

Board meeting

Monday, May 17, 2010, at 13.00

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

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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.~~
Iiro Honkala, Prof.
~~Jukka Teuhola, Prof.~~
Kai Kimppa
~~Olli Mertanen, Vice Rector~~
Sami Hyrynsalmi, Ph.D. Student
~~Staffan Enberg, M.Sc. Student~~

Hannu Salmela represented TSE.

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 May 11th, 2010.

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

Decision: Validity and quorum were confirmed.

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 Graduate School funding decision (Tenhunen)

In the previous Board meeting it was decided that 12-18 new students with max 2 years funding from TUCS could be accepted to TUCS GS. In this application round TUCS GS received a total of 41 applications, 21 from Finns and 20 from foreigners. TUCS GS Committee has evaluated the applicants according to the evaluation criteria for 2010. Based on these evaluations and taking into account other issues such as the matching funding principle and suggested funding arrangements, the balance between the participating universities and departments, the genus perspective, interest toward the suggested research plan by TUCS supervisors, and the suggested supervision arrangements, the following proposal has been prepared.

Appendices: [01/03/10 Proposal](#)
[02/03/10 Ranking list by the Graduate School Committee](#)
[03/03/10 Statistics of TUCS GS](#)

Proposal: 12 funded positions with 2 years of funding and 1 funded position with 1 year of funding, will be granted in this application round as shown in appendix 01/03/10 provided that the conditions stated therein are met and 4 year fulltime graduate study funding can be arranged. In addition, 12 new TUCS status positions will be granted provided that adequate supervision and funding for 4 year fulltime graduate study can be arranged.

Decision: According to proposal. The TUCS Board granted TUCS GS status starting September 1st, 2010 to the following students provided that they have or will receive the right to pursue doctoral studies at one of the universities in Turku. If the student wants to start at another time than September 1st, he/she must make a written request together with his/her supervisor to TUCS Director. If the request is accepted the start can take place between June 1st and December 1st 2010.

Status with salary support:

BJÖRNE, Jari 24 months from TUCS, supervisor Tapio Salakoski
ESHET, Eyal 24 months from TUCS, supervisor Christer Carlsson
GRÖNROOS, Stefan 24 months from TUCS, supervisor Johan Lilius
HIETARINTA, Lassi 24 months from TUCS, supervisor Hannu Toivonen
HYRYNSALMI, Sami 24 months from TUCS, supervisor Timo Knuutila
IANCU, Bogdan 24 months from TUCS, supervisor Ion Petre
JAFRI, Syed 12 months from TUCS, supervisor Juha Plosila
KANTH, Rajeev 24 months from TUCS, supervisor Hannu Tenhunen
OKSER, Sebastian 24 months from TUCS, supervisor Tapio Salakoski
PULKKINEN, Seppo 24 months from TUCS, supervisor Marko Mäkelä
SARLIN, Peter 24 months from TUCS, supervisor Barbro Back
SUNI, Veronika 24 months from TUCS, supervisor Garry Corthals
ZINOVIADIS, Charalampos 24 months from TUCS, supervisor Jarkko Kari

4-year funding arrangements have been verified for these applicants. In addition, the following students will be granted TUCS full-time or part-time status without funding from TUCS, provided that adequate supervision and funding can be arranged.

ABBORS, Fredrik supervisor Ivan Porres
ASHRAF, Adnan supervisor Ivan Porres
GRÖNHOLM, Markus supervisor Mika Laiho
HAKKALA, Antti supervisor Seppo Virtanen
HASSAN, Muhammad supervisor Kaisa Sere

ISLAM, Muhammad supervisor Ralph Back
KAILA, Erkki supervisor Tapio Salakoski
KAUSTELL, André supervisor Johan Lilius
NIKOU, Shahrokh supervisor Christer Carlsson
SUOMINEN, Arho supervisor Aulis Tuominen
YANG, Bo supervisor Juha Plosila
ZIA, Saba, supervisor Juha Plosila

It was also decided that a few funded positions will be available during the fall application round. More precise application criteria will be specified in the next board meeting.

Sami Hyrynsalmi was not present during the handling of the item 3.

4. New back cover for TUCS publications (Tuohi)

The back cover of TUCS publications needs to be updated. Two possible new covers have been drafted to be used in all TUCS publications from now on.

Appendix: [04/03/10](#) [Current back cover](#)
 [05/03/10](#) [Cover option A](#)
 [06/03/10](#) [Cover option B](#)

Proposal: One of the proposed covers is chosen to be used in all TUCS publications.

Decision: Option A was chosen to be used in all TUCS publications. However, option B could be used in some series.

5. New TUCS Director/s

A new strategy for TUCS is needed before new director/s can be considered.

Proposal: The term of the present directors, Hannu Tenhunen and Tapio Salakoski, will be continued until the end of the year.

Conclusion: According to proposal. The present directors will continue in their posts until 31.12.2010.

Hannu Tenhunen and Tapio Salakoski were not present during the handling of the item 5.

6. Date for the upcoming meeting (Tuohi)

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 June 23rd 2010 at 13.00.

Decision: Next meeting will be most likely held electronically, probably as an email meeting. The dates and times will be announced later on.

7. Discussion item: Timing of the GS application round

During this application round both new Masters as well as PhD students have expressed an opinion that the timing of the spring application round is wrong. Most new Masters that are graduating in the spring do not manage to receive their diplomas in time. The PhD students have made a point that most conference paper acceptances come later in the spring and no points are given for these as the acceptances are not in before the pre-evaluations. The timing of the application round should be therefore reconsidered. One solution could be to have the funded application round in the fall and the status round in the spring.

8. Announcements

8.1 Minutes of TUCS Board meeting of April 12, 2010

http://tucs.fi/downloads/minutes/board/board_20100412.pdf

Turku, May 17th, 2010

Christer Carlsson
Chair of the Board

Hannu Tenhunen
Director

Outi Tuohi
Secretary of the meeting