

# U21 Health Sciences – Executive Committee Meeting – The University of Virginia

Thursday 18 September 2008

## Members participating

Prof Karen Rheuban	Nominee of Prof Arthur Garson	(University of Virginia)
Prof Raymond Liang	Dean, Host University 2007	(University of Hong Kong)
Professor Heung Sik Na	Dean, Host University 2009	(Korea University)
Prof Judy Kilpatrick	Nursing	(University of Auckland)
Prof Gillian Webb	Health & Rehabilitation Sciences	(University of Melbourne)

## Apology

Prof James Angus	Dean, Host of Secretariat	(University of Melbourne)
Prof John Shaw	Pharmacy	(University of Auckland)
Prof Eric Reynolds	Dentistry	(University of Melbourne)

## In attendance

Prof Jerry Kim	Nominee of Prof Heung Sik Na	(Korea University)
Prof Yong Doo Park	Nominee of Prof Heung Sik Na	(Korea University)
Ms Yong Jin Lee	Secretary to Prof Heung Sik Na	(Korea University)
Prof Martin Hernandez Torre	Dean, Host University 2010	(Tec de Monterrey, Mexico)
Lorraine Devitt	Executive Officer, U21 Health Sciences	(University of Melbourne)

## Minutes

### 1.0 Changes to the membership of Executive Executive

The Committee noted changes to the membership of the Executive following the 2008 annual meeting in Virginia as follows:

- Outgoing members of the Executive – Prof Raymond Liang (Host Dean, Hong Kong 2007).
- Incoming members of the Executive – Prof Martin Hernandez Torre (Host Dean, Tec de Monterrey, 2010).
- The Executive noted that Prof Peter Brooks' term as a co-opted member had ended.

The Committee thanked Raymond for his work whilst on the Executive, and also welcomed Martin as a new member.

*Postscript: Professor Karen Rheuban is Provost Garson's nominee on the Executive Committee.*

### 2.0 U21 Health Sciences Secretariat

The Committee agreed that the three-year contract for the U21 Health Sciences Executive Officer position should be renewed following expiry of the current contract in July 2009.

The Committee noted that the Executive Officer was at the top of her professional staff salary scale and it was agreed that the matter of a bonus would be an agenda item for consideration at the next scheduled Executive Committee teleconference.

### 3.0 U21 Health Sciences Secretariat

The Executive approved the budget prepared by the Executive Officer for January-December 2009, and agreed that the 2009 individual member university subscription rate would remain at AU \$11,000.

The projected surplus as at December 2008 was noted and it was agreed that the matter of how to best utilize this surplus would be further discussed at the next scheduled Executive Committee teleconference.

### 4.0 U21 Health Sciences Millenium Development Goals (MDG) Initiative

The Executive considered the UN MDG Interest Group Declaration arising from the workshop held in Virginia on 14-15 September 2008. The Committee endorsed the declaration, specifically to develop the essential UN MDG course content, to pilot the course in participating institutions/schools, to establish an overall evaluation framework, and to improve communication to stimulate cross fertilization, recognition, and collaboration.

It was agreed that the Executive would consider and determine an application for seed funding upon submission of a business case.

The Executive also endorsed the proposal that the UN MDG interest group work with the U21 Presidents' UN MDG group, towards securing appropriate resources to animate the strategy outlined in the declaration, over the next year and beyond.

#### **5.0 U21 Health Sciences Interprofessional (IP) e-health Initiative**

The Executive noted developments throughout 2007-2008, including the IP e-health steering committee's submission of a paper exploring IP e-health to a professional journal; development of a web portal for IP e-health initiatives, and the proposed U21 IP e-health project to link with a less economically developed country (LEDC) to explore ehealth success and needs, and to learn and understand how best to support ehealth within that context.

As Chair of the IP e-health steering committee, Kendall Ho reported on discussions during the UN MDG workshop about the proposed project and potential synergy with the UN MDG initiative, in terms of both education and clinical activities. The Executive recognized the importance of interprofessional involvement and input in the development of the UN MDG introductory course, and the Executive noted that the proposed project with a designated LEDC would incorporate e-health into the UN MDG needs assessment.

#### **6.0 Virginia 2008 meeting – proceedings and any outcomes**

Karen Rheuban highlighted the opportunities for collaboration and demonstrable outcomes in relation to U21 Health Sciences working with the Swinfen Charitable Trust. The Executive agreed that this matter would be further discussed at the next scheduled Executive Committee teleconference. The Executive thanked the organizers at the University of Virginia for the hospitality shown to delegates and for all of the work undertaken to ensure a successful meeting.

#### **7.0 Korea 2009 –**

Dates of meeting

Heung Sik Na reported that Environmental Health would be a major theme for the 2009 U21 Health Sciences annual meeting at Korea University. It was noted that the meeting would take place in late September / early October 2009 with exact dates to be advised.

The Executive noted a suggestion by organizers at Korea University that there be a series of free paper sessions, to stimulate debate and discussion and to explore opportunities for collaborative research. It was agreed that the 2009 meeting agenda would be discussed and further developed by members of the Executive in teleconferences over the coming months.

#### **8.0 Other Business**

Members noted that the University of Glasgow was no longer a member of the U21 Health Sciences group.

#### **9.0 For Information**

The latest U21 Newsletter, highlighting news and events around the U21 network, can be accessed at <http://www.universitas21.com/Newsletter/Newsletter200810.pdf> Highlights include an article on the recent U21 Health Sciences UN MDG workshop, and a group photograph of delegates at our recent meeting in Charlottesville.

#### **9.0 Next meeting**

The next meeting of the U21 Health Sciences Executive will take place by teleconference on 13/14 November 2008.