

Association of Christian Universities and Colleges in Asia (ACUCA)

Minutes of the 19th General Assembly Meiji Gakuin University, Japan 28 October, 2012 11:00 a.m.

Present

Hong Kong

Hong Kong Baptist University

Lingnan University

United Board for Christian Higher

Education in Asia

Prof. Albert S. C. Chan (ACUCA Treasurer)

Dr. Ma Hok Ka

Dr. Nancy E. Chapman

Mr. Ricky Cheng

Mr. Jonathan Wolff

India

Christ University (*) Lady Doak College (*) Fr. Viju Painadath Devassy Dr. R. Nimma Elizabeth

Indonesia

Parahyangan Catholic University

Prof. Robertus Wahjudi Triweko Ms. Crescentia Indras Palupi

Prof. Blasius Sebastianus Kusbiantoro

Dr. Julius Dharma Lesmono

Satya Wacana Christian University Indonesia Christian University

Maranatha Christian University

Mr. Yafet Yosafet Wilben Rissy Dr. Johannes Siregar

Dr. Felix Kasim

Dr. Subagya Suhardja Ms. Marisa Rianti Sutanto

Duta Wacana Christian University

Dr. Djohan

(ACUCA Executive Committee Member)

Dr. Henry Feriadi

Soegijapranata Catholic University

Prof. Budi Widianarko Dr. Ridwan Sanjaya

Universitas Pelita Harapan

Dr. Raymond Liu

Dr. Niel Byron Nielson Dr. Budi Raharjo Legowo

Universitas Atma Jaya Yogyakarta

Dr. Rogatianus Maryatmo

Dr. Theresia Anita Christiani

Dr. Budi Suprapto

Sanata Dharma University

The University of HKBP Nommensen (*)

Dr. Tarsisius Sarkim

Dr. Pohan Panjaitan

Japan

International Christian University

Dr. Junko Hibiya (ACUCA President)

Dr. Takeshi Nagata Dr. Johannes Unsok Ro (ACUCA General Secretary) Ms. Megumi Tsuburaya



Kwansei Gakuin University Prof. Ruth Grubel Prof. Keiji Utebi

Meiji Gakuin University Prof. Junji Shiba Dr. Ken Ueki

Nanzan University Rev. Michael Calmano
Dr. Noboru Kinoshita

Doshisha University Prof. Hirohide Koshikawa

Aoyama Gakuin University
Prof. Satoru Itoh
Rev. Ken Omiya
Momoyama Gakuin University
Dr. Kichizo Akashi

Prof. Takaaki Ito
Rev. Isao Matsudaira
J. F. Oberlin University
Rev. Takayasu Mitani
Mr. Makoto Haneda
Mr. Akihiro Nezu

Mr. Hideki Matsudo
Rev. Toshiyoshi Dobashi
Seigakuin University
Prof. David Burger

Korea

Soongsil University Dr. Seon Wook Kim
Mr. Jinhee Choo

Keimyung University Dr. Jae-Bum Hwang

Philippines

Ateneo de Manila University Fr. Jose Cruz, S.J.

Mr. Glenn De Leon

De La Salle University

Prof. Myrna Austria
Silliman University

Dr. Ben III Malayang

(ACUCA Executive Committee Member)

Trinity University of Asia

Miriam College

Ms. Rose Linda Bautista

Dr. Rosario Margarita Aligada

St. Paul University Philippines

Dr. Ma. Teresa Maguigad

St. Paul University Philippines Dr. Ma. Teresa Maguigac Ms. Alma Quinagoran

Taiwan

Fu Jen Catholic University

Prof. Vincent Chiang
Rev. Leszek Niewdana

Prof. Tzu-Pao Yang
Ms. Janet Lin
Ms. Anita Hsiao
Ms. Shian-Yuan Huang

Soochow University

Ms. Snian-Yuan Huang
Dr. Wei-Liang Chao
Dr. Kai Li Liu

Tunghai University Dr. Seng-Sheen Fan

Providence University Dr. Anne Therese Falkenstein Chang Jung Christian University Prof. Chin-Sheng Chen

(ACUCA Executive Committee Member)

Wenzao Ursuline College of Languages Dr. Herlin Chien



Thailand

Assumption University
Christian University Of Thailand
Asia-Pacific International University

Mr. Glen Chatelier

Dr. Janjira Wongkhomthong

Dr. Loren Agrey

(*) Schools marked with an asterisk had their membership approved in this General Assembly.

