

Minutes from the First Education and Research Council of the Public University Corporation, the University of Aizu in Fiscal Year 2010

1. Date and Time: Tuesday, April 1, 2010 1:13 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.
2. Location: The Large Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Administration Complex
3. Attendance:  
Present:  
Members: President Tsunoyama (Chair), Council Member Sedukhin, Council Member Oka, Council Member Sagawa, Council Member Tei, Council Member Nikishkov, Council Member Ota, Council Member Orr, Council Member Miyazaki, Council Member Bhalla (a total of 10 Council Members)  
Non-members: Regent Iwase and Administrative staff

4. Signatories to the Minutes: Council Member Oka, Council Member Sedukhin

5. Individuals who can Fulfill Duties of the Chair on behalf of the Chair

Based on the provisions provided for in Paragraph 4.3 of the Regulation Concerning the Education and Research Council of the Public University Corporation, the University of Aizu, President Tsunoyama appointed Council Member Oka and Council Member Sedukhin, in that order, as individuals who could fulfill duties as Chair on behalf of President Tsunoyama.

## Proceedings

### (1) New Business

- A. Selection of Council Members Provided for in Paragraph 2.4 of the Regulation Concerning the Education and Research Council of the Public University Corporation, the University of Aizu

Regarding council members provided for in the provisions of Paragraph 2.4 of the regulation, President Tsunoyama proposed selection of Professor Shigeru Kanemoto, Director General of the Department for Student Affairs, and proposed that the two other members be selected from among faculty members. Council Member Oka expressed an opinion, stating that President Tsunoyama offer a proposal. As there were no other opinions particularly expressed by other Council members, it was decided that deliberations would be made on the proposal offered by President Tsunoyama.

President Tsunoyama proposed recommendation of Professor Sugiyama and Professor Rozycki, and there were no particular opinions expressed by other

Council members.

It was decided that the proposal would be put to a vote by a show of hands. A count showed majority approval, and the proposal that Professor Kanemoto, Director General of the Department for Student Affairs, Professor Sugiyama and Professor Rozycki be selected as Council members provided for in the provisions of Paragraph 2.4 of the relevant regulation was approved by the Council.

B. Selection of Council Members Provided for in Paragraph 2.5 of the Regulation Concerning the Education and Research Council of the Public University Corporation, the University of Aizu

President Tsunoyama proposed to ask for the continued service of Mr. Yuichi Watanabe, Principal of Aizu High School, and Head of the Aizu Division of the Association of Fukushima Prefecture High Schools, as a representative from high schools within Fukushima Prefecture, and to ask for the continued service of Ms. Mareko Shinjo, an executive director of Suehiro Brewing Company, as a female member from the industry council members as provided for in the provisions of Paragraph 2.5 of the relevant regulation.

There were no opinions particularly expressed by Council members, and it was decided that the proposal would be put to a vote by a show of hands. A count showed majority approval, and the proposal was approved by the Council.

Minutes from the Second Education and Research Council of the Public University Corporation, the University of Aizu in Fiscal Year 2010

1. Date and Time: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 3:00 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.
2. Location: The Large Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Administration Complex
3. Attendance:  
Present:  
Members: President Tsunoyama (Chair), Council Member Sedukhin, Council Member Oka, Council Member Sagawa, Council Member Tei, Council Member Nikishkov, Council Member Ota, Council Member Miyazaki, Council Member Bhalla, Council Member Kanemoto, Council Member Sugiyama, Council Member Rozycki, Council Member Shinjo (a total of 13 Council Members)  
Non-members: Regent Iwase and Administrative staff
4. Signatories to the Minutes: Council Member Sagawa, Council Member Nikishkov
5. Proceedings
  - (1) New Business
    - A. Partial Revision of the Regulation Concerning Internal Promotion from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor at the University of Aizu

An explanation was provided by the Director of the General Affairs and Budget Division based on documents distributed to members of the Council.

