Summary of the Management Policy Council Meeting Minutes

1. Date: Friday, January 24, 2025
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), Akiyoshi Yonezawa (Special Advisor), 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 (November 12, 2024) minutes

Based on the provided materials, Chairperson Tetsuro Higashi submitted the above-mentioned draft summary of minutes, and it was approved.

○ Proceedings

(1) Changes to Mid-term Goals and Plans

Based on the provided materials, Takafumi Aoki gave an explanation of the changes to Mid-term Goals and Plans. After the matter was put to deliberation, it was resolved as proposed.

(2) Accreditation as University International Research Excellence and Implementation of the Research System Strengthening Plan

Based on the provided materials, President Tominaga and Takafumi Aoki gave an explanation of the accreditation of the Research System Strengthening Plan as a University of International Research Excellence and its implementation status. Notably, the key points raised by the Management Policy Members are as follows:

- Setting appropriate evaluation metrics is crucial..
- Developing partnerships with Sendai City is crucial for embedding individuals invited from

overseas into society.

- We would like you to proceed with strategies that facilitate the seamless, dynamic, and adaptable execution of both ongoing operations and activities outlined in the Research System Strengthening plan, without drawing artificial boundaries between them.
- In advancing support for researchers, family support such as collaboration with international schools is also important. Additionally, we would like you to actively promote the development of career paths for support staff such as University Research Administrators (URAs), as this is a very important measure for doctoral human resources in the humanities and social sciences
- We hope you will play a part in enhancing the overall quality of Japanese society through the implementation of DX (digital transformation) strategies.
- It is important to develop a flexible remuneration framework to recruit excellent researchers.