

Turku Centre for Computer Science - TUCS

Board meeting

Monday, September 15, 2003, at 13.05
DataCity A, 2nd floor, TY Neuvotteluhuone 3

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Minutes

Present:

Ralph-Johan Back, Prof., Chair
Christer Carlsson, Prof. (arrived at 13.10 during item 2, left at 15.15 during item 4)
Jouni Isoaho, Prof.
Juhani Karhumäki, Prof. (left at 14.10 during item 4)
Tapio Salakoski, Prof.
Kaisa Sere, Prof., Vice-Director
Reima Suomi, Prof., Vice-Chair (arrived at 13.15 during item 3, left at 14.20 during item 4)
Jaakko Kuosmanen, CEO (arrived at 14.00 during item 3)
Paula Steinby, Ph.D. Student
Henry Lönnbäck, M.Sc. Student
Niko Railo, M.Sc. Student

Timo Järvi, Prof., Director, Presenting Officer
Mats Aspнас, Coordinator, Presenting Officer
Christel Donner, Administrative Officer, Presenting Officer
Ulrika Gustafsson, Administrative Officer
Pia Le Grand, Administrative Officer, 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 Wednesday, September 10, 2003.

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

Decision: According to the 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: Item 4 was added to the agenda.

3. The TUCS strategy (Järvi)

The TUCS strategy has been discussed by the board at their meeting on May 12, 2003 and during the Planning Day on June 17. The notes from these discussions can be found on <http://www.tucs.fi/News/articles/strategy/>. The strategy (appendix 1/07/03) has now been discussed in the Administrative workgroup on their meeting on September 5 and by the Advisory Committee on September 9. There are still some economic questions, which have not been solved. We may therefore be forced to change the strategy accordingly.

Appendix: 1/07/03: The TUCS strategy (electronic)

Proposal: The board approves the TUCS strategy as in appendix 1/07/03.

Decision: The board approves the TUCS strategy with the changes included in appendix 1b/07/03.

4. Discussion item: The future of the OK (Järvi)

The OK (Software Development Centre) has been a part of TUCS for almost 2 years. The TUCS board decided about the arrangement and funding for 2 years in order to get OK established and to a no loss operation. The depression on IT branch and also other reasons seem to hinder achieving these goals.

Now as the information industry program of the MinEdu is reaching its end and funding decreases, it has become time to make decisions about the future of OK. Turku Polytechnic is willing to continue the operation. I guess that there is also plenty of good will in TUCS but less money. So it seems reasonable to move OK under the auspices of Turku Polytechnic. As there are still projects continuing to the next year, perhaps it would be wise to make the change next summer. Otherwise we might lose some of the project money.

Discussion: The future of the OK was discussed in connection to the TUCS strategy (item 3). Two ideas were presented: The OK could be transferred to the Turku

Polytechnic at the end of June 2004. Until the end of June 2004 the TUCS would sign those contracts, which are related to existing projects. After the 31.12.2003 the TUCS would not sign any new contracts, these should be signed by the Turku Polytechnic. According to the second idea the OK could be transferred to the Turku Polytechnic already on 1.1.2004.

5. The TUCS budget proposal for 2004 (Donner)

The result negotiations between the TUCS and the universities will probably be held on October 28, 2003. The budget proposal, which will be the basis for the discussion at the negotiations, must be sent by September 30.

Appendix: 2/07/03: The TUCS budget proposal for 2004 (electronic)

Proposal: The board accepts the budget proposal as in appendix 2/07/03.

Decision: The board accepts the budget proposal with the changes included in appendix 2b/07/03.

6. Postdoctoral applications (Järvi)

TUCS has received 5 postdoctoral applications.

The applications are in appendix 3a/07/03. TUCS has asked statements about each applicant from two lab leaders (appendix 3b/07/03). In addition to these, Ralph Back presented his statement about applicant Meng Cui orally at the meeting. He was strongly in favor that Cui be accepted to the Software Construction Laboratory with Ivan Porrse Paltor as his contact person..

Christel Donner has given information about current status of TUCS post docs. Provided TUCS funding will continue on the same level than 2003, we can give one grant up to the end of 2004. I suggest that one grant lasting one year would be given with an option to continue for another year.

I have collected a summary of the statements into a table (appendix 3c/07/03).