A member of the Council expressed an opinion, stating that “and” of “and/or” in the provisions of Paragraph 3.2 of the regulation should be deleted, as it should correspond to the Japanese word used, “又は(or)”. It was decided that a correction would be made as suggested.

As there were no other questions particularly asked by other Council members, it was decided that the proposal would be put to a vote by a show of hands. A count showed majority approval, and the proposal was

approved by the Council.

(2) Report

A. Application to MEXT for a Subsidy from the Project to Enhance the Employability of University Graduates

An explanation was provided by Council Member Kanemoto, as the Director General of the Department for Student Affairs, based on documents distributed to members of the Council. After the explanation, there was an exchange of opinions, etc. as described below.

(Opinions, etc.)

○ What is the difference between “employability” and “abilities required to find a job”?

• The meaning of the term “Employability” includes skills and qualifications that are necessary for students not only to find a job but also to play an active role in companies, etc. after being employed. As students are required to have “fundamental competence as members of society”, the University is expected to offer education which enables students to acquire such competence.

○ How about using a word, “coaching”, which is recently used as a keyword in human resource development, in the application for the subsidy program as a keyword?

○ “Mentor” used in the application documents implies that advice and help to currently-enrolled students can be given by graduates of the University of Aizu taking advantage of their closer relationship with the University, while “Coach” implies that support to students is given by someone in a form of guidance. Judging from the content of the application, I thought that “mentor” would fit the content. However, words should be defined carefully.

(Regent Iwase)

○ It would be better to use both words in the application.

○ Students should acquire relevant skills systematically starting from their first and second-year at the University, otherwise they will not be ready by the time they start their job-searching activities. Students will be able to find out and understand real-life problems through improvement of their

communication skills by participating in volunteer activities. It would be very difficult to improve students' employability unless some drastic measures are taken, such as recognition of academic credits for volunteer activities. (Council Member Sugiyama)

○ It might be helpful for students to be involved in "*monozukuri*", e.g., making of Japanese sake and lacquerware, by working in a team on a part-time basis.

○ Students who never attend class came to an issue at the previous Faculty Assembly meeting. In relation to this, I believe that it is important to get students engaged in volunteer activities starting from their first year at the University, from the perspective of cultivation of character in students.

## 6. Other

### A. Future Plan of the University of Aizu

An explanation was provided by President Tsunoyama based on documents distributed to members of the Council.

There was an exchange of opinions regarding the high level of scholastic ability of students from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

### B. CAIST update

An explanation was provided by Regent Iwase based on documents distributed to members of the Council.

Minutes from the Third Education and Research Council of the Public University Corporation, the University of Aizu in Fiscal Year 2010

1. Date and Time: Wednesday, June 23, 2010 3:00p.m. – 4:28 p.m.
2. Location: The Large Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Administration Complex

3. Attendance:

Present:

Members: President Tsunoyama (Chair), Council Member Sedukhin, Council Member Oka, Council Member Sagawa, Council Member Tei, Council Member Nikishkov, Council Member Ota, Council Member Miyazaki, Council Member Bhalla, Council Member Kanemoto, Council Member Sugiyama, Council Member Rozycki, Council Member Watanabe, Council Member Shinjo (a total of 14 Council Members)

Non-members: Regent Iwase and Administrative staff

4. Signatories to the Minutes: Council Member Tei, Council Member Bhalla

5. Proceedings

(1) New Business

A. FY 2009 Project Achievement Report

The Director of the Planning and Collaboration Division of the Administrative Office provided an explanation on this issue, based on the documents labeled, "New Business A," which had been distributed to members of the Council.

- There was an exchange of opinions, etc., regarding the item, "Collection of data for evaluating research progress and results as the University," which had been evaluated as "D," as described below.
  - In my view, higher evaluations should have been given to this item, because sufficient data were collected.
  - As a computer-dedicated university, expected to aim at a higher level in terms of methods of data collection besides the number of data, the

University was considered to deserve “D.”

