

2nd AEARU Board Meeting

Date : May 23, 1997 (Friday)

Time : 9:00 am — 12:00 noon

Venue : Campus of Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu

To be present : President Chia-Wei WOO (Chairperson)
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

President Sooyoung CHANG
Pohang University of Science and Technology

President Shigehiko HASUMI
The University of Tokyo

President Chun-Shan SHEN
Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu

President YANG Fujia
Fudan University

Ms Loretta PANG
Secretary of AEARU

Proposed Agenda:

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the First Meeting
2. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the First Meeting
 - a) Design of AEARU's letterhead and logo
 - b) Distinguished lectures
3. Review of 1997 Activities
 - a) Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Joint Faculty Workshop at HKUST (report from Prof Chia-Wei Woo)
 - b) Computer Science Joint Faculty Workshop at Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu (progress report from Prof Chun-Shan Shen)
 - c) Student Leader Camp at POSTECH (progress report from Prof Sooyoung Chang)
 - d) Student "Go" Championship on the Internet (progress report from Prof Yang Fujia)
 - e) AEARU Web Site (progress report from Ms Loretta Pang)

DRAFT (2nd revision)

Association of East Asian Research Universities

Minutes of the Second Board Meeting
held on May 23, 1997 at Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu at 9:00 am

PRESENT:

Prof Sooyoung CHANG	President, Pohang University of Science and Technology
Prof Shigehiko HASUMI <i>(Vice-Chairperson)</i>	President, University of Tokyo
Prof Chun-Shan SHEN	President, Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu
Prof WANG Dazhong	President, Tsinghua University, Beijing (as "observer" on behalf of Prof YANG Fujia, President of Fudan University)
Prof Chia-Wei WOO <i>(Chairperson)</i>	President, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

IN ATTENDANCE:

Prof Youn-Long LIN	Chairman, Department of Computer Sciences, Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu <i>(For Item IV only)</i>
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Secretary:

Ms Loretta PANG	Director of International Programs, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
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MINUTES:

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I. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY THE CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson welcomed Members to the second meeting of the Board. He explained that Prof Wang Dazhong was attending as an observer at the request of Prof Yang Fujia who was unable to come.

2. Turning to the agenda, the Chairperson proposed that the Housekeeping items (Agenda Item VI) be discussed immediately after the minutes were confirmed, so that the basis of participation of Prof Hasumi, the new president of the University of Tokyo, could be clarified right away.

3. Prof Shen proposed that the coordinator of the Computer Science Joint Faculty Workshop, Prof Youn-Long Lin of Tsing Hua, Hsinchu, be allowed to make his report under Agenda Item III b) as soon as possible because Prof Lin had to teach a class later in the morning.

4. Members agreed to both proposals.

I. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE FIRST BOARD MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 12, 1996

5. Minutes of the first Board meeting were confirmed as issued.

VI. HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

a) Posts of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, and Board members

6. The issue was whether presidents of member institutions should hold the above posts in their personal capacity or in their official capacity. If the posts were held in personal capacity, a number of questions would arise should any of the incumbent holding one of the above posts step down from office as president of his/her own institution. After some discussion, it was unanimously decided that the Board would recommend for Members' endorsement at the next Annual General Meeting that the posts be held in official capacity. This would mean that, for example, if the Chairperson of the Association steps down as president of his/her own institution, the new president of the institution would automatically become the Chairperson of the Association until the end of the current term of chairmanship.

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7. The same rule would apply to all posts on the Board, including the case of the Immediate Past Chairperson as one of the 5 members of the Board (paragraph 12.2 of the Constitution). Even if the new president of the member institution was never the Immediate Past Chairperson, he/she would be taken as such as far as Board membership is concerned.

b) Amendments to the Constitution

8. As Board members opted for the ex-officio interpretation, no amendment to the Constitution would be necessary.

c) Regional representation at Board meetings

9. Members discussed whether a Board member who could not attend a Board meeting should be represented by a president of a member institution from his/her region. Board members felt that it was important that each of the 5 regions has a representative attending a Board meeting. Since there are only 5 Board members, selected to represent the 5 regions, any one absentee would cause one region not to be represented.

10. It was decided that should a Board member be unable to attend a Board meeting, he/she could designate another president from the same region to attend in his/her stead as an "Observer" or under some other more appropriate title. The Secretary was asked to propose an appropriate title.

Pang

III. REVIEW OF 1997 ACTIVITIES

a) Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Joint Faculty Workshop at HKUST

11. Prof Woo reported that the Workshop took place at HKUST on April 28-29, 1997. Organized by HKUST's Dean of Science, Prof Leroy Chang, it was well attended by 62 biologists from 14 of the 16 member universities. The two-day program included 4 parallel workgroup discussions, a half-day symposium on "Neuroprotein and Cytokines", a special session on "Traditional Chinese Medicine", and a guided visit of the host institution's bioscience research laboratories and facilities.

12. Two specific collaborative projects were identified, one involving faculty at HKUST and USTC, and the other at HKUST and KAIST.

