

AEARU 37th Board of Directors Meeting
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The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Hong Kong

PRESENT

CHEN Jun	Chairperson, President, Nanjing University
Nak-in SUNG	Vice Chairperson, President, Seoul National University
Tony F CHAN	President, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Susumu SATOMI	President, Tohoku University
Hong HOCHENG	President, Tsing Hua University – Hsinchu
Kyosuke NAGATA	President, University of Tsukuba
HAI Wen	Vice Chairman of Peking University Council, Founding Dean of HSBC Business School

SECRETARY

Grace CHEN	AEARU Secretariat, Nanjing University
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IN ATTENDANCE

Nanjing University

PU Lijie	Associate Vice-President
JI Dafu	Director, Office of International Cooperation and Exchanges
SUN Wen	Deputy Director, Office of International Cooperation and Exchanges

Seoul National University

Wooil LEE	Executive Vice President of Research
Seong-ho SHEEN	Vice President for International Affairs
Theresa Seung Ah CHO	Deputy Vice President for International Affairs
Minki KIM	Manager, Planning Management & Protocol, Office of International Affairs
Yoori KIM	International Conference & Protocol Coordinator

Boo Yun JANG International Conference & Protocol Coordinator

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Eden Yi Teng WOON Vice-President for Institutional Advancement

Tohoku University

Toshiya UEKI Executive Vice President

Yasushi WAGATSUMA Director, International Exchange Division

Hirohisa MIYAMOTO Chief, International Exchange Division

Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu

Chi-chao CHAO Associate Vice President for Global Affairs

University of Tsukuba

Caroline BENTON Vice President

Keiko SEKIMOTO Associate Head

Chiho KABEYA Administrative Assistant

MEETING MINUTES

I INTRODUCTION REMARKS

The Chairperson Chen Jun began the meeting by greeting and welcoming BOD members and extended his gratitude to the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology for hosting the 37th AEARU board meeting. Then, the Chairperson delivered his thanks to all board members for their actively hosting and participation in AEARU events. In the end, the Chairperson hoped that all BOD members could freely share and exchange ideas and finally map out a blueprint for AEARU's stable development.

President of HKUST, Prof. Tony F. Chan gave warm welcome to all representatives of the Board. He expressed thanks to the Board for allowing HKUST to host the event especially during the 25th anniversary.

II CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

1. Minutes of the 36th BOD Meeting; April 11, 2015; Peking University, China

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 SECRETARY REPORT

1. Status Report of AEARU Sponsored Programs

The secretary Grace reported that 2 AEARU activities had been granted of AEARU sponsorship, including the 4th Student Physical Competition-Volleyball Tournament hosted by Nanjing University in July with a total of 10,000 USD, 2015 Student Summer Camp hosted by University of Science and Technology of China in August with a total of 10,000 USD. Both of the events had been successfully held.

2. Financial Status of AEARU Treasury

The secretary Grace reported that for this period, there was an income of membership fees 36,000 USD and an out-going expenditure of 20,000 USD for AEARU activities. And this makes a surplus for the period 16,000 USD. She also pointed out that a total of 45118.17 USD was brought forward from last period, added the previously mentioned 16,000 USD; it left the AEARU Treasury a total of 61, 118.17 USD in the account.

IV ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED

1. Publication of the AEARU 2015 Brochure (Biennial)

Dr. Sun Wen reported that the secretariat at Nanjing University collected information together with photos and logos of each member university to make the 2015 brochure. The Secretariat would mail copies of the 2015 brochure of the AEARU to all members after the meeting.

2. Changeover of AEARU Chairperson and Headquarters

Dr. Sun Wen then introduced the second issue to be discussed is the changeover of AEARU chairperson and headquarters. She briefed that president Chen Jun of Nanjing University had been serving as the chairperson since January 2014 and his term would finish by the end of 2015. The next AEARU chairperson would be president Nak-in SUNG of Seoul National University and the Secretariat would also move to SNU since January 1st 2016.

Chairperson Chen Jun, mentioned that during Nanjing University's term as the chair university, all BOD members had been very supportive, and Nanjing University would continue to take its responsibility as a BOD member in the next two years. In the end, he expressed that he believed President Nak-in SUNG and colleagues from SNU would take AEARU into an ever bright future.

