AEARUAssociation of East Asian Research Universities

Minutes of the Seventh Board of Directors Meeting October 19, 2000 Osaka University, Osaka

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I. PREVIEW OF 2001 ACTIVITIES

A. <u>Student Summer Camp (General)</u>

- 1. Chair HASUMI called the meeting to order at 2:50 p.m.
- 2. It was agreed that President XU of Peking University will ask Peking U. President WANG of Fudan University if they are willing to Fudan U. host the Student Summer Camp (General) in 2001.
- 3. It was also decided that if Fudan University agreed to hold a SNU Student Summer Camp (General) in 2001, SNU who had volunteered to host a Camp would be asked to do so in 2002.

B. Workshop Participation

- 4. President WOO praised the fact that AEARU's workshops All have been 'running themselves' and have so much grassroots participation.
- 5. President CHUNG commented that all member universities should be encouraged to participate in all of the workshops. President WOO added that there are two or three universities which have low participation rates.

C. <u>Medical Center Workshop</u>

6. President WOO said that he thought that once AEARU starts a HKUST Medical Center Workshop, the medical schools themselves will probably keep it going, since they are quite large and have the resources to do so.

D. <u>Distance Learning/On-line Education</u>

- 7. President WOO expressed his hope that a workshop on this subject might be organized as soon as possible, because it is an important issue and one which is moving very fast.
- 8. It was agreed that the BOD will ask President NAGAO of Kyoto U. Kyoto University to form a committee.

II. <u>AEARU'S MEETINGS IN 2001/2002</u>

A. 8th Board of Directors Meeting at USTC

9. President ZHU suggested that:

USTC

- 1. 8th BOD be held in the middle of May,
- 2. President HASUMI should accompany the new Chair and turn over the job at the BOD meeting, and
- 3. USTC will invite the other university presidents to the BOD as observers if they'd like to come.

B. 8th Annual General Meeting in 2002

10. It was agreed that the host university of the 8th Annual General BOD Meeting should be decided at or by the 8th BOD.

C. <u>AEARU's 5th Anniversary Celebration</u>

- 11. President WOO said AEARU's 5th Anniversary would be in January 2001, only 3 months away, and that it would be difficult to celebrate the anniversary then. However, if the celebration is conducted along with HKUST's 10th Anniversary celebration in October 2001, it will be almost 6 years after AEARU was founded and therefore too late for a 5th Anniversary celebration.
- 12. President WOO suggested AEARU have a good 10th Anniversary inviting all the past AEARU university presidents who have retired.
- 13. President WOO added that if the BOD decides not to have a 5th UT Anniversary celebration, the Chairman should send out an e-mail indicating this to all member universities.

III. OTHER MATTERS

A. AEARU Finances

14. President CHUNG commented that establishment of the AEARU Foundation continues to be an issue and a concern. He said that the most practical way to proceed would be for each region to set up individual foundations until that time when a centralized AEARU Foundation would be able to send and receive money from overseas without incurring any penalties.

B. <u>Gifts to retiring presidents</u>

15. President ZHU suggested the BOD give a gift to all those presidents who are retiring and to invite them to the next AGM to receive the gift.

IV. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

16. Chair HASUMI expressed his appreciation to all participants, and with all business having been accomplished, he adjourned the 7th Board of Directors' Meeting at 3:31 p.m.