

Board meeting

Monday, February 5, 2007, at 13.00

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

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Present:

Jan Westerholm, Prof

Johan Lilius, Prof.

Christer Carlsson, Prof., Chair

Sirpa Simola, Programme Development Manager

Juhani Karhumäki, Prof.

Timo Knuutila, Prof., arrived during item 2

Reima Suomi, Prof., Chair for items 1 and 2, Vice-Chair

Kim Solin, Ph.D. Student, arrived during item 2

Erik Östman, M.Sc. Student

Tuukka Simonen, 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

Ulrika Gustafsson, Administrative Officer, 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 January 31, 2007.

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

Decision: According to proposal.

2. Appointment of the new Chairman of the Board

Prof. Ralph-Johan Back has resigned from his position as Chairman of the Board on December 31, 2006. The TUCS Board elects its new Chairman in compliance with the TUCS statutes (5§), see

<http://www.tucs.fi/about/johtosaanto.php> (in Finnish)

<http://www.tucs.fi/about/instruktion.php> (in Swedish)

Proposal: The Board will elect its new Chairman.

Decision: Prof. Christer Carlsson was elected as the Chairman.

3. 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: The decision items 3.1 and 3.2, and announcements 6.3 and 6.4 were added to the agenda.

3.1 Appointment of a deputy outside representative to the Board (Tenhunen)

Tuomas Valtonen from ICT Turku Oy was appointed as a deputy outside representative to the TUCS Board on February 27, 2006. Since Valtonen doesn't represent ICT Turku Oy anymore, a new deputy member should be appointed.

The ordinary outside representative, Anne-Mari Virolainen from ICT Turku Oy, is on alternation leave until the end of March, 2007.

Proposal: Jaakko Kuosmanen from ICT Turku Oy is selected as a deputy outside representative to the TUCS Board.

Decision: According to proposal.

3.2 Application for funding for the Salo unit (Salakoski)

Prof. Ari Paasio has sent an application for funding for the Salo unit. The funding is needed temporarily for sustaining the operations of UTU IT department in Salo until a permanent solution is reached. The funding applied for is from 30 k€ up to 120 k€, and it is applied only for the year 2007.

Appendix: [06/01/07](#) The application

Proposal: The Board takes a positive stand towards the application in principle, but sets the writing of a clear financial contract between the three UTU actors of Salo operations (Rector's office, IT department, and City of Salo) as a prerequisite for TUCS support. TUCS shall try to find acceptable funding instruments for the support.

Decision: According to the proposal, the item was left on the table for further actions and subsequent decisions once a copy of the above mentioned contract is available for the Board.

4. TUCS Budget 2007 (Donner)

The proposal for TUCS budget 2007 can be found in appendix 01/01/07.

Appendix: [01/01/07](#) TUCS Budget 2007

Proposal: The Board will approve the budget for year 2007.

Decision: According to proposal with the following change. The estimated income and expenses for conferences will be withdrawn from the budget. An updated version of the budget can be found in appendix [1a/01/07](#).

The Chairman of the Board and the Directors were given the assignment to try to reduce this year's deficit by acquiring new income.

5. Discussion items:

5.1 TUCS Organisation

Appendix: [02/01/07](#) TUCS structure

Conclusion: The TUCS organisation was briefly discussed and the discussion will continue in the next meeting.

5.2 TUCS Graduate School Quality Improvement

In December 2006, TUCS doctoral students conducted a survey concerning the graduate school. The aim of the survey was to increase the understanding of the current situation and to improve the quality and effectiveness of TUCS GS. The results have been examined by the director, the vice director and the coordinator

The director presented the planned as well as ongoing activities to improve the Graduate School to the students on January 17th, 2007. Most of the suggested improvements are directly in line with the directives given by the Academy of Finland and the Ministry of Education.

Appendices: [03/01/07](#) TUCSGSSummary_1
 [04/01/07](#) TUCSGSSummary_2
 [05/01/07](#) Activities under detailed planning or implementation

6. Announcements

6.1 Minutes of TUCS Board meeting of December 4, 2006

http://www.tucs.fi/downloads/minutes/board/board_20061204.pdf

6.2 Continuation of financing for GS-students

TUCS director has granted an extension of financing of three months for Eugen Czeizler.

6.3 Changes in the members of TUCS Board

The Board of Åbo Akademi University has in its meeting on February 2, 2007 decided that Prof. Christer Carlsson will serve as an ordinary member of TUCS Board with Prof. Pirkko Walden as his deputy with immediate effect.

The deputy member of TUCS Board, Ph.D. student Kim Solin, has moved primarily from University of Turku to Åbo Akademi University. The possible change of the deputy member is under discussion among the PhD students at UTU.

6.4 Meeting for Graduate School leaders and coordinators

On Tuesday, January 30th, the Ministry of Education and the Academy of Finland arranged a meeting for Graduate School leaders and coordinators. The Ministry of Education informed about the directives concerning doctoral education given by the European Commission, as well as about the plans concerning the Graduate School system in Finland.

The doctoral student's preparedness for working life, the internationalization of the Graduate Schools, and the need for doctors in different sectors are themes that will be emphasized during the upcoming years. The Ministry of Education also informed that the possibility to move the responsibility for allocating money to the Graduate Schools over to the Academy of Finland is under negotiation.

Appendix: [07/01/07](#) Notes from the Graduate School meeting

Turku, February 5, 2007

Christer Carlsson
Chair of the Board

Reima Suomi
Chair of the Board for item 1 and 2

Hannu Tenhunen
Director

Tapio Salakoski
Vice Director

Christel Donner
Secretary of the meeting