

**AEARU**  
**Association of East Asian Research Universities**

**Minutes of the**  
**Eighth Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**May 18, 2001**  
**USTC, Hefei, China**

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<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SUBJECTS</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
I.	<b><u>INTRODUCTORY REMARKS AND REPORTS BY CHAIR SASAKI</u></b>	

A. Change of AEARU Chair

1. Chair Takeshi SASAKI called the 8<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors' Meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. after a brief presentation introducing USTC by President ZHU. Chair SASAKI explained that President Shigehiko HASUMI's term as president of the University of Tokyo ended in March and Prof. SASAKI became president on April 1, 2001. Accordingly the AEARU Chair also has passed on to President SASAKI. He then briefly introduced himself and explained his academic background in Political Science.
2. Chair SASAKI also noted that President Chia-Wei WOO of HKUST could not attend the meeting so Acting Vice-President Yuk-Shee CHAN came to represent him. Vice President CHAN brought a brief greeting and expressed President WOO's apologies.
3. Chair SASAKI expressed appreciation to President ZHU and his staff for their warm hospitality and kindness in hosting the 8<sup>th</sup> BOD Meeting.

B. Turnover Updates

4. There were no changes in the presidency of member universities since last year's AGM, but Vice-President CHAN mentioned that Professor WOO would be stepping down as president on July 1, 2001 and Professor Paul Ching-Wu CHU of the University of Houston would be succeeding him as president of HKUST.

C. Announcement about presenting a Gift of Appreciation to Previous Chair Hasumi

5. Chair SASAKI stated that he will present the previous Chair HASUMI with a commemorative gift directly in Tokyo. UT

II. **VICE-CHAIR CHEN'S REPORT**

6. Vice Chair Wei-Jao CHEN first congratulated Chair SASAKI on his election as president of UT and welcomed him on behalf of the Board

as the new Chairperson of AEARU. He also expressed his heartfelt thanks to President ZHU and USTC for hosting this meeting and for the kind arrangements.

7. Vice Chair CHEN mentioned that the 17 members of AEARU are devoted to the organization and this makes AEARU stand out. Taiwan University has taken an active part in the various workshops and the professors who have attended have given very high evaluations.

**III. PREVIEW OF DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE 6<sup>th</sup> AGM AND 7<sup>th</sup> BOD HELD AT OSAKA UNIVERSITY ON OCTOBER 19, 2000**

8. Chair SASAKI asked everyone to review the revised minutes from the 6<sup>th</sup> AGM and 7<sup>th</sup> BOD Meeting held in Osaka last October. There were no suggested changes.

**IV. REVIEW OF 2000/2001 WORKSHOPS AND STUDENT SUMMER CAMPS**

9. Chair SASAKI asked everyone to look at the chart titled *AEARU Activities: Member University Participation* and to especially note the Workshops and Camps held since the last AGM. He also reminded the Board that each host university was to put together a summary report within three months of the activity, and send it to the Chair who would then forward it to all member universities. All
- A. Student Summer Camp (Topical), HKUST, July 30-August 5, 2000
- B. Student Summer Camp (General), UT, August 4-11, 2000
- C. 3<sup>rd</sup> Computer Science Workshop, Peking University, August 23, 2000
- D. 3<sup>rd</sup> Web Technology Workshop, Tsinghua University, Beijing, August 22-23, 2000
- E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cultural Workshop, UT, October 20-21, 2000
10. Chair SASAKI mentioned that this workshop was held at UT's Komaba Campus immediately after last year's AGM. He pointed out that of the 7 speakers, 4 were from AEARU member universities. A collection of the proceedings will be published and distributed to all member universities.

F. 4<sup>th</sup> Molecular Biology Workshop, POSTECH, November 24-25, 2000

11. President CHUNG noted that the main focus of this workshop was Genomic Structures and Functions. He mentioned that about 80 participants from 12 member universities attended and most of them seemed impressed by the quality and level of the workshop.

