

AEARU 36th Board of Directors Meeting

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Kar Yan TAM	Associate Provost and Dean of Students, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

SECRETARY

Grace CHEN	AEARU Secretariat, Nanjing University
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LIST OF DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE

Hong Kong

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

1. Kar Yan TAM
Associate Provost and Dean of Students

Japan

Tohoku University

2. Susumu SATOMI
President
3. Toshiya UEKI
Executive Vice President
4. Yasushi WAGATSUMA
Director, International Exchange Division
5. Hirohisa MIYAMOTO
Chief, International Exchange Division

University of Tsukuba

6. Kyosuke NAGATA
President
7. Caroline BENTON
Vice President
8. Osamu OHNEDA
Director of Office of Global Initiatives
9. Chiho KABEYA
Administrative Assistant of Office of Global Initiatives
10. Mr. Tsuyoshi KIMURA
Associate Manager (Analysis & PR) of Office of Global Initiatives
11. Taifang WANG
Local staff of the University of Tsukuba Shanghai Office

Korea

Seoul National University

12. Wooll LEE
Executive Vice President
13. Seongho SHEEN
Associate Dean for International Affairs

Taiwan

Tsing Hua University –Hsinchu

14. Hong HOCHENG
President
15. Min LEE
Secretary General

Mainland China

Peking University

16. LIN Jianhua
President
17. XIA Hongwei
Director, Office of International Relations

18. GU Xue
Assistant Director, Office of International Relations
19. DING Ye
Program Officer, Office of International Relations

Nanjing University

20. CHEN Jun
President
21. PU Lijie
Associate Vice-President (International)
22. JI Dafu
Director, Office of International Cooperation and Exchanges
23. WU Heng
Deputy Director, President's Office
24. SUN Wen
Deputy Director, Office of International Cooperation and Exchanges
25. Grace CHEN
AEARU Secretary

MEETING MINUTES

I INTRODUCTION REMARKS

The Chairperson Chen Jun began the meeting by greeting and welcoming BOD members and extended his gratitude to Peking University for hosting the 36th AEARU board meeting. The Chairperson further announced recent position changes of BOD members that Prof. Lin Jianhua had taken over the position of President of Peking University. Then, the Chairperson delivered his thanks to all board members for participating in AEARU BOD Meeting and serving its original purpose. In the end, he reaffirmed AEARU's role as an important producer of scientific progress in Asia-Pacific region. President of Peking University, Prof. Lin Jianhua gave warm welcome to the Chairman and all representatives of the Board. He pointed out that the founding of East Asian Research organization was the response to current challenges brought on by globalization and internationalization and establishment of this organization had been a remarkable mile stone of the history in higher education in East Asia.

II CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

1. Minutes of the 35th BOD Meeting; Oct 31, 2014; Nanjing University

The minutes of the above meeting were compiled by the AEARU Secretariat and distributed to all members. With no comments or amendments, the minutes were confirmed.

III REVIEW/REPORT OF AEARU ACTIVITIES IN 2014 & 2015

1. 4th Science and Technology Parks Workshop; November 1, 2014; Nanjing University

Dr. Sun Wen from Nanjing University reported that Nanjing University was honored and largely supported in holding this workshop. During this workshop, NJU called for the establishment of AEARU Committee of Science and Technology Parks. Nanjing University would continue to work closely with member universities for the international collaboration of S&T parks.

2. 10th Computer Science and Web Technology Workshop; February25-27, 2015; University of Tsukuba

Vice President Benton expressed that university of Tsukuba was proud to host this workshop. She also extended gratitude to AEARU for the sponsorship of 5000USD to help fund young researchers to participate in the event. This workshop attracted participants including 19 faculty participants and 52 student participants outside of Japan. All the participants were quite pleased with the conference which allowed them to present their research. Young researchers were given prizes and 6 young researchers received best poster award.

IV SCHEDULED/PROPOSED AEARU ACTIVITIES IN 2015

1. 3rd Symposium on the Culture of Chinese Characters; April 10-12, 2015; Peking University

Director Xia Hongwei from Peking University reported that this 2-day symposium aimed to explore the origin and evolution of Chinese Characters. 24 researchers (experts in the specific field of Chinese characters) attended and presented in the symposium, among which 10 speakers were from AEARU members. One renowned keynote speaker and 23 quality presentations were invited to reflect the latest research findings. By collecting papers and presentations, the organization committee hopes to publish conference material to further increase the influence of this symposium.

