Summary of the Management Policy Council Meeting Minutes

1. Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024
2. Venue: Web Conference
3. Attendees: Teiji Tominaga (President)
Takafumi Aoki, Kuniko Ozaki, Kumiko Obino, Masaki Sakaida, Tetsuro Higashi, Yasuhiro Miyata, Geoffrey David Price, Marie-Pierre Favre
(Attendants)
Toshiya Ueki (Executive Vice President), Hitoshi Izu (Vice President),
Hiroyuki Fukuda (Auditor), Kuniko Taguchi (Auditor)
(Administrative Office)
Yoshitaka Taniguchi (General Administrative Manager),
Akira Abe (Director of General Affairs and Planning Department),
Takashi Sugawara (Deputy Director of General Affairs and Planning Department),
Tomokazu Furukawa (Director of General Affairs Division)
4. Absentees: None

5. Proceedings
○ Confirmation of the draft summary of the previous Management Policy Council Meeting (October 19, 2024) minutes
Based on the provided materials, Chairperson Tetsuro Higashi submitted the above-mentioned draft summary of minutes, and it was approved.

○ Proceedings
(1) Designation of Acting Chairperson
Based on the provided materials, Chairperson Tetsuro Higashi gave an explanation of the procedure for appointing an acting chairperson as stipulated in Regulations on National University Corporation Tohoku University Management Policy Council, and designated Masaki Sakaida as the acting chairperson.
(2) Application for Approval of the Research System Strengthening Plan as a University of International Research Excellence
Based on the provided materials, President Tominaga and Takafumi Aoki gave an explanation of the application for approval of the Research System Strengthening Plan as a University of International Research Excellence. After deliberation, it was approved. Notably, the key points raised by the Management Policy Members are as follows:

- It is important for non-Japanese scholars to be successfully embedded in Tohoku University and feel culturally at home. Additionally, it is crucial to bring more women into senior positions. However, as there is global competition for such talent, it would be advisable for Tohoku University to create a very attractive environment.
- It is crucial to follow up on diversity issues, and we would like to see the development of a system to address these matters.
- We would like you to actively contribute to solving major societal challenges such as semiconductors, energy, and disaster prevention.
- In today's society where AI is rapidly evolving, we expect integrated Japanese studies to study Japanese values and apply them to solving social issues. How to share these findings with society and disseminate them internationally is both a challenge and an important point.
- We hope to see diversity ensured through strong leadership.