

AEARU
Association of East Asian Research Universities
Minutes of the
13th Board of Directors Meeting
September 20, 2003
University of Science and Technology of China

PRESENT

Prof. Paul Ching-Wu CHU	President, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Prof. Chang-Sun HONG	President, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology
Prof. Wei-Jao CHEN (Chair)	President, Taiwan University
Prof. ZHU Qingshi (Vice-Chair)	University of Science and Technology of China
Prof. Hiroshi KOMIYAMA	Vice-President, The University of Tokyo

SECRETARY

Prof. Hsiou-Wei LIN	Executive Secretary, AEARU Secretariat
Ms. Olga LING	Secretary, AEARU Secretariat

IN ATTENDANCE

Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology

Dr. Kwang Hyung LEE	Dean, International Relations Office
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Taiwan University

Ms. Su-Nu TSAI	Secretary, President's Office
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University of Science and Technology of China

Prof. ZHANG Mengping	Deputy Director, International Affairs Office
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Mr. LIANG Guodong	Program Officer, International Affairs Office
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The University of Tokyo

Dr. Toshio NAGASHIMA

Professor, Graduate School of Engineering

Ms. Yoko CHIKUNI

Staff, International Affairs Division

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
I.	<u>MATTERS CARRIED OVER FROM THE 9TH AGM</u>	
A.	<u>Inviting CLUSTER students to AEARU Student Summer Camp</u>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chair CHEN called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM. 2. Chair CHEN reported that it was decided at the 9th Annual General Meeting that USTC will invite CLUSTER students to the 2004 Student Summer Camp (General). 	CLUSTER
B.	<u>Issues regarding the expansion of AEARU</u>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. BOD members continued discussing issues regarding the expansion of AEAEU that was discussed at the 9th Annual General Meeting. 4. Chair CHEN explained that the Secretariat received several requests from other universities on joining AEARU. He would like to discuss with the BOD members on whether it is necessary to increase the members and what would be the criteria for the new members to join in. He also added that President SHU of Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu expressed that the current number of the members is already too many, but it is still manageable. 	Chair
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. President CHU of HKUST agreed with President SHU's suggestion that the membership should remain its small size. He also expressed that it was crucial to set the right criteria for admitting new members since there are many good universities in East Asia who are non-AEARU members. 	HKUST
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Chair CHEN added that President HONG of KAIST also mentioned at the 9th AGM that if the membership should be expanded, and if the quota and the procedure for the new members to join should be decided. President CHU suggested that geographic location of the universities could be one of the criteria for the new members. 	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. President HONG said some of the universities requested to join AEARU by sending letter to the Secretariat and some of them were recommended by AEARU members. He suggested that new membership should not be granted to any universities that send requests to the Secretariat since there are too many 	KAIST

universities. New members should be invited by AEARU. President HONG said the number of the universities to be invited from each region should be fixed in accordance to the criteria for the new members.

HKUST

8. President HONG recommended that member universities from each region could nominate a university/ universities from their region at the Annual General Meeting. If the members consider the nominees, the Secretariat would send invitation to the university(s).

9. President CHU agreed with the idea of deciding a certain number of the universities from each region and he understood that there cannot be too many universities from one region. However, he was concerned with the flexibility of the quota because there might be many good universities in one region that exceeded its quota.

UT

10. Prof. KOMIYAMA of the University of Tokyo indicated that the current size of the members and the number of universities from each region are well balanced. He said the geographic location of Kyushu University is closer to East Asia, thus, UT would like to recommend Kyushu University as a new member of AEARU. He also suggested that invitations to some of the universities to join AEARU could be possible.

Chair

Vice-Chair

11. Chair CHEN added that perhaps universities with strong programs in science and technology field could be one of the criteria for the new member.

12. Vice-Chair ZHU commented that it might be better to remain the current number of the members and reconsider to expand the number of the membership to 20 in the future.

13. Chair CHEN concluded that AEARU would remain its current number of the membership and would reconsider the expansion of the membership at the next meeting.

UT

C. Methods to promote and raise workshop participation

Chair

14. Prof. KOMIYAMA mentioned that President SHU of Tsing Hua University Hsinchu made a good comment earlier at the AGM on assigning a contact person at each member university to be in charge of the workshop.

15. Chair CHEN suggested that the idea of forming a working group for the workshop would be helpful in organizing the schedule, participation and other details of the workshop as well as the topic of the workshop. The Secretariat will send a survey on topics of the AEARU workshops to the members

II. PREVIEW OF 2003/2004 ACTIVITIES

A. Workshops to be held in/proposed in 2003

1. 5th Workshop on Web Technology and Computer Science, University of Tsukuba, October 15-16, 2003
2. 2nd Workshop on Network Education, Taiwan University, December 10-11, 2003
3. 2nd AEARU Science & Technology Park Workshop: Business Incubation and Technology Transfer, KAIST, November 20-21, 2003

KAIST

16. Chair CHEN concluded that there would be three more workshops in 2003.

17. President HONG asked about the conclusion on accepting new members.

HKUST

18. President CHU explained that Vice-Chair ZHU mentioned earlier that the total number of the members would be expanded to 20. New members should be invited by AEARU, however, the quota of the members from each region and other details on the procedure would be discussed at the next meeting.

B. Workshops to be held in/proposed in 2004

1. International Conference on Traditions of Controversy East & West, Taiwan University/International Association for the Study of Controversies (IASC), April 1-4, 2004 (Postponed)

Chair

19. Chair CHEN announced that the International Conference on Traditions of Controversy East & West has been postponed to 2005. TU will announce the decided date later after discussing with IASC.

2. 1st Medical Center Workshop, HKUST/Peking University/Taiwan University.(Postponed)

HKUST

20. President CHU explained that he discussed with Peking University and Taiwan University since the organizing committee from China, Hong Kong and Taiwan had all experienced SARS themselves, issues on SARS might be an interesting topic to be discussed at the workshop. HKUST

3. International Symposium on BioSystems, KAIST, August 26-28, 2004

4. Student Summer Camp (General)

5. Student Summer Camp (Topical), Taiwan University, 2004

6. 7th Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Workshop, Tsinghua University, Beijing, 2004

7. 2nd Environmental Workshop, POSTECH, 2004 (Postponed)

21. Chair CHEN reported that the Student Summer Camp General and Topical were both cancelled this year due to the outbreak of SARS. USTC and TU would hold the Student Summer camp in 2004. Vice-Chair ZHU added that USTC would like to focus on the culture in Ming and Tsing Dynasty for the 2004 Student Summer Camp (General). POSTECH
USTC

22. Chair CHEN confirmed with the members on the workshops that would be held in 2004.

III. DATES AND VENUES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

A. 14th BOD in 2004, HKUST

23. President CHU said they would like to hold the BOD in either March or April. HKUST will contact all the members to confirm on the date. HKUST

B. 10th AGM in 2004

24. Chair CHEN noted that the both 10th AGM and the 15th BOD would be held at Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu. At the AGM earlier, Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu proposed to hold the meeting at the end of September and they would contact all the members on the schedule of the meeting. TH-Hsinchu

C. 15th BOD in 2004

IV. ADJOURNMENT

25. Vice-Chair ZHU reported that President WANG Shenghong of Fudan University proposed that they would like to hold the 11th AGM in 2005 at Fudan and 2005 would also be the 100 anniversary of Fudan University.

Vice-Chair
Fudan U.

26. Chair CHEN adjourned the meeting at 11:00 AM.

Chair