2. 2nd Symposium on Teaching and Learning in East Asian Research Universities; May 21, 2015; Nanjing University

Dr. Sun Wen reported that 8 speakers were confirmed to join the 2nd Symposium on Teaching and Learning in East Asian Research Universities and more presenters from top 30 teaching and learning centers in China are also invited. She expected to have open discussions on several interesting topics including MOOCs/SPOCs, flipped learning, student learning behavior, etc.

3. AEARU Symposium 2015 on “Green and Resilient Growth (GRG) of Asian Cities”; July 2015; KAIST (cancelled)

Dr. Sun Wen reported that this symposium was canceled due to lack of man power and tight schedule.

4. 4th Student Physical Competition; July 4-10, 2015; Nanjing University

Dr. Sun Wen reported that the theme of this year’s competition is volleyball tournament. Nanjing University is widely known throughout China for sports education and has made significant improvements both academically and in practice. Due to the popular attention of volleyball, Nanjing University would like to host volleyball tournament for AEARU students. For this term Nanjing University would like to apply for AEARU funding (10,000 USD) to be used for student participants.

5. 2015 Student Summer Camp; August 16-23, 2015; USTC

Secretariat Grace Chen, on behalf of University of Science and Technology of China, reported that USTC had proposed to host summer camp. This summer camp was designed for undergraduate students to create value through innovation as future scientists. During the camp participants will study cutting edge research. They will engage in Campus Tour, City Tour, Workshops, Various Social Events and many more exciting activities. USTC applies for 10,000 USD to assist with participant accommodation, transportation and excursion expense.

6. 2015 AEARU Workshop on “R&D Policy and Asian Research Universities”; September 2015; KAIST

Secretariat Grace reported that KAIST proposed to host this event at the 34th BOD meeting, in which 5000USD supporting fund was approved by the BOD members. However, the event was canceled and rescheduled for two days in September. The goals of this event are to devise research and

education funding strategies and to help students and faculty to better understand R&D funding problems and to design more effective funding schemes for their own research and education. The final AEARU funding was 5,000 US dollars according to discussion.

7. Young Researchers International Conference; September 28-30, 2015; University of Tsukuba

Vice President Benton reported that University of Tsukuba is going to hold this Young Researchers International Conference in parallel with Tsukuba Global Science week. This conference was going to be held at International congress center in Tsukuba. In this event, over 800 students will participate, including 100 coming from overseas. Prof. Benton said that by June a more detailed proposal can be expected. In the end, she delivered thanks to all AEARU members for sponsorship for young researchers.

8. 3rd Medical Center Workshop; Fall 2015; Fudan University

- *Originally scheduled in winter 2014, postponed to fall 2015*

Secretariat Grace reported on 3rd Medical Center Workshop on behalf of Fudan University. Fudan University proposed to host event in Oct 31-Nov 8th and exact dates will be confirmed soon. The target participants are going to be AEARU universities responsible for Medical Research. The program will be 1 day oral presentation and half day discussion. Fudan University will cover local accommodation for invited speakers. Fudan University will cover local expenses for up to two representatives from each AEARU member university. There is no application for AEARU funding.

President Chen then expressed his appreciation of great willingness from our member universities to host AEARU events. He introduced that there was around 60,000 USD in AEARU account and he expected to have the membership fee in the end of April. At that time the total amount was supposed to be around 96,000USD. He asked opinions of other BOD members about the funding requests from Nanjing University and USTC, respectively 10,000 for the student physical competition and summer camp, and the requests were approved unanimously.

III UNSCHEDULED AEARU ACTIVITIES - Call for Organizers

Dr. Sun Wen reported that Seoul National University had proposed to host 6th Advanced Material Science workshop.

Director SHEEN of Seoul National University reported that department of material science was going to host this workshop in October 2016. It would be a combination of faculty and student workshops. More detailed information was going to be discussed later.

President Satomi of Tohoku University proposed to host the 11th Web Technology and Computer Science Workshop.

Director Xia Hongwei from Peking University proposed to host 2016 Student Summer Camp. The theme of this camp was going to be engineering and design. He proposed this summer camp to happen in July for approximately 3-4 weeks and the host university would like to have 3 students from each AEARU member university and will also invite faculty interested in offering courses to student participants. The purpose of this summer program is to create an intercultural teaching environment with a clear focus on engineering education both for students and faculty. Apart from the previous design, in order to, the organization group was going to add extra curriculum to better serve AEARU members participants. For the summer camp, they would like to apply for 10,000USD.

