss on what expectations they might have for the new director and also for the director to present his ideas on the development of TUCS. One afternoon should be reserved for discussion with the director, Board, GP Committee and other TUCS supervisors. The Board should decide on the time and form of the meeting.

Proposal: The Board decides on a suitable time for the TUCS strategy seminar.

Decision: It was decided to organise the TUCS strategy seminar on Friday, March 18th 2011 at 13 at the Alvarium. The TUCS Board, TUCS supervisors and a few of the TUCS GS students will be invited to the event.

Announcements

1.1 Minutes of TUCS Board meeting of January 17, 2011

http://tucs.fi/media/cms_page_media/70/BM_Minutes_20110117.pdf

1.2 TIVIT

The Academy of Finland will open a call for researchers within the thematic areas of the Strategic Centres for Science, Technology and Innovation in April 2011. The call is a targeted Academy project and has two themes. The second chosen theme is proposed by TIVIT. TIVIT will host a discussion event on the matter on Monday 21.2.2011 at 9 at Otaniemi. The invitation to the event has been forwarded to the members of the TUCS Board.

Turku, February 16th, 2011

Tapio Salakoski
Chair of the Board

Johan Lilius
Director

Outi Tuohi
Secretary of the meeting