G. 1<sup>st</sup> Environmental Workshop, HKUST, January 9-10, 2001

12. Vice President CHAN mentioned that 33 people participated representing 11 member universities. Two booklets were distributed to the BOD Members containing the programs, abstracts and proceedings of the workshops.

V. **PREVIEW OF WORKSHOPS AND STUDENT SUMMER CAMPS IN 2001**

A. Workshop for the Development and Collaboration of Asian Business Schools, KAIST, May 16-18, 2001 KAIST

13. President CHUNG mentioned that this Workshop was being held at the same time as the BOD so they should be getting a report soon.

B. Student Summer Camp (Topical), HKUST, July 29-August 4, 2001 HKUST  
(Brochure available)

C. Student Summer Camp (General), Fudan University, August 5-11, 2001 Fudan

D. 2<sup>nd</sup> Microelectronics Workshop, Peking University, Summer 2001 Peking

14. It was noted that summer is fast approaching and since no details had been presented yet, President ZHU said he would check on the status of this workshop. USTC

E. 1<sup>st</sup> Workshop on Science and Technology Parks and Incubators, Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu/KAIST, Summer 2001 TH-Hsinchu  
KAIST

15. Vice Chair CHEN mentioned that he thought Dr. LIU of Tsing Hua University wanted to discuss this workshop with KAIST, but details had not been decided yet. He said he would check with President LIU regarding the status of the workshop. Taiwan

- F. 4<sup>th</sup> Computer Science Workshop, Kyoto University, December 2001 Kyoto
16. Chair SASAKI said he would ask Kyoto University for a status report. UT
- G. 4<sup>th</sup> Web Technology Workshop, USTC, November 5-8, 2001 USTC
- H. 5<sup>th</sup> Molecular Biology Workshop (host and date undecided)
17. Chair SASAKI noted that the hosts for both the 5<sup>th</sup> Molecular Biology Workshop and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Cultural Workshop remain undecided. USTC  
Taiwan  
UT  
President CHUNG mentioned that Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan and Korea had hosted this workshop, so perhaps a university in Mainland China could host the 5<sup>th</sup> one. President ZHU said he would call Nanjing University to see if they could host this workshop since they have not hosted a workshop yet. President CHEN was asked to contact Tsing Hua University about the possibility of holding it there. And Chair SASAKI said he would see if anyone in Japan could host it.
- I. 3<sup>rd</sup> Cultural Workshop (host and date undecided)
18. It was proposed that maybe a Korean university could host this workshop, but since 2 of the 3 Korean universities don't have humanities departments, President CHUNG said he would ask President LEE of SNU. POSTECH

## VI. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 6<sup>TH</sup> AGM

- A. Funding Ideas for the Next Edition of AEARU's Printed Brochure
19. Chair SASAKI mentioned that 1000 copies of the AEARU Brochure were printed last year and 50 copies were distributed to each member university. POSTECH kindly bore the costs of printing which came to \$6000-7000.
20. It was mentioned that even though the information is available on the internet, it is helpful to have this in a book form for record keeping and also to introduce AEARU to others, so it was agreed to print the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition in 2003.
21. Different ideas for how to fund the next edition were discussed including having the Secretariat or a Board Member's university pay

for the printing. Since this was not an urgent matter, no final decision was made.

B. AEARU Foundation

22. It was proposed a while ago to establish an AEARU Foundation, but because of current economic conditions and matters related to tax laws in each region, it seems that establishing one Foundation might be difficult at this time. An idea of establishing a separate Foundation in each region was presented at the last BOD meeting, but for the time being it was decided to continue with the present system of bearing expenses, where the host university would take on most of the costs related to the function.

C. Proposed Workshops

23. Medical Center Workshop

HKUST and Peking University will jointly host this new Workshop. Vice President CHAN mentioned that plans are for this workshop to be held in 2002 and that other overseas institutions will be invited to participate. Vice Chair CHEN will also be involved in the planning.

