

## **MEETING ON FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE GLOBAL U7 CONSORTIUM**

### **Participants**

#### **Australian National University, Australia.**

Prof. Peter Rimmer. (Emeritus, Research School of Pacific Studies).

#### **Erasmus University, Netherlands.**

Dr. Willem Lammerts Van Bueren. (Dean for International Affairs).

#### **Haifa University, Israel.**

Prof. Yehuda Hayuth. President, University of Haifa).

#### **Inha University, Republic of Korea.**

Dr. Seoung-Yong Hong (President, Inha University).

Prof. Seog-Yeon Cho. (Dean of External Affairs).

Prof. Young-Tae Chang. (Secretary-General of Global U7 Office).

Dr. In-Heun Choi. (Deputy Secretary-General of Global U7 Office).

Dr. David Kent. (Lecturer in English).

Prof. Jae-Il Lee. (Dean for Research).

Prof. Eui-Kon Kim. (Dean for Academic Affairs).

Prof. Bok-Choon Kang. (Dean for Administrative Affairs).

#### **Le Havre University, France.**

Dr. Pierre-Bruno Ruffini. (President, Le Havre University).

Prof. Francois Leboulenger. (Head, Laboratory of Ecotoxicology).

#### **RMIT University, Australia.**

Prof. Chris Whitaker. (Pro Vice-Chancellor, Business).

#### **University of Rhode Island, United States of America.**

Dr. Robert L. Carothers. (President, University of Rhode Island).

Prof. Thomas Grigalunas. (Environmental and Natural Resource Economics).

#### **University of Washington, United States of America.**

Prof. Jess Browning.

(Director Emeritus, Center for Global Trade, Transportation and Logistics).

Prof. Marc J. Hershman. (School of Marine Affairs).

#### **XiaMen University, Peoples Republic of China.**

Dr. Chongshi Zhu. (President, Xiamen University).

Dr. Tongwen Mao. (Director, International Cooperation and Exchange Office).

Prof. Junyi Weng. (Dean, College of Management).

**Opening of the Meeting April 30, 2004. 09:00.**

Yong-Tae Chang, current Secretariat General of the Global U7 Consortium, introduced the Agenda.

Dr. Hong, President of Inha University, was the Chair of the meeting.

**Agenda**

**Part I: 2<sup>nd</sup> Council of Presidents (COP) Meeting in 2005. 09:00–10:00.**

Establishing the location, and time of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Council of Presidents Meeting in 2005, and briefly discussing financing.

**Part II: Composition of the Three Committees - Members. 10:30-11:00.**

Emphasis on final nomination of committee members, and their responsibilities.

**Part III: Plan of Future Activities and Suggestions. 11:30-12:00.**

Reviewing the plans of the Consortium, and determining some future directions of each working committee.

**Objectives of the Meeting**

The primary importance of the meeting centered on the future plans of the Consortium, particularly that of the location of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Council of Presidents meeting and the activities to be achieved by working committee members.

**Part I: 2<sup>nd</sup> Council of Presidents (COP) Meeting in 2005.**

First, and foremost, Dr. Hong extended his gratitude to participants of the Consortium, and on the event of Consortium formation.

A venue and appropriate time to hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> Presidential meeting was then discussed, as under the umbrella of the Agreement no clear articulation is presented for the venue or timing of the annual Council of Presidents Meeting. It was considered important to take into account each Consortium members status, and hold the venue at a location decided upon by consensus, with the venue rotated among member universities. Rotation was considered a good concept, and was agreed upon by all Consortium members. The floor was then open to suggestions regarding the location and candidate to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Council of Presidents meeting.

**Location**

Dr Zhu proposed that Xiamen University host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Council of Presidents Meeting. At this point in the meeting thanks were again expressed to Xiamen for their excellent

organizational ability in hosting the Second Steering Committee of the Global U7 Consortium. As there were objections raised, and no other candidates, against the Xiamen University bid to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Council of Presidents meeting the proposal was then accepted by all present.

### **Time**

It was then suggested that each member institute needs to nominate a suitable timeframe for the meeting, to be held either in July, September, or October of 2005, and this needs to be discussed further among member universities. However, Dr Zhu of Xiamen University proposed either July or September as two options. Member Presidents will need to determine the best time for their attendance at the Council of Presidents Meeting, based on their calendar of events, and inform the Consortium.