- Regarding definition of external funds included in the “Barometers Regarding Improvement of Financial Stability” of the “Barometers of Achievement of Mid-Term Goals and Mid-Term Plans,” there was an exchange of opinions as described below.
  - It does not seem that the funds from the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry for the “Career Development Program for Students from Asia” and subsidies from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Technology are included as “external funds” listed in the document. I wonder if these funds have been handled as external funds.
  - Although funds other than research expenses can be included in external funds, only research expenses have been listed as external funds described in the documents related to mid-term goals of the University of Aizu since 2004.

As the funds for the “Career Development Program for Students from Asia” were accepted as expenses for commission, they were not included in the external funds in the relevant documents. (The Director of the Planning and Collaboration Division)
  - Even though they are expenses for commission, not research expenses, the fact that there is no description in this report regarding such a large amount of fund accepted from the external organization is not acceptable. Relevant information should be included somewhere in this report.
- There was an exchange of opinions regarding renewal of the University website.
  - The old and renewed web pages still can be viewed in combination. As this situation gives confusion to viewers, thorough renewal of the University website in a prompt manner is requested.
- There was an exchange of opinions regarding perspectives on increase in the percentage of students advancing to the Graduate School.
  - What kind of measures is considered for the low percentage of students advancing to the Graduate School from the Undergraduate School?
  - The new system has been established and first-year students at the Undergraduate School are strongly encouraged to go to the Graduate School, so that students at the Undergraduate School will become motivated to advance to the Graduate School at an early juncture.

- For increase in the percentage of students advancing to the Graduate School, it is important to make research activities more attractive for students, in my view.

It was decided that this proposal would be put to a vote by a show of hands. The count showed majority approval for the proposal, and the proposal was approved by the Council.

#### B. Self-evaluation by the University of Aizu for University Institutional Accreditation Evaluations

The Director of the Planning and Collaboration Division of the Administrative Office provided an explanation on this issue, based on the documents labeled, "New Business B," which had been distributed to members of the Council.

There were no questions particularly asked regarding this issue, and it was decided that this proposal would be put to a vote by a show of hands. The count showed majority approval for the proposal, and the proposal was approved by the Council.

### (2) Report

#### A. Conflict of Interest Management Policy

The Director of the Planning and Collaboration Division of the Administrative Office provided an explanation on this issue, based on the documents labeled, "Report A," which had been distributed to members of the Council.

(Opinions, etc.)

- In my view, a report should be made by all faculty members, even if activities subject to conflict of interest do not reach the criteria requiring reports or there is nothing to declare.
- According to examples of other universities, it is said that having all faculty members declare relevant cases including those which do not reach the criteria have made clerical work complicated. This proposal included just a basic guideline regarding conflict of interest management, and it will be revised if any corrections are necessary to this proposal hereafter.

#### B. Partial Revision of Procedures for Application for Early Completion of the Master's Program

Council Member Kanemoto provided an explanation on this subject based on the documents labeled, "Report B," which had been distributed to members of the Council.



Minutes from the Fourth Education and Research Council of the Public University Corporation, the University of Aizu in Fiscal Year 2010

1. Date and Time: Wednesday, July 28, 2010 3:00 p.m. – 3:04 p.m.
2. Location: The Large Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Administration Complex
3. Attendance:  
Present:  
Members: President Tsunoyama (Chair), Council Member Sedukhin, Council Member Oka, Council Member Sagawa, Council Member Tei, Council Member Nikishkov, Council Member Ota, Council Member Orr, Council Member Miyazaki, Council Member Bhalla, Council Member Kanemoto, Council Member Sugiyama, Council Member Rozycki (a total of 13 Council Members)  
Non-members: Regent Iwase and Administrative staff
4. Signatories to the Minutes: Council Member Ota, Council Member Orr
5. Proceedings
  - (1) New Business
    - A. Establishment of a Faculty Search Committee (The Center for Cultural Research and Studies)

President Tsunoyama provided an explanation on this issue, based on the documents labeled, "New Business A," which had been distributed to members of the Council.

