

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>WUN Global China Group (GCG)</b>		
<b>Date</b>	Thursday 1 March 2018		
<b>Location</b>	Teleconference		
<b>Participants</b>	Professor John Hearn, WUN Executive Director – JH Professor Fanny Cheung, Chinese University of Hong Kong – FC Professor Xu Qinhu, Renmin University of China – XQH A-Professor John Osburg (Rochester) - JO Ms Yvonne Heung, Chinese University of Hong Kong – YH Ms Jia Wang, University of Alberta – JW A-Professor Grace Liu, WUN China Manager - GL		
<b>Apologies</b>	Jonathan Howlett (York), Adrian Hearn (Melbourne), Stein Kuhnle (Bergen), Hai-Sui Yu (Leeds), Iain Watt (UWA), Dong Hengjin (ZJU), Hans Hendrichske (Sydney)		
<b>Prepared by</b>	Grace Liu	<b>Date</b>	3 March 2018

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Subject</b>
1	<b>Welcome and introductions</b>
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JH opened the teleconference and welcomed all the participants.</li> </ul>
2	<b>Confirmation of minutes and matters arising (attachment 1)</b>
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The draft minutes of 12 October 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved.</li> </ul>
3	<b>WUN Executive Director's and China Manager's Report; WUN GCG Chinese New Year Newsletter 2018 (attachment 2)</b>
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GL provided a brief report on the current status and activities of the GCG, including the GCG research programs and RDF achievements, an update on the proposed WUN Policy Research Group, the upcoming RUC-WUN Think Tank Conference and the Global China Group's engagement with the WUN Conference and AGM 2018 in Perth. GL asked to consult details on the circulated China Group Newsletter, which includes a highlight and update on the GCG main activities, research programs and forthcoming events.</li> <li>JH added one point of clarification that he will step down as Executive Director from 31 July and the process for nominating a replacement is in place. He stressed that after nine to ten years it is time for someone else to step up as leader; JH and GL will continue to work with the GCG. The arrangements for the GCG after 31 July is likely to include a transition period.</li> </ul>
4	<b>Update on the development of the proposed WUN Policy Research Group</b>
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JH stated we have had a very strong response from WUN universities with 12 universities wanting to join this proposed policy research group. Renmin University is fully engaged with this initiative. There are rapid developments with the UK group forming the policy network as well and it is anticipated other members will join. A set of terms of reference and main objectives for discussion will be drafted, which will then be refined and agreed at the meeting in Perth.</li> <li>FC pointed out the University of Southampton has circulated a useful paper on the UK Policy Engagement Network as an informal network engaged with UK universities. FC advised it can show how the UK network is working</li> </ul>

	<p>together to promote policy research and policy engagement. The WUN policy research group has agreed to focus on policy areas based on the four WUN research pillars, which will be the direction taken going forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JH stated the strengths will be from the four main pillars. There are also some policy angles emerging from this including the Belt and Road policies, the SDGs and the Paris Accords on climate that are relevant globally. It is hoped we will have a global approach and impact to policy development.</li> </ul>
5	<p><b>RUC-WUN Think Tank Summit: “The China Belt and Road Green Development”, Beijing, 23-24 March (attachment 3, 4)</b></p>
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• XQH advised the title for this event will be <b>the RUC-WUN Think Tank Conference</b>. The wording of “summit” will not be used as suggested by the Ministry of Education. The conference program is currently being developed. RUC has appreciated the support provided by Prof Hearn and other WUN colleagues in preparing for this conference. A third meeting will be held with the Vice Presidents and the representatives from RUC eight schools to discuss and update the conference program. The leaders of the university have expressed strong support for the conference. As requested, a meeting for the WUN participants at the end of the conference has been arranged to discuss the practical implementation of the WUN international policy network. There will be a special dining room for the WUN participants, separate from the other guests.</li> <li>• JH commented on the above points. First, he expressed congratulations for obtaining strong support from the university and the president; secondly, JH showed concern over the dinner being arranged in separate dining rooms. JH pointed out it would be better to meet the VIPs and other guests at the conference dinner.</li> <li>• XQH advised that a conference room has been arranged for WUN delegates to have a meeting for further discussion at the end of the conference. The special dining room arranged for our WUN participants will be cancelled and all guests will be in the same dining hall.</li> <li>• JH pointed out this will provide more opportunity for WUN members to meet more of our Chinese friends over the dinner. A 30-45 minutes’ meeting would be enough for WUN delegates to review the main outcomes from the conference, and propose the actions to be taken which will be relayed to the Perth meeting. In Beijing, it can be discussed how the Secretariat and the Steering Group can be organised to take the policy group further. JH again expressed appreciation for the proposal that Renmin has put forward and leadership shown throughout.</li> </ul>
6	<p><b>Engagement with the Strategic Workshops and Presidents Forum at WUN AGM 2018, Perth (attachment 5)</b></p>
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JH reiterated that at the last GCG teleconference it was agreed that instead of organising a strategic workshop, there would just be an organisational round table of the GCG steering group at the WUN AGM in Perth. The GCG members could join in with the other four research groups’ workshops.</li> <li>• JH advised he is now revising the agenda for the Presidents Forum which includes the China group, the Africa Group and the Policy Group. The Presidents Forum is broadly associated with Higher Education development globally, but will bring in the issues surrounding the four pillars and the groups. There has been a very good response to the draft agenda.</li> <li>• FC asked whether there will be an opportunity for policy research group members to have a meeting in Perth to look at how we want to go forward?</li> <li>• JH clarified that from the meeting in Beijing there will be a clear set of agreements of how the groups should go forward, including terms of</li> </ul>