HKUST  
Peking  
Taiwan

24. Distance Learning/On-Line Education

At the previous Board Meeting it was decided to ask President NAGAO of Kyoto University to form a committee on Distance Learning/On-Line Education, but unfortunately he was unable to take on the task. So President CHEN offered to see about the possibility of Taiwan University hosting this workshop.

Taiwan

25. The meeting adjourned for a short break at 10:35.

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

A. Regarding the next term's Chair, Vice-Chair and BOD Members

26. Chair SASAKI mentioned that his term will end this year, so there will be an election at the next AGM. It was noted that according to tradition, Taiwan University and USTC would be the natural choice for Chair and Vice-Chair.

27. Also, it was confirmed that HKUST will continue to serve on the BOD since it is the only university in that region. And also, UT will keep its seat on the Board as the immediate past chair.
28. President CHUNG said that since POSTECH has served on the Board for many years, he would contact KAIST about the possibility of joining the BOD and hosting the next AGM.

B. Proposal from CLUSTER to create a link with AEARU

29. Chair SASAKI mentioned that CLUSTER has sent another letter requesting a link with AEARU. UT
30. President CHUNG explained that this is a long-standing issue, and that a formal link was delayed because AEARU was still trying to upgrade the quality and quantity of its own workshops, and to rush into a linkage with other similar organizations might dilute the efforts of AEARU.
31. It was decided that at some point there might be some joint activities between CLUSTER and AEARU, but at the present time a formal link would not be pursued. But Chair SASAKI noted that several member institutions have established individual relationships with CLUSTER universities, so at this time that might be enough.
32. It was agreed that AEARU would write a letter to CLUSTER delaying a formal link. UT

C. Review of cost burden distribution policy for AGM/BOD participants

33. Chair SASAKI brought up the fact that under the present arrangement the host university for the BOD and AGM meetings has a heavy burden of covering all the expenses of the participants except for airfare. As AEARU grows and the number of activities increases, this might cause a heavy burden for some universities.
34. Some felt that the host university could continue to shoulder the costs as this was the oriental tradition of hospitality. Several ideas for how to bear the costs were discussed but it was decided that for the time being, the present system would be continued, and in the future it should be discussed again.

D. Expression of Appreciation by Kyoto University for AEARU's cooperation in the International Conference on Digital Libraries in November 2000

35. Chair SASAKI mentioned that a letter of appreciation had come from Kyoto University regarding AEARU's cooperation in the International Conference on Digital Libraries.

### **VIII. DATES AND VENUES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

A. 7<sup>th</sup> AGM at HKUST, October 4, 2001 (in conjunction with HKUST's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

36. Ms. Loretta PANG mentioned that the AGM would be held on October 4<sup>th</sup> and there would also be a symposium of University Presidents on October 5<sup>th</sup>. The theme will be "Knowledge Gap and Wealth Polarization in the New Economy." HKUST

B. 8<sup>th</sup> AGM in 2002—unscheduled

37. President CHUNG volunteered to find a host in Korea for the 8<sup>th</sup> AGM and 11<sup>th</sup> BOD meetings, but if none could be found then President ZHU said USTC or a university in China could host the meetings. POSTECH

C. 9<sup>th</sup> BOD at HKUST with 7<sup>th</sup> AGM, October 4, 2001 HKUST

D. 10<sup>th</sup> BOD in 2002 – unscheduled

38. President CHEN said he would try to host the Spring BOD in Taiwan. Taiwan

E. 11<sup>th</sup> BOD in 2002 with 8<sup>th</sup> AGM – unscheduled POSTECH

### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

39. Chair SASAKI expressed his appreciation to everyone and especially to President ZHU and USTC staff members for hosting the BOD meeting.

40. Chair SASAKI noted that the next BOD meeting would be held after the 7<sup>th</sup> AGM at HKUST on October 4, 2001.

41. Chair SASAKI adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.