Apologies

Hong Kong

Chung Chi College, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Indonesia

Petra Christian University Krida Wacana Christian University

Japan

Tohoku Gakuin University

Korea

Ewha Womans University
Sogang University
Yonsei University
Hannam University
Jeonju University
Handong Global University
Mokwon University

Philippines

Central Philippine University Philippine Christian University Filamer Christian University

Taiwan

Chung Yuan Christian University St. John's University

Thailand

Payap University

I. Opening

Dr. Junko Hibiya, President of ACUCA, welcomed all delegates to the 19th ACUCA General Assembly. She announced that ACUCA by-laws state that "the quorum for general assembly meetings shall be a simple majority of the full members" and that with 37 of 54 members represented at the meeting a quorum was present.

II. General Assembly

1) Prayer



Rev. Isao Matsudaira from Momoyama Gakuin University offered the opening prayer.

2) General Secretary's Report

ACUCA General Secretary, Dr. Johannes Unsok Ro, reported on the activities of the previous two years. An outline of these activities follows.

a. Management Conference 2011

15-17 September 2011, Kwansei Gakuin University

"ACUCA Network Model of Sustainability Education, Student Mobility Scheme and E-learning"

b. Student Camp 2012

20-24 August 2012, International Christian University

"Aiming for Tomorrow Where We Can Walk Side by Side: Our Dream, Our Efforts"

c. Biennial Conference 2012

26-28 October 2012, International Christian University and Meiji Gakuin University

"Whole Person Education-Trends and Challenges"

d. Programs

Student Mobility Scheme

Participants in the short-term exchange program between ACUCA members, the "Student Mobility Scheme," increased from 27 to 36.

e. Aid to Areas Hit by Natural Disasters

Support for ACUCA members affected by the following natural disasters was provided.

- * Typhoon in Taiwan
- * Volcano eruption in Indonesia
- * Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami in Japan
- * Flooding in Thailand

f. Invitation to Indian Schools to Join ACUCA

Dr. Ro visited Christ University and Lady Doak College in India in April 2012 and invited them to apply for membership.

g. Suggestion from General Secretary

In his role as General Secretary, Dr. Ro proposed an overall direction for how to proceed with the ACUCA Network Model.

Suggestion from the General Secretary

International Christian University, as its host institution of the project, would like to make the following suggestions at the ACUCA General Assembly that

- 1. ACUCA should develop the project further based on the two-year experience, and
- 2. for further implementation of the project, ACUCA should consider if the project has demonstrated adequately its two-pronged objectives of
- I. identifying possible collaborative approaches to improvement of undergraduate education in the ACUCA member institutions and
- II. facilitating, building and improving of their capacity and confidence in joint e-learning development and implementation.

and may also respect the proposal composed by the participants in the ACUCA Wrap-up Seminar.



3) Treasurer's Report

ACUCA Treasurer, Prof. Albert S. C. Chan, reported on the association's finances. His report can be found in pp. 72-80 of the general assembly booklet. For a summary of the main points of the report, please refer to the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting on 26 October 2012.

4) Proposal to Amend ACUCA Constitution and By-Laws

The ACUCA President proposed revisions to the ACUCA constitution and by-laws. The proposal can be found on pp. 61-71 of the general assembly booklet.

The President explained that the ACUCA constitution and by-laws were established in 1976 and revised in 1986. Since then, many years have passed and some areas require revision. At this time, she proposed making the following four revisions.