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13. Items for possible future collaboration were identified. They include using the Website to enhance communication and disseminate information, sharing of seminar speakers, organizing AEARU nights during international conferences, exchange of research materials, exploring opportunities for joint research proposals, and establishment of administrative and funding mechanisms for personnel exchange.

14. A Steering Committee was formed, consisting of the Contact Persons — one each from the 14 member universities represented at the Workshop, and the Coordinators of the 4 Workgroups. A decision was made to hold a second Workshop at Taiwan University during April-May, 1998.

b) Computer Science Joint Faculty Workshop at Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu

15. Prof Youn-Long Lin, coordinator of the Workshop explained that the reason why the Workshop, originally scheduled for March 17-18, 1997, had to be postponed was the small number of participants. Ten days before the scheduled date, there was confirmed participation from faculty of only 4 member universities (HKUST; Taiwan U; Tsing Hua, Hsinchu; and Tsukuba). Faculty from the Chinese Mainland universities who had wanted to attend were unable to do so because they could not get their exit visas in time.

16. Members discussed how the difficulties encountered by Chinese Mainland faculty in obtaining exit visas might be overcome. It was agreed that Prof Wang would assist in the matter, and that Prof Wang, Prof Woo, and Prof Chen of Beijing University might pay a visit to the State Education Commission the next time Prof Woo is in Beijing.

Wang
Woo

17. It was decided that the Workshop be rescheduled to sometime in October this year at Hsinchu. Prof Lin will proceed to fix a new date. Prof Chang and Prof Hasumi will encourage their Korean and Japanese colleagues, respectively, to attend. If by July it is found that the venue would again prove to be a deterrent for faculty from the Chinese Mainland, then the HKUST campus could be considered as a backup.

Lin,
Chang &
Hasumi

c) Student Leader Camp at POSTECH

18. Prof Chang reported that the dates for the Camp had been fixed for July 12-16, 1997, and that preparations were well under way. So far ten member universities had indicated that they would send participants. Prof Chang distributed a nicely produced brochure which contained information on the program, on POSTECH, and on Korea in general. Five full days of academic, cultural, and sport activities had been lined up for student participants.

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d)	<u>Student "Go" Championship</u>	
	19. Prof Shen reported that he had approached Prof Yang of Fudan to take over the organization of the championship. Fudan has a school for "Go" under its adult and continuing education unit and Prof Shen believed it would be most appropriate for this school to take up the task. Prof Yang had kindly given his consent. The Secretary was requested to liaise with the dean of the school to ensure that the championship could be started soon.	Pang
e)	<u>AEARU Web Site</u>	
	20. The Secretary reported that a hard copy of AEARU's Web page had been included in the papers for this meeting. Details of AEARU's activities, such as the Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Joint Faculty Workshop, could be found in the site. Except for POSTECH, none of the member universities had posted a home page of their own institutions in the uniform format recommended by the AEARU Web Site Task Force when it was convened during the last AGM in Tokyo. The Secretary would liaise with the designated coordinators of each member institution to see how the Task Force's recommendation could be carried out.	Pang
II.	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING</u>	
a)	<u>Design of AEARU's letterhead and logo</u>	
	21. After looking at various logo designs, Members decided on one showing a stylized character "亞" in burgundy color. The designer would be asked to provide several shades of the color to Members, so that the latter could decide on the final shade of burgundy.	Pang
b)	<u>Distinguished lectures</u>	
	22. Prof Chang undertook to explore the possibility of inviting a distinguished person to give a lecture on the occasion of the next AGM to be held at POSTECH.	Chang

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IV.	<u>PREPARATION FOR THE 3RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD AT POSTECH</u>	
	a) <u>Possible dates</u>	
	23. The Secretary was asked to liaise with the presidents of all member institutions to determine the best dates some time between September 30 and November 10, 1997.	Pang
	b) <u>Program</u>	
	24. It would be organized in a similar manner as the last AGM in Tokyo. Visits to KAIST and Seoul National University would be included.	Chang & Pang
	c) <u>Agenda items</u>	
	25. The Chairperson will propose agenda items nearer the time of the meeting.	Woo
V.	<u>LINKAGE WITH OTHER REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OF RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES</u>	
	26. The Chairperson wondered whether linkage with other similar regional associations might enhance the profile of AEARU. It might also facilitate contacts between members of AEARU and members of these associations. He introduced briefly five associations: CLUSTER (Consortium Linking Universities of Science and Technology for Education and Research — in Europe), CESAER (Conference of European Schools for Advanced Engineering Education and Research), ECIU (European Consortium of Innovative Universities), the Russell Group (in United Kingdom), and APRU (Association of Pacific Rim Universities). After some discussions, it was generally agreed that although the idea was good, it was yet too early for AEARU to formally link up with any of these associations. This matter should be considered again when AEARU has reached a certain degree of maturity in terms of collaboration among its own members, and has accumulated sufficient experience in organizing joint activities. Since CLUSTER was the only association which had officially proposed linkage with AEARU, the Chairperson would write to the President of CLUSTER, Prof Janne Carlsson, to inform him of this decision.	Woo