There were no questions particularly asked regarding this issue, and it was decided that this proposal would be put to a vote by a show of hands. The count showed majority approval for the proposal, and the proposal was approved by the Council.

Minutes from the Fifth Education and Research Council of the Public University Corporation, the University of Aizu in Fiscal Year 2010

1. Date and Time: Tuesday, September 14, 2010 3:00 p.m. – 3:52 p.m.
2. Location: The Large Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Administration Complex
3. Attendance:
  - Present:
    - Members: President Tsunoyama (Chair), Council Member Oka, Council Member Tei, Council Member Nikishkov, Council Member Ota, Council Member Orr, Council Member Miyazaki, Council Member Kanemoto, Council Member Rozycki, Council Member Watanabe, Council Member Shinjo (a total of 11 Council Members)
    - Non-members: Regent Iwase, Regent Kanno, and Administrative staff
4. Signatories to the Minutes: Council Member Miyazaki, Council Member Rozycki
5. Proceedings
  - (1) New Business
    - A. Internal Promotion from the Position of Assistant Professor to Associate Professor

Following an explanation provided by President Tsunoyama based on the documents labeled, “New Business A,” which had been distributed to members of the Council, this proposal was put to a vote.

As a result of the vote, promotion of the candidate to the position of associate professor was approved.

After the vote, Council member suggested disclosing the points highly evaluated for internal promotion of the candidate within and outside the University. President Tsunoyama replied that although it would be difficult to disclose those points to outside the University, consideration should be given to disclosing them within the University.

## B. Advanced Standing Entrance Examinations for Applicants Residing outside Japan

Council Member Kanemoto provided an explanation on this issue, based on the documents labeled, "New Business B," which had been distributed to members of the Council.

- Council member asked how to measure applicants' Japanese language proficiency. Council member replied that Japanese language proficiency of the applicant would be measured through interviews given in Japanese. He also stated that given the fact that some students of Hanoi University of Technology in Vietnam had actually been admitted to universities in Japan as transfer students, there should be no problem with the level of the applicant's Japanese.
- Council member suggested that the University should establish a system to accept students from overseas not only to the Graduate School but also to the Undergraduate School.

In response to this, Council member replied that it would be difficult to accept students from overseas to the Undergraduate School as its admission capacity had been filled, while the under-enrolled Graduate School had a capacity to accept students from overseas.

## (2) Report

### A. Results of the Selection of Students for the Advanced Standing Admission for AY 2011

Council member Kanemoto provided an explanation on this subject, based on the documents labeled, "Report A," which had been distributed to members of the Council. With regard to this explanation, there were no opinions or questions, etc. from members.

In addition, Council Member Kanemoto reported that in a magazine, "President", the University of Aizu had ranked high on the list of Japanese universities in terms of their graduates' annual incomes.

## 5. Other

### A. Partnership Model for IT Resource Development between Dalian China and Fukushima

Regent Iwase provided an explanation on this subject, based on the documents which had been distributed to members of the Council.

In response to this explanation, Council Member expressed an opinion, stating that just like English proficiency is important for students to establish international careers, overseas students expected to work in Japanese companies would be required to speak practical Japanese that can be used in business. It would be necessary for graduates of the University of Aizu, in particular, to have a good command of Japanese including technical terms, as IT specialists. Therefore, in order to support fostering of such individuals, he proposed to add one CLR faculty member (or part-time staff member) to research and teach the Japanese of computing and IT to University of Aizu graduate and undergraduate students.