- (1) When an Executive Committee member (including president, vice-president and treasurer) steps down from his/her post as college/university president during his/her tenure on the Executive Committee, the succeeding university/college president shall take over the position after being approved by the Executive Committee.
- (2) The responsibility for the Executive Committee is something an institution should take over and not the individual representative. (A new clause describing the "Institutional Nature of Office" under the section in the Constitution dealing with the Executive Committee is added.)
- (3) Approval for new membership shall be decided not in the general assembly that takes place only once every two years, but at the Executive Committee meeting held twice per year.
- (4) There is an increasing need for ACUCA's work on cooperative research/activities as times change. Thus, to meet the ACUCA's objectives, in addition to research projects, the words "service learning projects, quality assurance projects, and Christian character development activities" shall be added.

The President presented the specific revisions and answered questions from members in attendance. A question was raised about what to do in case the succession of a college/university's president does not proceed smoothly. The ACUCA President explained that there is a possibility of there being unusual circumstances in the future. She added that in such special cases discussion will be necessary, but for now she would like to establish a set of general rules and make a determination about the proposed revisions.

Results of votes on the motions are as follows.

ACUCA Constitution In favor: 35 Opposed: 1

By-laws In favor: 36 Opposed: 0

According to the ACUCA constitution and by-laws, a vote of two-thirds of members in attendance at the general assembly is required to revise the constitution and one-half to revise the by-laws. Therefore the revisions to the constitution and by-laws were approved.

5) New Membership

The ACUCA President explained that applications for membership were received from three schools: University of HKBP Nommensen (Indonesia), Christ University (India) and Lady Doak College (India). Their membership was approved unanimously, and the representatives of these three schools present at the meeting were introduced.

6) Election of Officers

The ACUCA General Secretary recognized the nomination and approval of the Executive Committee for the following new ACUCA officers.



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New ACUCA Officers

TAIWAN

President

Dr. HAN-SUN CHIANG MD, PHD President, Fu Jen Catholic University

INDONESIA

Vice President Dr. ROBERTUS WAHJUDI TRIWEKO

Rector, Parahyangan Catholic University

HONG KONG

Treasurer

Prof. ALBERT CHAN

President, Hong Kong Baptist University

TAIWAN

General Secretary
Fr. LESZEK NIEWDANA SVD
Fu Jen Catholic University

2012-2014 BOARD MEMBERS

JAPAN

Rev. TAKAYASU MITANI President, J. F. Oberlin University

PHILIPPINES

Sr. REMY ANGELA JUNIO SPC President, St. Paul University Philippines

THAILAND

Dr. JANJIRA WONGKHOMTHONG President, Christian University of Thailand

KOREA

Dr. JONG – WOOK LEE President, Sogang University

7) Acceptance Speech

ACUCA President-Elect DR. HAN-SUN CHIANG MD, PHD, President, Fu Jen Catholic University gave a speech in which he thanked outgoing ACUCA President Junko Hibiya, and shared his vision for the future of ACUCA.

III. Conference Reflection

Ricky Cheng, the United Board's Vice President for Development, reflected on the past three



days of the conference and described his impressions. He said the conference as a whole was very lively and the theme of whole person education was an important one. He added that the membership of schools in India and China was discussed at the general assembly two years ago and that the new members from India represent a big step forward. He also said that adding members from Chinese colleges and universities should also be given consideration.

IV. Closing Statement

International Christian University President Junko Hibiya, who served as ACUCA's most recent president, expressed her thanks for members' cooperation over the last two years.

V. Benediction

New ACUCA General Secretary Fr. Leszek Niewdana, SVD, Vice President for Mission of Fu Jen Catholic University, gave the closing benediction.

ADJOURNMENT

The General Assembly adjourned at 12:30.

Prepared by:

Dr. Johannes Unsok Ro General Secretary, ACUCA Confirmed by:

Dr. Junko Hibiya President, ACUCA