President Nak-in SUNG of Seoul National University, then made a short speech. He expressed his gratefulness to Nanjing University and HKUST, and mentioned that it was a great honor for SNU to be the next chair university. He also added that SNU would do its best to fulfill the duty in the next two years.

3. Next Vice-Chairperson and Board of Directors

Dr. Sun Wen reported that taking the regional representation into account, it might be logical to consider a BOD member from Japan to be the candidate for next Vice-Chair. She mentioned that before the meeting, Tohoku University had contacted the Secretariat to nominate University of Tsukuba to be the next Vice-Chair. The willingness of the University of Tsukuba to take the role of Vice-Chair in 2016-2017 had been confirmed. Dr. Sun Wen then invited President Satomi of Tohoku University, to say a few words about the nomination.

President Satomi spoke highly of President Nagata of University of Tsukuba as he had been

BOD member of AEARU for two years and he served as senior administrators for Japanese national university association.

President Nagata mentioned that the responsibility of the meeting was to be more responding to the future. On behalf of University of Tsukuba, he noted that the mission for them as the Vice-Chair for the next two years was to support SNU to organize and host AEARU events. He mentioned that there had been successful faculty football game between Tsukuba and SNU. He took this example to show that Tsukuba would support SNU to fulfill the role of the Chair.

Chairperson Chen Jun congratulated President Nagata to be Vice-Chairperson of AEARU in 2016-2017.

Dr. Sun Wen reported the change of BOD members: Tohoku University contacted the Secretariat before the meeting about resigning from the Board and recommending Tokyo Institute of Technology to become the new BOD member.

When asked about the reason to choose Tokyo Tech to be the new BOD member, President Satomi responded that President Mishima of Tokyo Tech is very experienced and the change would put new power into AEARU.

Dr. Sun Wen reported that Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu also contacted the Secretariat about resigning from the Board. She invited President Hocheng to say a few words.

Prof. Hong HOCHENG, President of Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu then made his speak. He expressed his honor of serving as BOD member for all of the years and developing friendship with all other members. He then mentioned that due to the geographical representative, he would like to recommend Taiwan University as the new BOD member. In the end, he welcomed all members to join the next BOD meeting held in Taiwan in April 2016.

Chairperson Chen Jun thanked Tohoku University and Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu for their contribution as BOD members in the past two years. He also looked forward to the new impetus from the new members.

4. Review of AEARU activity sponsorship proposals

-5th Student Physical Competition; Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu

Professor Chi-chao CHAO from Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu gave a presentation about the activity proposal of the 5th Student Physical Competition. The event would be held in April, 2016. He described the idea about having a quarter marathon around the campus, and the tentative schedule of the event: 1st day--welcome party; 2nd day--race and dinner; 3rd day--cultural trip. He reported that the total budget would be around 32,900 USD, and the university would like to apply for AEARU funding of 10,000 USD to cover part of the cost for accommodation, transportation and meals for the student representatives from the member universities.

-6th Energy and Environmental Workshop; Tokyo Institute of Technology

Grace Chen, on behalf of Tokyo Institute of Technology, reported on the 6th Energy and Environmental workshop, the next generation solar cells as a solution to energy challenges. The tentative date of the event is 26-27 August, 2016. The workshop would cover for two days, for day one, students would talk with distinguished speakers, for day two, there would be a lab tour. In the end, she pointed out that Tokyo Institute of Technology would like to apply for the AEARU funding of 10,000 USD to cover the accommodation and flight for 14 AEARU student participants.

-3rd Young Researchers International Conference 2016; University of Tsukuba

Vice President Benton of University of Tsukuba reported that the 3rd Young Researchers International Conference would be held during 17-19 September, 2016 in parallel with Tsukuba International Science Week. During the conference, students would be able to listen to leading researches around the world. She mentioned that this three-day-event would be a wonderful experience for all students, day one and day two would be presentations from the students, and day three would be excursion. University of Tsukuba also would like to apply for 10,000 USD AEARU funding to cover the students' travel.