For grant positions I rank the applicants as follows:

1. Meng Cui
PhD, China
2. Maged Z. Youssef
PhD, Egypt
3. Lakshmanan, K
Project Officer, India

4. Rajdeep Niyogi
Assist.Prof., India
5. Shailendra Singh
Research Scholar, India

Appendices: 3a/07/03: Postdoctoral applications (electronic)
3b/07/03: Statements (electronic)
3c/07/03: Summary of the statements (electronic)

Proposal: PhD Meng Cui will be given a post doc's grant for 1 year (option for a 2nd year). (Depends on R Back's statement.) The laboratory will be either SE or SC.

Decision: PhD Meng Cui will be given a post doc's grant for 1 year (option for a 2nd year). He will be placed in the SC laboratory and his contact person will be Ivan Porres.

7. TUCS status for students (Järvi)

This item was partly left on the table in the board meeting on June 24, 2003.

The TUCS Graduate School Committee held a meeting on May 27, 2003 where 49 of the 64 the applications that had arrived by the deadline of May 15, 2003 were examined (15 applications had been rejected by Timo Järvi and Mats Aspñäs). 10 applicants were estimated to 3- or 2½. In addition, 11 applicants were rated as 2+. A listing of all the applicants is marked 4a/07/03. The GS committee's evaluation of the applicants is summarized in 4b/07/03.

At the board meeting on June 24, 2003 16 students were selected to the TUCS. It was left on table whether the TUCS status could be given to applicants with a rating 2+ or 2. Adm.Off. Pia Le Grand has asked these applicants about their interest in a status. 8 applicants are now asking for a status (appendix 4c/07/03). In addition, Herman Norrgrann (1½) has renewed his application.

The applications of the 9 above-mentioned applicants, who are interested in a TUCS status, have been sent to the members of the Board prior to the BM of June 9, 2003 (paper format, marked 1b/05/03). All applications can be viewed at the meeting or in the office of Adm.Off. Pia Le Grand.

I used the following principles in last meeting:

- For salary or grant position the laboratory must have some outside funding.
- Second doctoral degree is not funded.

- Salary and grant positions are meant for relatively young researchers.
- Status has been proposed only for those, who have already begun their Ph.D. studies.

I want to clarify the principles of TUCS status:

- Master's degree is required.
- Some kind of funding is available.
- Admission as a postgraduate student should be clear.

Using these guidelines I propose that the status will be given according to the attached table, where the applicants and the proposal are listed (appendix 4d/07/03).

Appendices: 4a/07/03: Listing of the applicants (electronic)
 4b/07/03: Evaluation of the applicants by the GS committee (electronic)
 4c/07/03: Listing of the applicants for status (electronic)
 4d/07/03: Proposal (electronic)

Proposal: As in appendix 4d/07/03 starting from September 16, 2003.

Decision: As in appendix 4d/07/03 starting from September 1, 2003 (those who have their M.Sc. degree) or from the beginning of the month that follows the date of graduation (those who have not yet graduated).

8. Change of member in the Master's School workgroup (Le Grand)

Prof. Markus Granlund has participated in the Master's School workgroup for the past year. He has now let us know that he will be replaced by Prof. Hannu Salmela. Salmela suggested that M.Sc. Jussi Nissilä, Assistant at the Institute of Information Systems Science, would participate in the meetings (and that Salmela would keep on getting the information related to the meetings). It would be preferable that the person who is participating in the meetings would be the official member of the workgroup.

Proposal: Jussi Nissilä is appointed member of the Master's School workgroup.

Decision: According to the proposal.

9. Date for the next board meeting (Le Grand)

The next board meeting was originally scheduled for October 6, 2003. On the same day a meeting for vice rectors of technical universities and vice deans of technical faculties will be held in Otaniemi.

Proposal: The next board meeting is re-scheduled for October 13, 2003.

Decision: The next board meeting will be held on October 7, 2003, at 13.00.

10. Announcements

10.1 Minutes of the TUCS board meeting of June 24, 2003

Appendix: 5/07/03: Minutes of the BM 24.6.2003 (electronic)

10.2 M.Sc. student intake, fall 2003

Appendix: 6/07/03: Student intake fall 2003 (electronic)

10.3 Change of M.Sc. student representative in the board (TuKKK)

The deputy M.Sc. student member of the board from the TuKKK Katja Huovinen has graduated. M.Sc. student Tarja Viskari has been appointed as a new deputy member.

Turku, September 16, 2003

Ralph-Johan Back
Chairman of the board

Timo Järvi
Director

Christel Donner
Administrative Officer

Pia Le Grand
Administrative Officer