Minutes from the Sixth Education and Research Council of the Public University Corporation, the University of Aizu in Fiscal Year 2010

1. Date and Time: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 3:00 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.
2. Location: The Large Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Administration Complex
3. Attendance:  
Present:  
Members: President Tsunoyama (Chair), Council Member Sedukhin, Council Member Oka, Council Member Tei, Council Member Sagawa, Council Member Nikishkov, Council Member Ota, Council Member Orr, Council Member Miyazaki, Council Member Bhalla, Council Member Sugiyama, Council Member Rozycki, (a total of 12 Council Members)  
Non-members: Regent Iwase, Regent Kanno, and Administrative staff
4. Signatories to the Minutes: Council Member Sedukhin, Council Member Sugiyama

5. Proceedings

(1) New Business

A. Internal Promotion from the Position of Assistant Professor to Associate Professor

Following an explanation provided by President Tsunoyama based on the documents labeled, "New Business A," which had been distributed to members of the Council, this proposal was put to a vote.

As a result of the vote, promotion of the candidate to the position of associate professor was approved.

(2) Report

A. Acceptance of the Application to MEXT Subsidy for the Project to Enhance the Employability of University Graduates

Director Kanno of the Student Affairs Division provided an explanation based on the documents labeled, "Report A," which had been distributed to members of the Council. Regarding the explanation, questions and answers were exchanged as summarized below.

- How many students and which year of students will be involved in this project at the University?  
→ Our goal is that 70% of all students will take a course based on the PBL program through this project. Education for career development has been currently provided for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year students. As our proposal has been accepted by MEXT, 1<sup>st</sup> year students will also be able to get involved in this project by taking courses designed for their career development hereafter.
- With regard to "Project-based Learning (PBL)," Keidanren has established an organization to help educational institutes in Japan foster IT specialists, and

provided relevant educational institutes with contents for substantial support. We are now negotiating with the organization for provision of the content to the University of Aizu.

- As a point for improvement in the result of examination relevant to the proposed project, it is written, "Establishment of an external evaluation committee is recommended." Eminent persons from the industry, such as individuals from Keidanran, should be included as members of the evaluation committee for this project. A high evaluation by the evaluation committee organized of eminent individuals would help the University of Aizu with its PR efforts. It is very important who should be selected as members of the evaluation committee.  
→ The evaluation committee consisting of members including external members will be established in FY 2011.

### (3) Other

Opinions were expressed as summarized below.

- Environment for wireless Internet access has not been sufficiently developed at the University of Aizu. This was also pointed out by members of the University evaluation committee. Budget allocation to development of this environment should be prioritized.
- Installment of a wireless LAN access point would cost only several thousand yen. Accordingly, there are not financial or technical issues but issues related to operational policies for development of the environment. When I checked several points on campus regarding wireless Internet access, approximately half of the points which were confirmed accessible had security-related problems, that is, anyone can get access to the wireless network. It is important that security policies related to wireless access to the Internet on campus be determined.
- There are many places outside the campus which provide free access to the Internet, at MacDonald's, for example. What are the security-related problems on campus?  
→ Currently, anyone can access the wireless network, and those who accessed the network cannot be identified. It is necessary to develop two separate environments on campus, that is, one where free access to the network is available and the other where access is available only for those who have made necessary settings to ensure security of the network.

Minutes from the Seventh Education and Research Council of the Public University Corporation, the University of Aizu in Fiscal Year 2010

1. Date and Time: Friday, November 19, 2010 3:00 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.
2. Location: The Large Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Administration Complex

3. Attendance:

Present:

Members: President Tsunoyama (Chair), Council Member Sedukhin, Council Member Oka, Council Member Sagawa, Council Member Tei, Council Member Nikishkov, Council Member Ota, Council Member Miyazaki, Council Member Bhalla, Council Member Kanemoto, Council Member Sugiyama, Council Member Watanabe, Council Member Shinjo (a total of 13 Council Members)

Non-members: Regent Iwase, Regent Kanno, and Administrative staff

4. Signatories to the Minutes: Council Member Kanemoto, Council Member Watanabe

5. Proceedings

(1) New Business

A. Selection of Regular Full-Time Faculty Members

Council Member Sagawa, as the coordinator for the Faculty Search Committee for the Division of Computer Science, provided an explanation regarding one candidate, based on the documents which had been distributed to members of the Council.

