



東亞研究型大學協會
東アジア研究型大学協会
동아시아연구중심대학협의회
The Association of East Asian Research Universities

Agenda

AEARU 51st Board of Directors Meeting

November 29th 2022 (Tuesday)

2:00pm-3:30pm (GMT+8) / 3:00pm-4:30pm (GMT+9)

University of Science and Technology of China

(Videoconference)

I. Introductory Remarks

1. Welcome Remarks by Chairperson, Prof. Xinhe BAO from the University of Science and Technology of China
2. Announcement of recent changes in presidency of member universities
 - The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology: President Wei Shyy to President Nancy Yuk-Yu IP (October 2022)
3. Announcement of the University of Tsukuba's withdrawal from AEARU since February 28th, 2023

II. Confirmation of The Minutes

1. Minutes of the 50th BOD Meeting; April 20th, 2022; Osaka University (videoconference)

III. Treasury Report

1. Income and Expenditure Statement

IV. Review of activities after April 20th 2022 (50th BOD)

1. The AEARU Future Scientist Exchange Program by the University of Science and Technology of China
2. Global Learning Initiatives Program for the 2022 Autumn semester

V. Scheduled AEARU Activities after November 29th 2022 (51st BOD)

1. AEARU Summer Institute of Extended Flipped Education (HKUST)

VI. Other Issues

1. Proposal from the University of Science and Technology of China
2. Vote on the 2023 AEARU Vice-Chairperson
3. The 52nd BOD Meeting, Spring 2023; **host undecided**
4. Vote on the University of Macau's entry

VII. Adjournment

1. A group photo by the University of Science and Technology of China
2. Closing Remarks by Chairperson

Participants List for AEARU 51st BOD Meeting

Chair and Host

University of Science and Technology of China

	Name	Title
Representative	Prof. Xinhe BAO	President
Attendee-1	Prof. Kun QU	Director, Office of International Cooperation
Attendee-2	Prof. Yifu CAI	Deputy Director, Office of Inter Cooperation
Attendee-3	Ms. Lin SU	Program Officer, Office of International Cooperation

BOD The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

	Name	Title
Representative	Prof. Yang WANG	Vice-President for Institutional Advancement
Attendee-1	Ms. Yvonne LI	Head, Global Engagement and Greater China Affairs
Attendee-2	Ms. Celia IP	Senior Manager, Global Engagement and Greater China Affairs
Attendee-3	Ms. Eliza TAM	Manager, Global Engagement and Greater China Affairs

BOD Yang Ming Chiao Tung University

	Name	Title
Representative	Dr. Shun-Hua WEI	Senior Vice President

BOD Seoul National University

	Name	Title
Representative	Prof. Bernhard EGGER	Associate Dean of International Affairs
Attendee-1	Mr. Sean CHOI	Manager, Protocol & International Relations

BOD Tokyo Institute of Technology

	Name	Title
Representative	Dr. Kazuya MASU	President
Attendee-1	Prof. Nobuhiro HAYASHI	Vice President for International Affairs

Attendee-2	Mr. Kuniaki TSUJI	Director, Planning and International Affairs Department
Attendee-3	Mr. Hideo MORITA	Head, International Engagement Division
Attendee-4	Mr. Toku HIRASAWA	International Cooperation Coordinator, Office of Strategy and Planning

BOD Tsinghua University

	Name	Title
Representative	Prof. Hui WANG	Associate Dean, Office of International Affairs
Attendee-1	Ms. Yuan ZHANG	Senior Manage, Global Partnerships, Office of International Affairs

BOD The University of Tokyo

	Name	Title
Representative	Kaori HAYASHI	Executive Vice President
Attendee-1	Ms.Mami YAGIHASHI	Manager, International Projects Promotion Group
Attendee-2	Mr. James FEGAN	Project Specialist, International Projects Promotion Group

51st BOD Meeting Minutes

I. **Introductory Remarks**

1. **Welcome Remarks**

Professor Xinhe BAO (USTC), AEARU Chairperson and USTC president, welcomed the delegates for participating in the 51st BOD meeting. Professor BAO introduced USTC delegates, Professor Kun QU, the meeting moderator and the Director of the Office of International Cooperation, and Professor Yifu CAI, the Deputy Director of the Office of International Cooperation. He also thanked all BOD members for helping USTC with so many things this year. Lastly, he confirmed that all BOD members were present, so the meeting was effective.

2. **Announcement of Recent Change in Presidency of Member Universities**

Professor QU informed attendees that there was a change of presidency at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology: President Wei Shyy to President Nancy Yuk-Yu IP (October 2022). Professor Yang WANG (Vice President, HKUST) gave BOD members a brief introduction about President IP.

3. **Announcement of the University of Tsukuba's withdrawal from AEARU**

Professor QU announced the University of Tsukuba on their retreat, effective on February 28th, 2023. Professor BAO and QU expressed their regret towards this decision and paid tribute to all the members for their efforts and contributions.

II. Confirmation of The Minutes

Osaka University virtually hosted the 50th BOD Meeting on April 20th, 2022. The electronic copy has been sent in advance, and the final version will be available on the AEARU website (aearu.com).

Since there were no further comments from the BOD members, Professor BAO concluded that the minutes were confirmed by the Board.

III. Treasury Report

Professor QU acknowledged the receipt of a surplus of \$98,138.84 from the last Secretariat. At this writing, the Secretariat has received members fees from all members.