	<p>reference and priority objectives and priority research programs. A planning round table will be held in Perth over a working dinner to take that forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JH stated from the Renmin meeting a clear one or two-page document summarising the outcomes can be used as the basis for the discussion in Perth at the planning meeting. The paper is to be circulated along with the reports of the conference at Renmin.</li> </ul>
7	<b>WUN GCG, Policy Group and GAG working dinner at WUN AGM Perth, 21 May 2018</b>
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JH advised that a working dinner has been organised for the WUN China Group, Policy Group and Africa Group on the 21<sup>st</sup> May during the AGM in Perth. The first part will be each of the three groups meeting separately. The second part will be all together discussing how all the groups can interact. This will enable the group to attend the meetings of the four global challenges and interact with them with prepared ways forward.</li> <li>• JH further commented there has been a lot of interest in linkages in research on projects between China and Africa. This joint meeting at the dinner will provide an opportunity to explore synergies with the Global Africa Group. There is also a possibility to build up a joint project between the GAG and the GCG in the next couple of years.</li> </ul>
8	<b>WUN Future Directions and WUN Global China Group 2018-20 (attachment 6)</b>
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JH commented on how the WUN GCG fits into the WUN programs as summarised on the circulated paper, working with the global challenges but keeping its distinct entity in terms of building two-way exchange and collaboration between China and the rest of WUN around the world. More analysis is required and a mapping study may need to be conducted to look at how the WUN GCG can best adjust, align and fit in with the overall future direction of WUN. As an example, WUN as a whole is emphasising the SDGs for each of its Global challenges, but the GCG could bring more attention and more practical suggestions regarding the Green Belt and Road development and what the Belt and Road is going to mean for policy development. This is a salient issue which could develop a position paper.</li> <li>• FC commented that as the Belt and Road is more a Chinese initiative, the green development could be brought in at the first Cross-Cutting Theme. The SDGs also cover sustainable environment which is similar to green development. However, FC is concerned that other WUN members who are engaged in SDGs may not want to be part of China Belt &amp; Road Green Development. Due to current sensitivities and global reaction, FC felt it better only for the China group at this stage to highlight the Belt and Road.</li> <li>• JH further clarified regarding FC's comments that we should not confuse the two policy initiatives: the SDGs and Belt &amp; Road. The overlapping areas such as green development need to be defined very carefully where we could bring research expertise.</li> <li>• JW stated Alberta is very interested in the course of policy direction, but due to their distance from the core regions of the Belt and Road, they initially desire to get a sense of current developments from colleagues and how they might relate to North America.</li> <li>• JH agreed some research could be undertaken to source relevant background papers which can then be circulated to our GCG members.</li> <li>• FC advised CUHK has established a Global China Research Program. The website shows their work on global China including the development of the Belt and Road initiatives. On 27th April, CUHK will be hosting the 3rd international conference on the Belt and Road. It will focus on energy and green development. There is a draft program which will be sent to GL for circulation.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JW stated they wished to understand from a Canadian perspective what kind of impact is Belt and Road going to have on the global economy and trade.</li> <li>• JH pointed out the Belt and Road initiative development would depend on how countries joined in. The primary area is trade development. The economic models and the economic consequences would be something in which there will be a lot of room for research.</li> </ul>
<b>Action</b>	FC to send the program for their conference to GL for circulation.
<b>9</b>	<b>Any other business</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JW and other GCG members expressed appreciation for Professor John Hearn's leadership, vision and effort to the China Group and the overall WUN, which has shaped the direction of the whole initiative and the group hopes to continue to work with him.</li> <li>• GCG members suggested to propose a vote of thanks to Professor John Hearn be recorded in the meeting.</li> <li>• There was no other business, the meeting was declared closed.</li> </ul>

**Date and time of next meeting**

To be confirmed