Following this explanation, Council Member Tei, as the coordinator for the Faculty Search Committee for the Division of Computer Engineering, provided an explanation regarding four candidates, based on the documents which had been distributed to members of the Council.

Next, Council Member Nikishkov, as the coordinator for the Faculty Search Committee for the Division of Information Systems, provided an explanation regarding three candidates, based on the documents which had been distributed to members of the Council.

After the explanations, the Committee took a vote. As a result of the voting, a vote of confidence of more than three fifths of the members in attendance was obtained for all candidates, and all of the eight candidates were selected to be regular full-time faculty members.

B. Partial Revision of the Graduate School Regulations on the Completion of University of Aizu Graduate School Studies

Council Member Miyazaki provided an explanation on this issue based the

documents which had been distributed to members of the Council.

There were no questions particularly asked by members, and it was decided that the proposal would be put to a vote by a show hands. A count showed majority approval, and the proposal was approved by the Council.

C. The University Regulation Concerning a Housing Facility to Support Learning for Students at the University of Aizu, "Somei House" (Draft)

Director Kanno of the Student Affairs Division provided an explanation on this issue based the documents which had been distributed to members of the Council.

Regarding this explanation, questions and answers were exchanged as summarized below.

○ What are the roles of resident assistants?

→ The system regarding resident assistants will be established hereafter, and students of the Graduate School will be assigned as resident assistants. Through assignment of one resident assistant to every floor, residents will be provided with necessary support for their studies and everyday life.

○ How will resident assistants be selected?

→ They will be selected by the Health and Welfare Guidance Committee.

○ It is stipulated in the regulation that "helping students raise their social awareness through communal living" is one of the purpose of establishment of the dormitory. From this aspect, isn't the period of residency for one year too short?

→ As the resident capacity of the dormitory is limited to 80 persons, the period of residency is set at one year so that many students can use the facility.

○ What will be the ratio of Japanese resident assistants to non-Japanese resident assistants?

→ The dormitory has a sufficient number of rooms to accept almost all self-financed non-Japanese students, and consequently Japanese students are more likely to be commissioned as resident assistants.

○ I believe that there will be a floor for female students only in the dormitory. Will such a floor be managed by a female resident assistant?

→ That is correct.

The proposal was put to a vote by a show hands. A count showed majority approval, and the proposal was approved by the Council.

(2) Report

A. The Results of the Entrance Examination for Advanced Standing Admission for AY 2011 (for Applicants Residing outside Japan)

Council Member Kanemoto provided an explanation on this subject, based on the documents which had been distributed to members of the Council.

With regard to this explanation, there were no opinions or questions, etc. from members.



Minutes from the Eighth Education and Research Council of the Public  
University Corporation, the University of Aizu in Fiscal Year 2010

1. Date and Time: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 3:15 p.m. – 3:37 p.m.
2. Location: The Large Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Administration Complex
3. Attendance:  
Present:  
Members: President Tsunoyama (Chair), Council Member Sedukhin, Council Member Oka, Council Member Sagawa, Council Member Tei, Council Member Orr, Council Member Nikishkov, Council Member Ota, Council Member Miyazaki, Council Member Bhalla, Council Member Kanemoto, Council Member Rozycki, Council Member Sugiyama  
(a total of 13 Council Members)  
Non-members: Regent Iwase, Regent Kanno, and Administrative staff
4. Signatories to the Minutes: Council Member Oka, Council Member Nikishkov
5. Proceedings  
(1) New Business  
A. Selection of Regular Full-Time Faculty Members  
Council member Ota, as a coordinator for the Faculty Search Committee for the Center for Cultural Research and Studies, provided an explanation regarding a candidate based on the documents, which had been distributed to members of the Council.  
After the explanations, the Committee took a vote. As a result of the voting, a vote of confidence of more than three fifths of the members in attendance was obtained for the candidate, and thus the candidate was selected to be a regular full-time faculty member.  
B. Establishment of a Committee for Examination of Qualification for Acquisition of Tenure  
President Tsunoyama gave an explanation on this issue based on the

documents, which had been distributed to members of the Council.

