

## **Board meeting**

Monday, September 13, 2010, at 13.00

ICT building, Joukahaisenkatu 3-5 B, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, TUCS conference room

### **Items of the agenda**

1. Validity of the meeting and presence of a quorum
2. Additional items
3. The Graduate Programme application for the years 2012-2015
4. Techila grid computing service (Salakoski)
5. New statutes of TUCS
6. Discussion item: New director(s)
7. Announcements
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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, left during item 3

### Deputy members:

~~Hannu Toivonen, Prof.~~  
Barbro Back, Prof.  
~~Pirkko Walden, Prof.~~  
Jouni Isoaho, Prof., left during item 3  
~~Iiro Honkala, Prof.~~  
~~Jukka Teuhola, Prof.~~  
Kai Kimppa  
~~Olli Mertanen, Vice Rector~~  
Sami Hyrynsalmi, Ph.D. Student  
~~Staffan Enberg, M.Sc. Student~~

Prof. Hannu Salmela represented University of Turku, Turku School of Economics in the meeting.

### 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 September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

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. It was decided to discuss items 4 and 5 before item 3.

### 3. The Graduate Programme application for the years 2012-2015

The Academy of Finland has initiated an application procedure to apply for graduate programme positions as well as for graduate programme operating grants covering the four-year term from 2012 to 2015.

TUCS have 11 positions for the period 2007-2011 and 14 positions + 1 coordinator for the period 2010-2013. In this application round we will apply for 20 new positions.

Appendices: [01/05/10 Doctoral programme plan for 2012-2015 and report for 2008-2009](#)  
[01a/05/10 Doctoral programme plan for 2012-2015 and report for 2008-2009, final version](#)  
[02/05/10 Excel tables for the action plan and action report](#)  
[02a/05/10 Excel tables for the action plan and action report, final version](#)  
[03/05/10 Curriculum vitae and list of publications of director](#)  
[04/05/10 Curricula vitae and lists of publications of supervisors](#)

Proposal: The Board approves the application. Some corrections may be left for the Chairman and the Director to approve.

Decision: According to proposal with some changes suggested to appendices 1 and 2. The final versions (that were sent to the Academy of Finland) of these can be found in appendices 01a and 02b. It was decided to apply for 17 positions instead of the proposed 20.

### 4. Techila grid computing service (Salakoski)

Attila Gyenesi from the Turku Centre for Biotechnology, Kalevi Kokko from University of Turku Department of Physics and Astronomy, Marko M. Mäkelä from University of Turku, Department of Mathematics, and Esa Uusipaikka from University of Turku Department of Statistics, have approached TUCS with expressed interest in Techila Grid service, developed by Techila Technologies Ltd.

Apart from the Department of Mathematics, these parties are not directly a part of TUCS. However, TUCS might easily fit as a facilitator for heavy computer technology services that are jointly served for institutes of higher education in the Turku region. It would seem unlikely that University of Turku Computing centre, or Åbo Akademi Computing centre would be enthusiastic about arranging a service that majority of either university would not have use for. Only certain departments require such heavy calculation power. Even less would providing the service to both universities fit the field of either of the Computing centres. TUCS, however, could be able to gather together a relatively large group of departments from both universities. This would provide with the benefit of a big customer, instead of if each department would be to acquire the services individually from Techila.

The best role for TUCS here would be of a facilitator and a coordinator. TUCS would arrange meetings with departments interested in this cooperation. In these meetings, budgets would be agreed for maintaining this service and it's support from Techila. If there ceases to be enough interest that the departments could come to meet the maintenance costs, the service would be ended.

TUCS would be the single, big customer for Techila, and the local support organization and coordinator for the departments involved with the service.

Appendix: [05/05/10 Techila product description](#)

Proposal: TUCS will purchase the Techila server for 9500 euros. TUCS will participate with the interested departments in the initial meeting arranged by Techila Technologies Ltd. There the departments are given the access to the service for the rest of the year as a trial period. During this period, TUCS will arrange the first meeting of the departments, where either the budget is decided for the first year 2011, or the project will be terminated, if there is no sufficient financial interest.

Decision: It was decided to leave the matter on the table. There was interest on the subject from several directions but it was questioned how this particular system differs from other similar ones. It was decided that a detailed proposal with letters of intent from the participating departments should be drafted with detailed information on the rights and costs.

## **5. New statutes of TUCS**

The new statutes have been approved.

Appendix: [06/05/10 Turun tietotekniikan tutkimus- ja koulutuskeskuksen johtosääntö](#)

The new statutes approved by University of Turku were examined. The statutes are now waiting the approval from the Åbo Akademi University. After this approval, a new board can be appointed.

## **6. Discussion item: New director(s)**

The role of the new director was discussed. The idea of having one full-time director received the most support. IATOD director was not considered a good solution. It was hoped that the new director would be a professor or hold professor qualifications. The new director could have his/her own research group. The application round should be open to applicants both from inside and outside the participating universities and also to international applicants. The position of the director would be from 3 to max 5 years.

## **7. Announcements**

### **7.1 Minutes of TUCS Board email meeting of June 18-23, 2010**

[http://tucs.fi/downloads/minutes/board/board\\_20100618.pdf](http://tucs.fi/downloads/minutes/board/board_20100618.pdf)

### **7.2 Conference guarantee for ESSDERC/ESSCIRC 2011**

The conferences ESSCIRC and ESSDERC 2011 have been granted a conference guarantee of 5000 € each. The conferences will take place in Helsinki 12.-16.9.2011 and TUCS Director Hannu Tenhunen is one of the program chairs. The participants are estimated to be altogether around 600.

Appendices: [07/05/10 Preliminary announcement and call for papers](#)  
[08/05/10 Budget for the conference](#)

Turku, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Christer Carlsson  
Chair of the Board

Hannu Tenhunen  
Director

Outi Tuohi  
Secretary of the meeting