

Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Presidential Candidate Selection Committee

Date/Time : Monday, April 13, 2026, 18:00~19:30

Place : Conference Room No.5, 3rd Floor, APU Main Administration Building (attendance also via Zoom)

Attendees:

Presidential Candidate Selection Committee:

Chairperson: ASANO Akito (Vice-President, Executive Trustee)

Members: CHEN Ching-Chang (Professor, College of Asia Pacific Studies)

VYAS Utpal (Associate Professor, College of Asia Pacific Studies)

YOO Bosul (Associate Professor, College of International Management)

FUKUYAMA Kimihiro (Associate Professor, College of International Management)

YOTSUMOTO Yukio (Professor, College of Sustainability and Tourism)

YAMANE Tomomi (Associate Professor, College of Sustainability and Tourism)

JUNG Jonghee (Associate Professor, Center for Language Education)

TSURUHARA Toshiyasu (Associate Professor, Education Development and Learning Support Center)

HINO Satoshi (Deputy Director)

KONGO Rie (Assistant Manager, Outreach& Research Office)

TERAI Toshihiro (Assistant Manager, Outreach& Research Office)

PARK Seungwoo (Assistant Manager, Academic Office)

MATSUGU Junichi (Alumnus)

UWINEZA Celine (Alumnus)

ABDULLAH Junaid (Alumnus)

ARAMAKI Junko (Domestic Student Supporters' Association)

Presidential Candidate Selection Control Board:

Chairperson: KIKKAWA Takuro

Members: ACKARADEJRUANGSRI Pajaree

MIYAHARA Kumi

Secretariat : SAMANO Yukiko (Deputy Director, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Administration)

YAMAMOTO Naoki (Manager, Office of Institutional Planning)

KOZURU Kyoko (Staff Member, Office of Institutional Planning)

* Underline: Absentees

Attendance: 13 out of 18 members in attendance, quorum established

Signatories of the minutes: MATSUGU Junichi, ARAMAKI Junko

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Agenda

1. Approval of the minutes of the 5th committee meetings

→Because one of the two committee members designated as the minute signatories was absent, it was determined that the absent committee member's approval would be obtained separately, and approval was subsequently received from the relevant committee member.

2. Proceeding with presidential candidate process (Part 2)

Chairman Asano provided an explanation regarding the procedure for selecting presidential candidates.

HINO: In the document screening, it states that candidates who clearly do not meet the criteria will be excluded, but what level of requirements is being assumed? Also, if the online interviews in the first round of screening are not recorded, it may become difficult for committee members who did not participate in the first round to join from the second round onward; therefore, would it be preferable to have a summary of the first round of screening? Approximately how many candidates are being assumed for the second round of screening?

ASANO: I would like the decision on exclusion to be left to the judgment of each committee member, and do not intend to establish a uniform evaluation standard. Given the limited time available, it would be difficult to evaluate all cases, so we are considering submitting evaluations to the secretariat for approximately the top five candidates.

It is understandable that it would be difficult to participate in the second selection stage without the results of the first selection being shared. We would like to consider the method of sharing. For both the first and second selection stages, we are assuming up to five candidates per day, with approximately two in the morning and three in the afternoon. We would like to review the actual number of candidates, taking into account the results of the document screening, and make a decision through discussion by the committee.

MATSUGU: Does the longlist from the search firm include applicants from the public recruitment process? Also, to what extent does outreach lead to applications in terms of probability?

ASANO: The longlist consists of candidates selected from the search firm's network whom we believe, to a certain extent, satisfy the criteria set forth in our university's public recruitment guidelines. At this stage, no outreach has yet been made, so it is not known whether it will actually lead to applications.

ASANO: We will propose the composition of the interview panel and the evaluation sheet for the document screening at the next committee meeting for deliberation.

3. Regarding the longlist from the search firm

Chairman Asano provided an explanation of the long list submitted by the search firm.

YAMANE: There are candidates whose actual age differs from the age listed, so I am concerned about the accuracy of the data.

ASANO: I would like to hear your opinions, including such comments. We will ask the search firm to verify the data.

TSURUHARA: What I have to say is difficult to say here, so I would like to contact you separately.

ASANO: If there is anything that is difficult to point out here, please inform us separately after the committee meeting.

PAJAREE (Control Board Member): I would like to confirm what criteria and methods the search firm used to prepare this list.

VYAS: It would be better not to approach the candidate at No. ○.

ASANO: A view has been expressed by the selection committee that No. ○ should be removed from the list of candidates to be approached. The search firm will explain, at the time the list is next presented, the correspondence between the roles and qualities required of the President and each candidate, as well as the background to how the individuals were placed on the list.

FUKUYAMA: I think that a person with a background like No. ○ could be excluded, but since this is a long list, the amount of information provided is acceptable. Would it not better to have the list be updated for next time taking into account the comments from today's meeting?

ASANO: At today's committee meeting, I would like to organize the candidates whom we should not approach, or who should be excluded. Based on that, the search firm will approach the candidates, and for those who express interest, a more detailed short list is expected to be presented; at the next meeting, we would like to discuss it based on that. In addition, the candidates on the list are not necessarily subject to interview screening; they will be screened together with applicants from the open call.

FUKUYAMA: I believe there is no problem with that. As I mentioned earlier, since this is a long list, if, after becoming acquainted with the candidates to a certain extent, there is anyone whom you believe should definitely not be approached, I think it would be fine to point that out here.

PAJAREE (Control Board Member): The candidates' profiles are brief, and their qualifications and achievements are difficult to ascertain.

ASANO: The long list is at the stage before any approach has been made, and rather than examining it in detail at this stage, I would like to narrow it down first and then discuss it at the committee.

VYAS: Is it appropriate for there to be government officials among the candidates?

ASANO: Some faculty members at our university also serve on various Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology committees, so it would not be appropriate to exclude them on that basis.

ASANO: The candidates identified at this point are No. ○, No. ○, and No. ○.

YAMANE: Some candidates may not show interest due to their age, but since there is no age requirement, there is no need to exclude them.

ASANO: Age is not a requirement for the public recruitment, so we will make an approach.

UWINEZA: Since the current list does not show any connection with APU, I would like to ask the search firm to confirm whether there is any such connection and to consider additional candidates.

CHEN: There are few researchers with sufficient international research achievements, and there are concerns as to whether Candidate No. ○ is appropriate as a candidate for the President of our university.

ASANO: In addition to the candidates, if there is anyone else who could be recommended as a candidate, please share that information as well. Based on today's observations, we will exclude the persons in No. ○ and No. ○. As for the selection criteria, we will have the search firm explain them at the next meeting.

4. Staff Category - Regarding filling the vacancy on the Presidential Candidate Selection Committee

Chairman Asano, provided an explanation regarding the filling the vacancy with a replacement committee member in the staff category.

5. Others

Chairman Asano reported that the secretariat will coordinate the schedule for future committee meetings by email.