

Turku Centre for Computer Science - TUCS

Board meeting

Monday, August 8, 2005, at 13.00
DataCity A, 2nd floor, TY Neuvotteluhuone 3

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Members of the board:

Ralph-Johan Back, Prof., Chair
Jan Westerholm, Prof.
Jouni Isoaho, Prof.
Juhani Karhumäki, Prof.
Markku Nurminen, Prof.
Jaakko Kuosmanen, CEO
Paula Steinby, Ph.D. Student
Hannu-Pekka Kulta, Ph.D. Student

TUCS staff:

Timo Järvi, Prof., Director, Presenting Officer
Mats Aspnäs, Coordinator, Presenting Officer
Christel Donner, Administrative Officer, Presenting Officer
Venja Lehtikari, Administrative Officer, Secretary of the meeting

Department heads:

Ari Paasio, Prof. (no right to vote)

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 August 2, 2005 .

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. The new TUCS director (Järvi)

TUCS has announced an open position of the director of TUCS starting the 1st of September 2005 (appendix 1: http://www.tucs.fi/personnel/positions/20050603_tucs-director.php). The director's position was opened as a full-time job (in which case the part time coordinator's job will be discontinued) or alternatively as at present as a part-time job. We got applications from the following persons:

Professor Eija Karsten
Professor Tapio Salakoski
Consultant Tapani Suomela (only part-time)
Professor Reima Suomi
Professor Hannu Tenhunen (only part-time).

The applications are stored as appendix 2 in TUCS intranet.

The duties of the director are listed in the 8th paragraph of the statutes of TUCS [appendix 3: <http://www.tucs.fi/about/johtosaanto.php> (in Finnish), <http://www.tucs.fi/about/instruktion.php> (in Swedish)].

According to the statutes the board makes a proposition for naming the director (paragraph 7) and Åbo Akademi University makes the appointment having got the statements from the University of Turku and Turku School of Economics and Business Administration (paragraph 9).

In the application announcement the requirements for the director were stated:

The director should have a professor's competence and an active research career with leadership experience.

The part-time job was described as:

The director's duties may also be carried out as a part-time job (e.g. 50 %). In that case, a part-time coordinator will be employed to support the director with more practical duties.

The applications are summarised in a table (appendix 4). The director selection was also discussed in an unofficial meeting of the Administrative Group (the directors of the departments within TUCS) on June 21st 2005. Those present (Christer Carlsson, Juhani Karhumäki, Ari Paasio, Ralph Back and Timo Järvi) were unanimous that professor Hannu Tenhunen should be selected as a part-time director. The following reasons were presented:

He is scientifically superior.
Rich international activity.
He has plenty of experience in leading large research programs.
Experience in cooperation with industry.
Interesting in developing international training programs.
A prominent director for TUCS.

The other applicants were considered as clearly weaker solutions even for a full-time position. Hannu Salmela expressed his support for Reima Suomi in his e-mail on July 15th.

It is easy to share the opinions of the AG meeting about the strenghtnesses of Hannu Tenhunen. He has been working in several universities (HUT, TUT, KTH, UTU, U Grenoble, 2 universities in China) and his publication-list is overwhelming. He has international patents and cooperation with industry. He has acted as the dean of the Swedish IT University (Royal Institute of Technology) and is presently active in the creation of a Euro-Chinese university. The experiences and academic contributions make him an excellent director for TUCS which has new challenges in formatting its goals and acquiring funding for it. In this regard it seems unnecessary to present the merits of the other applicants further than what is done in the appendix 4.

In the meeting the board has a possibility to interview professor Tenhunen, because he might not be as well known to some board members as the other professor applicants.

The salary for Tenhunen should be 50 % of the salary class A 30 with bonuses plus the director's reward 1680 €/mo.

The hiring of a part-time director raises a need for a part-time coordinator as stated in the announcement (appendix 1). However, the present coordinator Mats Aspäs has communicated to me that he shall not continue in the autumn because of a research project. The AG meeting discussed the situation and decided that the coordinator's part-time vacancy will not be continued and instead we shall search for a part-time vice director. This arrangement has been used in TUCS during the years 2000-2001. The search for a vice director shall be started immediately and the new director should be involved in it. The board will confirm the distribution of the duties of the director and the vice director.

Appendices: [1/05/05](#) Announcement
[2/05/05](#) Applications
[3/05/05](#) Statutes [in Finnish](#) and [in Swedish](#)
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Proposal: The board proposes to Åbo Akademi University that professor Hannu Tenhunen will be appointed as the (part-time) director of TUCS for 5-year -period starting September 1st 2005. The salary will be 50 % of the salary class A 30 with bonuses plus the director's reward 1680 €/mo.

Decision: According to proposal.
(Professor Hannu Tenhunen was present during the first part of the item handled and he was asked to present his theoretical and professional background as well as his visions for TUCS. Members of the board had the possibility to ask for some additional information.)

4. Announcements

4.1 [Minutes of TUCS board meeting of 13 June, 2005](#)

Turku, August 8th, 2005

Ralph-Johan Back
Chairman of the Board

Timo Järvi
Director

Venja Lehtikari
Secretary of the Meeting