Asia Pacific Association for International Education (APAIE)

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting, 22nd March, 2017

The Annual General Meeting of APAIE was held from 5.30 pm to 6.30pm on Wednesday, 22nd March 2017 at Kaohsiung Exhibition Centre, Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

Attendance
President of APAIE, Professor Susan Elliott, The University of Melbourne (Chair)
Vice-President of APAIE, Professor Anne Pakir, National University of Singapore
Vice-President of APAI, Professor KJ Lee, Hanyang University
Professor Sunhyuk Kim, Korea University
Professor Jenny Dixon, The University of Auckland
Professor R. Anderson Sutton, The University of Hawaii, Manoa
Professor Sarah Todd, Griffith University
Professor Chih-Wen Kuo, National Sun Yat-sen University
Professor Norimasa Morita, Waseda University
Ms Shally Fan, Chinese University of Hong Kong
Professor Yuichi Kondo, Ritsumeikan Asia-Pacific University
Professor Joongi Kim, Yonsei University
Professor Sansanee Chaiyaroj, Mahidol University
Professor Ching Tiong Tan, Singapore Management University
Professor Simon Evans, Pro Vice Chancellor (International), The University of Melbourne
Louise Kinnaird, Acting Executive Director
Jennifer Burdick, Acting Board Secretary
Professor Veronica Wong, Chinese University of Hong Kong
Hideko Sumita, Keio University
Professor Kazuo Kuroda, Dean International Affairs Division, Waseda University
Hirokazu Ishikura, Administrative staff, International Office, Waseda University
Chooi Foong Sin, National University of Singapore
Linda Cheng, National University of Singapore
Ms Evelyn Tan, National University of Singapore
Ms Krystin Kee, National University of Singapore
Mr Scott Blair, The Education Abroad Network
Satashi Tsumura, Waseda University
Ms Margaret Leong, National University of Singapore
George T. Sipos, International College of Liberal Arts
Di Hu, Dr Education
Rahul Choudaha, Dr Education

Apologies (Board Members)
Professor Jiro Kokuryo, Keio University
Professor Zhihong Yi, Renmin University
Professor Yansong Li, Peking University
Professor Debin Liu, Jilin University
A. FORMAL BUSINESS

1. President’s Welcome and overview of the agenda
APAIE President, Professor Susan Elliott, thanked everyone for attending the AGM and the APAIE conference in Kaohsiung. She informed attendees of her resignation and provided an overview of the forthcoming presidential election process. Professor closed by outlining the purpose of the AGM and the key matters that needed to be resolved.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting
The minutes of the previous AGM were passed unanimously.

B. STRATEGIC ITEMS

1. Staffing of APAIE Secretariat
Professor Elliott informed attendees of the recent changes to the APAIE Secretariat, including the resignation of former Director of the APAIE Secretariat Ms Grace Kim and the current interim arrangements in place.

C. MATTERS FOR DECISION

1. Proposed amendment to APAIE Charter – Removal of Clause 5, Article 9
Professor Elliott proposed that the APAIE constitution be amended by removing clause 5 which contains a specific reference to the former location of the APAIE Secretariat. She explained that this was unusually specific for an organisation’s constitution and merely was stating the current address of the Secretariat. Removal of the reference would not materially affect the constitution – it would merely remove a specific reference to the historic address of the Secretariat, an address which would no longer be current.
Professor Elliott also explained that going forward it was important that APAIE had the flexibility of basing the Secretariat where the most suitable employees could be found and where would be most suitable for the organisation’s needs, rather than specifying a particular room.
She also thanked Korea University for their generosity in hosting the APAIE Secretariat for so many years.
Motion: to amend Article 9 of the APAIE Charter by removing clause 5 which states “5. Currently, the Secretariat is at Room 312 Lyceum, Korea University, Anam-Dong, Seongbuk-Gu, Seoul, Korea, 136-701.”
Proposed: Professor Elliott
Seconded: Professor Sarah Todd
Outcome: Motion passed.

D. MATTERS FOR NOTING

1. Announcement of new APAIE BoD member
Professor Anne Pakir announced that, following Professor Elliott’s announcement of her resignation, the Board of Directors had accepted the nomination of Professor Simon Evans to fill the University of Melbourne Board of Directors position. She outlined Professor Evans’ qualifications, including his status as a constitutional law expert and thanked him for attending the Board of Directors meeting as an observer, noting that he had already made a valuable contribution.
Professor Elliott noted that the Constitution allowed for the Immediate Past President and Founding Presidents status as advisors to the Board without voting rights. She stated that she would be happy to act in that capacity during the upcoming period of transition and would continue to support/provide advice to the Board as required.

2. Official announcement of the host for the 2018 APAIE Conference & Exhibition
Professor Elliott thanked Professor Chih-Wen Kuo and his staff for their extraordinary efforts in organising and hosting the 2017 APAIE conference.
Professor Elliott officially announced that that the 2018 APAIE Conference would take place in Singapore and
would be hosted by four universities with the National University of Singapore acting as head host. She expressed her confidence that the conference would be highly successful and noted that the venue of Marina Bay Sands would be a remarkable setting.

Professor Anne Pakir announced that the dates for the conference would be 25-29 March 2018. Due to the conference taking place around Easter, the program run from Sunday to Thursday with campus visits taking place on the Thursday ensuring that the program would conclude prior to Good Friday.

Professor Elliott thanked Professor Pakir for her update and again expressed her confidence that the Singapore conference would be a great success.

Professor Elliott confirmed that the 2019 APAIE Conference would be hosted in Malaysia.

3. President's farewell
Professor Elliott thanked the APAIE Board and in particular the two Vice Presidents, Professors Pakir and Lee, for their support and reiterated that she would be happy to continue as an advisor to the Board in her capacity as Immediate Past President.

Professor Pakir thanked Professor Elliott for her leadership and commitment to APAIE.

Motion: To formally recognise and express thanks for Professor Elliott’s service as President of APAIE.

Proposed: Professor Pakir
Seconded: Professor Sarah Todd
Outcome: Motion passed.

E. MEETING CLOSE

1. Next meeting
March 2017, in Singapore