

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of matters discussed at the Council meeting held on June 25, 2013:

1. The Council WELCOMED Dr. Steve CANNON, Executive Vice-President (Administration and Finance)-Designate, who had been invited by the Chairman to meet members of the Council before the start of the meeting; and NOTED that Dr. CANNON would assume duty on August 1, 2013.
2. The Council
 - (a) RECEIVED the income and expenditure forecast on block grant activities for 2013-14, which had been endorsed by the Finance Committee;
 - (b) APPROVED the 2013-14 income and expenditure forecast, noting that the Budget Small Group would deliberate further on the budget proposals submitted by the administrative and support units; and
 - (c) THANKED Dr. CHOW and members of the Finance Committee for their advice to the University.
3. The Council
 - (a) APPROVED that in order to uphold academic standards across the board, the review process and approving authorities for Associate Professor and Professor appointments be amended; and
 - (b) THANKED the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for preparing the proposal.
4. The Council
 - (a) RECEIVED a recommendation of the Senior Management Team (SMT), supported by the Senate, on the establishment of a new University Laureate title;
 - (b) HEARD from the Vice-Chancellor that many universities in the world had established titles for conferment upon outstanding scholars; and that the SMT had proposed that the University set up a new "University Laureate" title for conferment upon exceptionally distinguished scholars;
 - (c) ENDORSED, on the recommendation of the Senate, the setting up of the University Laureate scheme.
5. The Council
 - (a) NOTED that in preparation for the Gleneagles Hong Kong Hospital project, of which the Medical Faculty was the sole clinical partner, a HKU delegation had visited some of the hospitals under the Parkway Pantai Limited in Singapore and Kuala Lumpur in June earlier;

- (b) HEARD Professor R.T.H CHIN, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, report on the visit as well as the observation on the project at this stage;
 - (c) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Chairman, to set up a Steering Committee to oversee the project; and
 - (d) THANKED the Dean of Medicine and his team for bringing the project to this stage of development.
6. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Senate, that consequential upon the restructuring of the Department of Community Medicine and the School of Public Health whereby the Department of Community Medicine be subsumed under the School of Public Health with effect from July 1, 2013, the Behavioural Sciences Unit under the Department of Community Medicine be disestablished.
7. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the proposed amendments to Departmental Financial Administration (DFA).
8. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee,
- (a) that Mrs. E.V. GOODING, Senior Teaching Consultant in the Department of Professional Legal Education, be re-appointed as a member of the Grievances Panel for Students under the membership category “One member from each Faculty appointed by the Council on the nomination of the Board of the Faculty concerned from among its members” for the period September 1, 2013 to August 31, 2015; and
 - (b) that Mr. CHOOI Wai Hon, PhD in the Faculty of Engineering, be appointed as a member of the Graduate House Committee of Management under the category “One postgraduate student to represent the interests of the non-residents, nominated by the PGSA and appointed by the Council” for the period June 26, 2013 to June 30, 2014.
9. The Council
- (a) HEARD a presentation by Professor C.J. WEBSTER, Dean of Architecture, on the development of the Faculty; and
 - (b) COMMENDED colleagues of the Faculty of Architecture for their effort in the development of the Faculty; and THANKED Professor WEBSTER for the presentation.