The current sum totals \$134,112.90.

IV. Review of activities after April 20th 2022 (50th BOD)

1. The AEARU Future Scientist Exchange Program by the USTC

Professor QU briefed the BOD members on the outcome of this online program, named Future Scientist Exchange Program (FuSEP) Summer Camp at USTC from June 27th 2022 to July 8th 2022, and invited the BOD members to review the Activity & Financial Report furnished by USTC. All the BOD members gave the green light to subsidize USTC for this event with 6,000 US Dollars.

2. Global Learning Initiatives Program

Professor QU updated the BOD members on the Global Learning Initiatives Program (GLIP) by quoting the data from the Fall semester 2022 -- six member universities offered 27 courses with 30 applicants (17 were admitted). AEARU will support these six universities financially and the same policy for the previous applies.

Professor QU also announced that the spring application of next year would continue. Course information would be called for from members in coming December. The Secretariat would contact all members once the schedule is confirmed. Professor QU announced the final funding amount for the spring and fall semesters and would issue the payment accordingly.

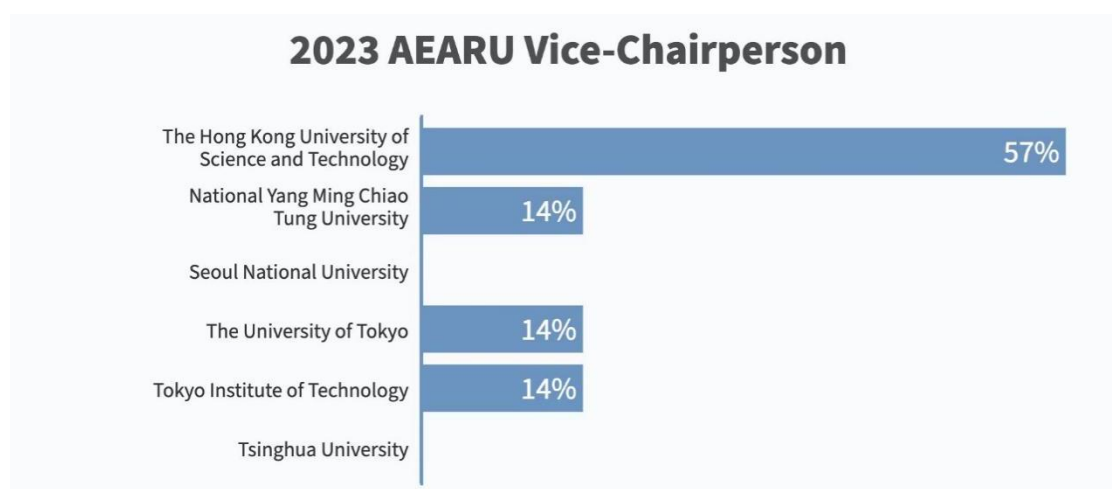
V. Scheduled AEARU Activities after November 29th 2022 (51st BOD)

Ms. Yvonne LI (HKUST) presented the BOD members with the Summer Institute of Extended Flipped Education program, which will be held at HKUST this summer by detailing the format of the program (The uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic was considered), the targeted participants, the project content, etc..

VI. Other Issues

Professor QU proposed to waive the \$2,000 annual fee for all members in 2023 because there was less financial expenditure on off-line activities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Meanwhile, this proposal aims to reduce the financial burden on member universities, and the exemption of fees for one year will hardly impact the association's future development. Professor WANG (Vice President, HKUST) supposed that \$2,000 would not constitute a financial burden for the member universities. Members with financial stringency and budget cuts may apply for remission of annual fees separately. Professor Hui WANG (THU) thought that currency exchange and transfer were not convenient and time-consuming during the COVID-19 pandemic, so waiving the \$2,000 annual fee was welcome.

The election of Vice-Chairperson (2023) was held via online voting and the voting link has been sent to all member universities by the Secretariat in advance. According to the voting results shown in the figure below, HKUST was the leading vote-getter among 7 Boards with four votes, while NYCU, UTokyo and Tokyo Tech got one vote, and other Boards got 0 vote. Professor BAO announced that the Vice-Chairperson of AEARU for 2023 was the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. There are no comments on this from the BOD.



Professor CAI asked whether Seoul University would host one of the 2023 meetings. Professor Bernhard Egger (SNU) noted that the meeting preparation time is tight, and they will consider the possibility of holding a meeting the year after next. Professor QU stated that USTC would continue to hold 52nd BOD meeting for the spring session. Professor Wang (Vice President, HKUST) stated that they would host 53rd BOD meeting and 29th AGM for the Fall session and welcome member universities to Hong Kong.

Professor BAO recommended the University of Macau (UM) to join AEARU. He also reminded attendees that according to the constitution of AEARU, the total number of members is twenty, and we currently have only eighteen members. Moreover, the participation of UM was conducive to facilitating the long-term development of AEARU, expanding the influence of AEARU and promoting pluralistic cooperation among member

universities. Dr. Masu Kazuya (Tokyo Tech) asked about admission process stipulated in the AEARU constitution. Professor QU explained this admission process and expressed that this issue would be discussed further in the later AGM.

VII. Adjournment

Closing Remarks by Professor BAO. He thanked all attending delegates for joining the meeting today and expressed his appreciation for being the AEARU Chairperson and would continue to be of service. He also looked forward to collaborating with all member universities in the future.