There were no questions particularly asked by members, and it was decided that the proposal would be put to a vote by a show hands. A count showed majority approval, and the proposal was approved by the Council.

(2) Report

A. Results of the Selection of Students to be Admitted in AY2011 by Recommendation

Council member Kanemoto gave an explanation regarding this subject based on the documents, which had been distributed to members of the Council.

With regard to this explanation, there were no opinions or questions, etc. from members of the Council.

Minutes from the Ninth Education and Research Council of the Public University Corporation, the University of Aizu in Fiscal Year 2010

1. Date and Time: Wednesday, February 23, 2011 3:00 p.m. – 3:25 p.m.
2. Location: The Large Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Administration Complex
3. Attendance:
  - Present:
    - Members: Council Member Sedukhin, Council Member Oka (Chair), Council Member Sagawa, Council Member Tei, Council Member Orr, Council Member Nikishkov, Council Member Ota, Council Member Bhalla, Council Member Rozycki, Council Member Sugiyama  
(a total of 10 Council Members)
    - Non-members: Regent Kanno, and Administrative staff
4. Signatories to the Minutes: Council Member Sagawa, Council Member Orr
5. Proceedings
  - (1) New Business
    - A. Establishment of a Faculty Search Committee

Council member Orr provided an explanation based on the documents, which had been distributed to members of the Council. After the explanation, there were questions asked by members as described below.

      - Will associate professors be also targeted for selection of candidates for the position of professor?
        - Applications will be invited not only from professors but also from associate professors. If an associate professor of the University is judged as a better qualified candidate compared with applicants from outside the University, the associate professor will be selected. However, the original goal is to select a qualified candidate for the position of professor.
      - Will individuals from outside the University who are currently in the position of associate professor be also targeted for this selection?

→ Yes. A fair opportunity will be provided to any individuals who are eligible to apply for this position, so that the most qualified candidate can be selected.

After that, a vote was taken by a show of hands, and the proposal was approved by the Council by a majority.

#### B. Conferment of the Title of Professor Emeritus

Director Isozaki of the General Affairs and Budget Division provided an explanation on this issue based on the documents, which had been distributed to members of the Council. After the explanation, there was a question asked by a member as described below.

○ With regard to “significant achievements/contributions” provided for in items 2 and 3 of Paragraph 1, Article 2, Criteria for Selection, which criteria will be used for assessment of significant achievements/contributions, and who will acknowledge the achievements/contributions?

→ All the candidates are considered that they have served as a full professor at the University for a period of 15 years or more, and accordingly they fulfill one of the selection criteria, item 1 of Article 2. Therefore, conferment of the title of professor emeritus to them was proposed for deliberation at this meeting. In cases of retirement of faculty members who have served as a full professor for less than 15 years, whether they have made significant achievements/contributions will be assessed in an appropriate manner based on cases applied in the past, etc.

After that, a vote was taken by a show of hands, and the proposal was approved by the Council by a majority.

#### (2) Report

##### A. The Number of Applicants for the General Selection Entrance Examination for AY 2011

Director Kanno of the Student Affairs Division provided an explanation regarding this subject based on the documents, which had been distributed to members of the Council. After the explanation, there was a question asked by a member as described below.

- The number of applicants from within Fukushima Prefecture, which accounts for only 20 % of all applicants, seems to be quite small as a public university. How is this compared with public universities in other prefectures?
  - Although we have not checked with all other public universities regarding this matter, the number is considered to be small. In particular, as the number of applicants from Aizu regions has decreased from 50 to 40, we would like to examine its cause and take necessary measures.