-2016 AEARU Summer Camp; July 2016; Peking University

HAI Wen, Vice Chairman of Peking University Council, mentioned that the summer camp would be held during 4-23, July, 2016. The camp was an international platform for AEARU students who were interested in engineering and design. Students could take one or two English taught courses provided by Peking University professors and gained three to six credits. The tuition for each student 2000 USD would be exempted. In order to partly cover the accommodation and

other fees (weekend city tour, cultural activities etc.), Peking University would like to apply for 10,000USD from AEARU funding. PKU will cover the rest expenditures.

Chairperson Chen Jun, noted that starting in 2010, AEARU had introduced annual membership fee, aiming to provide funding for AEARU activities mainly supporting students participation. He reported that currently in the AEARU account, around 60,000 USD is left so there is enough money to support the 4 activities. Then he asked BOD members to give comments.

President Chan of HKUST expressed his concern about whether 20,000 left (after the 40,000USD to support the 4 activities) in the account is a good number for future activities. Secretary Grace Chen responded that at the beginning of 2016, there would be another collection of annual membership fee of 36, 000 USD.

Since there are no other comments, the Chairperson concluded that the BOD meeting agreed to grant USD 10,000 each for the 4 activities.

5. AEARU-Global Network of Research-Intensive Universities

Dr. Sun Wen mentioned that, on the 36th BOD Meeting, members discussed the Leiden Statement on the Role of the Social Sciences and Humanities in the Global Research Landscape Signed by AAU, AEARU, LERU, GO8, RU11, Russell Group and the U15 Canada. She added that to find out ways of implementing the Leiden Statement and gather the networks together for further discussion, there would be an International Annual Meeting of Global Network of Research-Intensive Universities during December 6-8 in Berlin. She then invited representative from Seoul National University to report on this meeting.

Vice President Sheen of SNU reported that SNU would send Deputy Vice President Theresa Seung Ah CHO to attend the Berlin meeting representing AEARU, and further information would be shown in the next BOD meeting.

V DATES AND VENUES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

1. The 38th BOD Meeting; April 23, 2016; Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu
2. The 39th BOD & 22nd AGM Meetings; Fall 2016; Seoul National University (proposed)
3. The 40th BOD Meeting; Spring 2017; host undecided
4. The 41st BOD&23rd AGM Meetings; Fall 2017; University of Tsukuba (proposed)

Dr. Sun Wen reported that it was decided at the 36th BOD meeting that the 38th BOD will be hosted by Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu. And before the meeting, the Secretariat has sent emails to all BOD members about the rescheduled meeting date-April 23, 2016. As there was no further comments from BOD members, the date was set.

Dr. Sun Wen reported that the 39th BOD & 22nd AGM Meetings were first proposed by new member-Yonsei University and then after discussion between Seoul National University and Yonsei, it was finally decided to be hosted by Seoul National University.

Vice President Sheen of Seoul National University explained that as the university would be new Chair, it was appropriate for SNU to host the next AGM. H expressed his pleasure to host the 39th BOD & 22nd AGM Meetings, and welcomed all the members to visit the campus. He also added that the meetings would be hosted next year in October 14-15, during the 70th anniversary of SNU. SNU would celebrate the anniversary on October 14 and host the annual general meeting on October 15, 2016.

President Hocheng echoed that it was a good idea to put the AEARU meetings together with the host university's anniversary. And the 38th BOD meeting would be held during the 60th anniversary of Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu.

Dr. Sun Wen reported that the host of 40th BOD meeting has not been decided and she welcomed BOD members to organize the event and contact the Secretariat about it.

Vice President Benton of University of Tsukuba expressed pleasure to host the 41st BOD and 23rd AGM Meetings. She also added that the actual date of the meeting would be informed in the next BOD meeting.

Chairperson Chen Jun thanked Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu, Seoul National University and University of Tsukuba for their willingness of organizing the most important events of AEARU. And he looked forward to the future gatherings in Taiwan, Korea and Japan.

IX ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Chen Jun concluded that in this morning all members had a broad discussion covering topics including the transfer of AEARU Chair University, change of BOD members, proposals for AEARU sponsorship, and AEARU's role in the global network of research-intensive universities. Dates and hosts for future AGM and BOD meetings had also been set. He delivered thanks to all members and announced the adjournment of the meeting.

