



## **MBA CONNECTION Working Group WG2**

### **Association of Asia-Pacific Business Schools**

#### **Terms of Reference**

##### **Title of the Working Group**

The Working Group shall be called the MBA Connection Working Group or WG2 for short (here after referred to as WG2).

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###### **2.1 Role of the Group**

MBA connection aims to enhance connectivity, involvement and engagement among the Association of Asia-Pacific Business Schools (AAPBS) and other interested parties to promote shared interests. Such collaborative projects would be proposed to the Executive Committee for advisement and approval. AAPBS would consider initial startup funds to jump start such collaboration and initiatives.

Although WG2 may be regarded as a representative and spokesperson of the AAPBS on case related matters, WG2 cannot make binding decisions on behalf of AAPBS or its members unless specifically authorized to do so by the AAPBS Executive.

###### **2.2 Committee membership**

Members of WG2 must be schools that are members of AAPBS. Membership is for a period of three years and can be renewed for a consecutive terms by simple majority vote of the WG2 membership. The Chair of WG2 shall be appointed by the AAPBS Council on recommendation from the AAPBS Executive. Members and alternates should be academic or administrative staff of the member school.

Invitation to and approval of members (other than the Chair) requires a simple majority vote from WG2.



## **2.3 Roles Required**

WG2 normally shall consist of a minimum of five members - a Chair and four other members. The Chair sets the agenda, convenes meetings and ensures that they are properly conducted, reporting any and all recommendations to the AAPBS Executive.

WG2 may also appoint a Secretary to assist the Chair in day-to-day operation and execution of its business.

## **Rules of Procedure**

If the Chair is not present at a Committee meeting the members present shall elect one of the members to be acting Chair at a meeting.

### **3.1 Resignation, Absences and Delegates**

**3.1.1** A WG2 member who is absent for two consecutive meetings of WG2 may be required to resign by WG2. Such resignation shall take immediate effect from the next meeting of WG2. A member so required to resign may stand for re-nomination at any future date.

**3.1.2.** WG2 members will cease to be a member if they: resign from the Committee; or if they are removed by other members following a 2/3 majority vote by WG2.

### **3.2 Methods of Work**

**3.2.1** The Chair is responsible for convening WG2 meetings.

WG2 is normally expected to meet four times a year or as often as business demands. Such meetings may be in person or by remote conferencing techniques.

**3.2.2** Each member of WG2 has one vote. A quorum shall be three voting members present at a WG2 meeting.

**3.2.3** The Secretary is responsible for ensuring the agenda of the meeting is made available to all members in good time before the meeting.

**3.2.4** The Chair may invite parties who are not members of WG2 to participate in a meeting so that they can provide relevant information, materials or knowledge to WG2.

**3.2.5** Participants who are not members of WG2 are entitled to speak but shall not vote.

**3.2.6** Any recommendations shall be decided by consensus if possible, where consensus means that after deliberation all members support a particular point of view.

**3.2.7** Where consensus is not achieved recommendations shall be decided by simple majority vote of members voting on the question. In the case of a tie, the Chair or the person acting as Chair, shall be entitled to a casting vote.



**3.2.8** WG2 may establish sub-committees consisting of three or more and refer to them any matter. The persons on these sub-committees have to be associated with an AAPBS full member university and at least one of the persons must be a WG2 member.

### **Communication with AAPBS**

#### **4.1a Reporting to AAPBS**

WG2 recommendations for the AAPBS Council will be reported to the AAPBS Executive by the Chair within reasonable time. This reporting will normally be by March and/or October each year.

#### **4.1b Reporting to AAPBS**

WG2 shall provide a written report to the AAPBS Executive in time for each annual meeting (AAPBS Academic Conference and AAPBS Annual Meeting). WG2 may be asked to provide an oral report to that same conference but normally such oral reports will be provided by the President.

#### **4.2 Access to AAPBS members**

WG2 may determine to consult AAPBS members more formally on particular issues, and if it decided to consult, will determine the form and method of consultation including but not restricted to surveys, questionnaires and workshops.

#### **4.3 Adoption of Terms of Reference**

The Terms of Reference of WG2 shall become effective for AAPBS upon approval by the Executive of AAPBS.

#### **4.4 Review of Terms of Reference**

The AAPBS Executive shall review the Terms of Reference of WG2 at least once every three years, taking into account any recommendation from the Committee for modification.