Chairperson Chen Jun thanked Seoul National University, Tohoku University and Peking University for their active involvement in AEARU activities. He said the Secretariat would follow up about these proposals. And he stated that AEARU's prosperity depended on various activities among member universities.

VI SECRETARY REPORT

1. Status Report of AEARU Sponsored Programs

The Secretary Grace reported that 3 AEARU activities had been granted of AEARU sponsorship, including the 10th Computer Science and Web Technology Workshop hosted by University of Tsukuba with a total of 5,000 USD, 2015 AEARU Workshop on "R&D Policy and Asian Research Universities" going to be hosted by KAIST in September with a total of 5,000 USD and Young Researchers International Conference which will be hosted by University of Tsukuba on September 28 - September 30, 2015 with total of 10,000 USD.

2. Financial Status of AEARU Treasury

The Secretary Grace reported that around 45,000USD is currently in the AEARU account with outgoing expenditure of 20,000 USD sponsorship and a total of 65,118.17 USD brought forward from last period.

VII ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED

1. Membership

Dr. Sun Wen reported that Yonsei University was approved as new member both at 35th BOD Meeting and 20th AGM. Yonsei University has officially become the 18th member of AEARU since 31 OCT. After the 20th AGM, the Secretariat sent an official letter from Chairperson Chen Jun to Yonsei, informing the decision from BOD and AGM. President Kap-Young Jeong of Yonsei University replied and showed Yonsei's commitment to AEARU.

2. AEARU-LERU Cooperation

Dr. Sun Wen then introduced the second issue to be discussed is LERU Global SSH Meeting and *Leiden Statement on the Role of the Social Sciences and Humanities in the Global Research Landscape*.

EVP of Tohoku University, Prof. Ueki, briefed the LERU Global SSH Meeting held on November 20-21, 2014, Leiden University. During this meeting, *Leiden Statement on the Role of the Social Sciences and Humanities in the Global Research Landscape* was signed by AAU, AEARU, LERU, GO8, RU11, Russell Group and the U15 Canada. At the meeting, Tohoku University, on behalf of AEARU, introduced activities and events carried out among member universities. He mentioned that the Secretariat of LERU was interested in cooperating with AEARU not only in social sciences and humanities but also other areas. In the end, he expressed his gratefulness to the Chairperson to appoint him as representative of AEARU.

When asked if any effort beyond signing of this statement continued, EVP Ueki responded this question by reflecting the past meeting between AEARU and LERU 2 years ago. He personally looked forward to next meeting or cooperation between AEARU and LERU, and suggested that the Secretariat may contact LERU for further meeting and cooperation.

EVP Ueki responded to another question concerning research funding from international organization to support the global social science and humanities research, and he stated that so far there was no research funding at this moment, however he thought there was still possibility to build relevant networking to provide some assistance.

VIII DATES AND VENUES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

1. The 37th BOD & 21st AGM Meetings; Dec 4-Dec 6, 2015, HKUST
2. The 38th BOD Meeting; Spring 2016, Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu
3. The 39th BOD and the 22th AGM. TBD

Professor TAM of HKUST said it was proud for HKUST to host the 37th BOD & 21st AGM Meetings. President HOCHENG of Tsing Hua University –Hsinchu expressed his pleasure to host the 38th BOD Meeting and welcomed all the members to visit their campus and enjoy the stay there. He also added that due to some schedule conflicts, the event will mostly likely be hosted in the month of March specifically March 25-27.

Dr. Sun Wen reported that for the 39th BOD at the 22th AGM, the new member Yonsei University proposed to host these two meetings in fall 2016. EVP Wooll Lee of Seoul National University said, since the following 2 meetings were going to be held in Korea, they were going to discuss with Yonsei University to see if they were ready to host the meetings and the progress and detailed plans would be presented later on.

IX ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Chen Jun concluded that in this morning AEARU activities had been reviewed and issues on membership and further cooperation with LERU had been discussed. Dates for further meetings had also been set. The 36th BOD meeting had helped to plan AEARU activities in 2015 and in the following 2 years. He delivered thanks to all members and announced the adjournment of the meeting.