### **Financing**

Young-Tae Chang suggested discussing the financing behind the 2<sup>nd</sup> Council of Presidents Meeting. It was then mentioned that Inha University provided funds to support the First Steering Committee, the Second Steering Committee, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Council of Presidents meeting. As a result, President Zhu suggested that each host follow the same practice as set in place by Inha University (i.e. the host of the Council of Presidents meeting will meet most of the financial burden). However, President Hong suggested that a strict financial guideline need not be enforced immediately, and that at these initial stages the financial budget and practices of each member needs to be considered because financial issues should not distract from the emphasis of the Global U7 Consortium. Particularly since a number of member institutes may find it difficult to cover all expenses for meetings like that of the Council of Presidents. President Hong also reiterated that, if necessary, Xiamen University may need to ask member institutes to cover some expenses (e.g. international airfare), and that these details can be finalized at a later date after Xiamen University can determine what percentage of their University budget can be allocated to the hosting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Council of Presidents meeting.

In addition, the Consortium was informed that Washington University will have a new President in June and that this President, already having a relationship with the President of URI, can be quickly brought up-to-date on Consortium activities and welcomed as part of the Global U7.

### **Part II: Composition of the Three Committees - Members.**

It was reiterated that the Education Committee will be led by RMIT University, the Joint Research Committee led by the University of Rhode Island, and the Building Administrative Capacity Committee led by Xiamen University. The interim working coordinators are Booi Kam of RMIT for the Education Committee, Janett Trubatch of URI for the Joint Research Committee, and Tongwen Mao of Xiamen University for the Building Administrative Capacity Committee. Consortium members were reminded that these interim coordinators are responsible for organizing the first official meeting of the

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respective Committees, and that a Committee Chairperson will be officially elected at the first meeting of each of these Committees.

Even though specific member institutions will be leading each Committee, attention was drawn to the fact that any member institution can assist across all Committees. For example, Haifa University is offering to support and play an active role in building administrative capacity due to the experience and background they can offer.

Committee member nominations were then presented at this point in the meeting. It was also highlighted that each President within the Consortium will need to designate and nominate Committee coordinators, and present these names to the Secretariat General. It was further stated that each member institute was only required to present one name for each Committee, but URI had nominated two members (so one could cover the other if necessary), and the Secretariat General believes this to be a good idea. The Chair concurred with this notion, stating that each member institute can add one or two more names to their lists for each Committee.

The current nominations, presented by each member institution, are as follows:

### **RMIT University**

Education - Associate Professor Booi Kam.

Joint Research - Professor Robert Brooks, Dean Research and Innovation.

Building Administrative Capacity - Sue Jellet, Academic Registrar.

### **Inha University**

Education – Eui-Kon Kim, Dean of Academic Affairs

Joint Research – Jae-II Lee, Dean of Research.

Building Administrative Capacity – Bok-Choon Kang, Dean of Administrative Affairs.

### **University of Haifa**

To be presented.

### **University of Le Havre**

To be presented.

### **University of Rhode Island**

Education – Barham Nassarshrif, Dean of Engineering / Henry Schwarzbach, Professor of Business Administration.

Joint Research – Janett Trubatch, Vice Provost for Graduate Studies, Research and Outreach / Tom Grigalunas, Professor of Environmental and Natural Resource Economics.

Building Administrative Capacity – Dania Brandford, Director International Education / Judith Swift, Vice Provost.

### **University of Washington**

Education – Doug MacLachlan, Professor School of Business.

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Joint Research – Marc Hershman, Professor of the School of Marine Affairs.  
Building Administrative Capacity – David Fenner, Assistant Vice Provost for International Education.

### **Xiamen University**

Education – Daguang Wu, Dean of Education Administration.

Joint Research – Xu Wang, Dean of Scientific Research Office.

Building Administrative Capacity – Tongwen Mao, Director of International Cooperation and Exchange Office.

Furthermore, it was suggested that each Committee will need to meet within the next six months and that a timeframe needs to be set for Committee meetings.

### **Part III: Plan of Future Activities and Suggestions.**

President Hong suggested that each Committee needs to establish a long-term road map, in order to speed up the goals of the Consortium, concentrating on what must be carried out and when, and determining where current focus and forthcoming focus needs to be placed to better serve Consortium members. (For example, the Research Committee should examine how to and what to carry out concerning the field of logistics, high-technology, business administration, and marine affairs, so members can discuss and communicate on the matter in great depth and determine what technologies need developing and determine what finances and research will be required for developing any such technologies).

