

Resilience Research and Education Promotion Consortium  
Minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee

- 1 Date and Time: Wednesday, October 13, 2021, 11:30 am – 0:30 pm (Japanese Standard Time)
- 2 Venue: Online (Web conference system Zoom)
- 3 Attendees: Hayashi (President), Amari (VP), Endo (VP), Sanami, Ohno (Mashiro's Proxy), Okazaki, Nagase, Funabashi (Hoshikawa's Proxy), Abe (Kamata's Proxy), Koga (Fukushima's Proxy), Genchi, Okabe (Sasaki's Proxy), Li, Okajima, Ishihama  
Observers: Takada (SECOM), Koyama (NTT), Matsugi (AIST), Nishida (NIED), Matsumoto ("), Kuraya ("), Tashiro ("), Umemoto (Univ. of Tsukuba), Saito ("), Takano ("), Akiba ("), Suzumura ("), Nemoto (")

(Titles omitted)

4 Agenda items

I. The Cases of the Resilience Research and Education Promotion Consortium

[Proposal]

- (1) To consider and approve NTT Space Environment and Energy Laboratories participating in the consortium

VP Endo explained that NTT Space Environment and Energy Laboratories submitted the application form for the consortium membership based on Document 1, and the membership was approved as proposed. Then, Mr. Katsuhiko Okazaki of NTT Space Environment and Energy Laboratory made a speech.

- (2) To consider and approve the new member of the General Assembly and the Steering Committee for 2021

VP Endo explained that Mr. Katsuhiko Okazaki was elected as a member of the General Assembly and Steering Committee from NTT Institute of Space and Environmental Energy, based on Document 2, and it was approved as proposed.

- (3) To consider and approve the outline of the symposium with the Joint Seminar Gensai (disaster risk reduction)

VP Endo explained the joint symposium with the Joint Seminar Gensai scheduled for February 14, 2022 (Monday), its title, speakers, etc. based on Document 3, and the proposal was approved as proposed.

In addition, since the status of the next fiscal year's budget that is currently being allocated for the consortium's operation at the University of Tsukuba has not yet been determined, an opinion inquiry was made as to whether each participating institution would be able to bear the travel expenses for future symposiums, etc., and the status of each institution was confirmed.

- (4) To consider and approve the R2EC annual activity plan for 2021

VP Endo presented a revised draft of the annual activity plan for 2021 based on Document 4, and it

was approved as drafted. The following meeting dates and times, which were discussed at the 18<sup>th</sup> Board of Governors, will be finalized by e-mail.

- The 19th Board of Governors and the 12th Steering Committee:  
Afternoon of March 7, 9, or 14, 2022

(5) Others

None in particular.

[Reports]

(1) Examination result of the proposal for JST COI-NEXT Program

VP Endo reported that the application of JST "COI-NEXT Program (the program on open innovation platform for industry-academia co-creation)", which the consortium applied for as a supporting infrastructure organization, unfortunately has not been successful as a result of the interview screening. It was shared that the consortium will brush up the contents of the proposal and consider applying again next year.

(2) Registration status of the 4th Symposium

VP Endo reported that more than 200 people have registered for the 4th Symposium to be held in the afternoon of the same day, based on Document 5-1 and 5-2.

(3) Report of the R2EC Information Exchange Meeting

VP Endo reported on the number of participants and the details of the R2EC Information Exchange Meeting held on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, based on Document 6. Regarding how to increase the opportunity for communication with university community members such as professors and students, which was requested by the speakers, Prof. Fujiwara and Mr. Mizui, it was confirmed that new ideas to encourage communication with the community members would be considered while utilizing the existing efforts of the university.

(4) The 17th Board of Governors (July 20th, 2021)

VP Endo reported on the agenda of the 17th Board of Governors held on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, based on Document 7.

(5) Others

None in particular.

## II. The Cases of the Master's/Doctoral Program in Risk and Resilience Engineering, University of Tsukuba

[Proposal]

(1) To consider and approve the nomination of faculty member of the Collaborative Graduate School

Mr. Okajima made a request to the consortium to nominate a researcher from the National Institute of

Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST) as a faculty member of the Collaborative Graduate School, based on Document 8, and it was approved as proposed. It was also confirmed that the procedure would be carried out in accordance with the personnel screening flow of the University of Tsukuba. In addition, Mr. Okajima requested the participating institutions to contact him if they would like to nominate any researchers or experts for the position of faculty member of the Collaborative Graduate School, since they are currently considering for strengthening of the system in each research field, especially in the field of "Information and Security".

(2) To consider and approve the publication of the consortium activity report as a separate volume of the Bulletin "Risk and Resilience Engineering Research"

Mr. Okajima proposed to publish the consortium activity report from this year as a separate volume of the bulletin "Risk and Resilience Engineering Research" published by the degree program, based on Document 9, and it was approved as proposed. The proposal was approved as drafted. It was also requested to ask for cooperation when the secretariat requests the writing of the manuscript in the future.

VP Amari proposed that the bulletin be made available on J-STAGE, etc., and it will be discussed within the degree program.

(3) Others

None in particular.

[Reports]

(1) Schedule of Graduate Admissions 2022 (Selection process made in AY 2021)

Mr. Okajima reported on the schedule of the Graduate School Entrance Examinations for 2022, which will be held in January and February 2022, based on Document 10. In addition, VP Endo asked each participating institution to provide information on any employees or staff who are interested in obtaining a degree, as there is still time to apply.

(2) Implementation of face-to-face classes in the fall semester of AY2021

Mr. Okajima shared the information that face-to-face classes can be conducted in the fall semester, while taking into consideration the prevention of the spread of infection, based on Document 11. He also reported that the classes taught by the faculty members of the Collaborative Graduate School and Part-time lecturers will be conducted after deciding the method of implementation through individual coordination with the liaison faculty.

(3) Others

None in particular.