Le Havre University then suggested that information concerning the strengths and skills of each member institute, as they relate to the Committees, needs to be provided to each Consortium member. The Secretariat reiterated that this was previously discussed, throughout the steering committees, and that such information is available from the Consortium website. It was also agreed that member institutions would provide details to the Secretariat relating to their current and future research, the research titles of available researchers, and budget sources (including that from public, private, and international sources). This data will also be made available from the Consortium website. However, this detailed data still needs to be provided to the Secretariat Office and each President was then asked to pass this notice on to their research staff. The Secretariat will in turn contact Committee members for this information, and the data will then be collated into a standardized format and placed on the Consortium homepage.

### **Joint Research**

The first official Joint Research Committee meeting is proposed to be held on September 20-22 or 27-29 of 2004 at the University of Rhode Island. Member institutions were also reminded that their Joint Research Committee members should attend this meeting. Discussions on how to conduct joint research among members will be discussed at this meeting, as will development of a plan of action to promote joint research projects. The Transportation Research Conference dealing with logistics, transportation, and the environment to be held February 14-17, 2005, at the East-West

center in Honolulu, Hawaii was also mentioned. It is envisioned that this first joint research workshop, that URI will hold, will also assist in exploring common interests, and in building relationships, and come to define one or two projects that can be completed collaboratively that could not otherwise be completed individually. Although funding for the workshop has been explored by URI, possibly leading to the coverage of any on-site costs but probably not to the international costs incurred by member institutions, as such member institutions are encouraged to engage in fund-raising activities.

### **Education**

URI sought clarification on the term 'education', and it was mentioned that this term refers not just to language education or training but to all levels of education from the provision of content courses to joint degrees. The Education Committee is set to deal with any matter pertaining to education including objectives that relate to such endeavors as the undertaking of single subjects, credit transfer, joint courses, and the final goal of accomplishing joint degrees. RMIT also stated that this Committee would need to set down objectives and spell out the benefits for each of these objectives, and explore the many benefits of the various educational endpoints that can be utilized to achieve these objectives. Several examples of global education, ranging from online learning initiatives and intensive programs through to hybrid-learning models were then mentioned. President Hong also suggested that the focus of the Education Committee needs to move away from traditional educational offerings, and see the Consortium overcome traditional educational schemes to move forward and to create new paradigms as models for the future. RMIT will lead this matter, due to their experience. It was also suggested that the Committee outcomes need to be shared in a hosted workshop, and that a date needs to be established for the Committee to meet within the next six months.

### **Building Administrative Capacity**

Haifa University, along with RMIT, is seen as possessing the skills, experience, and an established platform that can lend them both to contribute to the Building Administrative Capacity Committee. It is stated that Inha University seeks to enhance the long term administrative level of the university, and reshuffle staff, and perceives the adoption of a business model (like that of Haifa and RMIT) as useful and necessary. Inha also views such a scheme as useful and necessary for each Consortium member. It is also stated that Xiamen University, as it is taking the lead on this Committee, will examine each member universities system and select a one as an initial 'model'. Through this activity they can seek to understand a global level of administrative capacity, by comparing each member institute, and keeping the Incheon Declaration in mind. Further, URI will be establishing a public service institute as a center for training. URI also indicated that there exists a possibility of inviting international funding organizations to these meetings, and other Committee meetings. Such organizations may then view the group/Consortium as a vehicle for new projects, and provide funding for a number of concrete projects. As with the other Committees, it was suggested that a workshop be hosted and that the Committee meet within the next six months. However, Xiamen University is also hosting/planning the 2<sup>nd</sup> Council of Presidents meeting and they

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indicated a desire to host a workshop after this time. It was then suggested that the building administrative capacity workshop could be hosted simultaneously with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Council of Presidents meeting. However, the Secretariat-General stressed the importance of holding all three committees within six months. Therefore, the Secretary-General and some participants suggested Xiamen University that they should organize the first Administration Committee meeting within six months as the Interim Coordinator then once the meeting is held, the official Chair of the Committee will be elected, who is deemed to carry out the rest of works for the committee.

### **Conclusive Remarks of the Meeting**

It is reiterated that each Committee needs to target meeting within the next six months.

RMIT proposed on behalf of the Council to provide congratulations to President Hong on his vision of establishing the Global U7 Consortium. Thanks are also given for both the hospitality provided, and the smooth hosting of the Council of Presidents meeting.

Minutes prepared by: David B. Kent.