

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of matters discussed at the Council meeting held on May 28, 2013:

1. The Council CONGRATULATED the Vice-Chancellor who had recently received two honorary doctorates, one from Fudan University in Shanghai and the other from The University of Western Ontario of Canada respectively in recognition of his achievements in scientific research.
2. The Council WELCOMED Dr. Peter K.K. WONG, who had been recently appointed as a member of the Council under the membership category “Six persons, not being students or employees of the University, appointed by the Council” to the meeting.
3. The Council CONGRATULATED Mr. Laurence Y.L. TANG on his being elected as the undergraduate member of the Council.
4. The Council
 - (a) NOTED from the recent reports in the media on the petition for increase in funding support for the University’s Libraries; and
 - (b) HEARD the Deputy Vice-Chancellor brief members on the overview of the University’s funding for the Libraries, including other sources of funding for the Libraries in addition to the one-line allocation from the UGC, the maintaining of the level of funding for the Libraries despite the reduction in UGC funding in previous years, the increase in the expenditures of the Libraries in the past decade, and the increase in the number of book collections and electronic resources; and that he was working closely with the Librarian and the Finance and Enterprises Office to develop the Libraries and its collections.
5. The Council
 - (a) RECEIVED from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor a proposal on the introduction of a non-tenure professoriate track in the Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine;
 - (b) HEARD from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor that the proposal, on which he had worked with the Dean of Medicine for months, had received support from other Faculty Deans, the Senior Management Team, the Human Resource Policy Committee and the Senate; and
 - (c) ENDORSED the proposal for introducing a new non-tenure professoriate track in the Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine, subject to a review in five years’ time.

6. The Council

- (a) RESOLVED to appoint Professor Gabriel M. LEUNG, currently Head of the Department of Community Medicine, as the next Dean of Medicine for a fixed term of five years from August 1, 2013;
- (b) THANKED all members of the Search Committee for the Dean of the Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine for their efforts over the search and the selection exercise; and
- (c) RECORDED a vote of thanks to Professor S.P. LEE, Dean of Medicine, for his contributions as the Dean of Medicine in the past five years.

7. The Council

- (a) RESOLVED to appoint Professor J.M.M. CHAN as the interim Dean of Law from July 1 to December 31, 2013; and
- (b) RECORDED a vote of thanks to Professor CHAN for his contributions to the Faculty of Law and for agreeing to take on the interim Deanship of Law.

8. The Council

- (a) RESOLVED to appoint Mr. Steve CANNON, currently Secretary to the University and Director of Operations at the University of Aberdeen, as the Executive Vice-President (Administration and Finance) for a term of five years from as soon as possible; and
- (b) THANKED all members of the Search Committee for the EVP for their efforts over the search and the selection exercise.

9. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Committee on Student Affairs, that the lodging charges for 2013-14 be as follows:

- (a) for University-administered student flats: \$10,716 or \$38 per day (for a residential year of 282 days);
- (b) for University-administered halls: \$11,844 (or \$42 per day) for undergraduates and \$14,382 (or \$51 per day) for postgraduates (based on a total of 282 residential days from August 24, 2013 to June 2, 2014); and
- (c) for the Lung Wah Street Residential Colleges: the daily lodging rate be \$63 (single room) and \$47 (double room) for undergraduates; and \$94 (single room) and \$73 (double room) for postgraduates (based on a total of 282 residential days from August 24, 2013 to June 2, 2014).

10. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee, that Dr. R.M. WATT, Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Dentistry, be 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 July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015.
11. The Council NOTED that the Selection Committee for the Next Vice-Chancellor had been fully constituted with members under the respective categories as follows:
 - (a) The Chairman of Council (Chairman):

Dr. C.H. LEONG
 - (b) 2 other lay members of the Council, 1 being the lay Council member on the Search Committee, and the other elected by the Council:

Dr. Paul M.Y. CHOW (Chairman of the Search Committee)
Mr. Lester G. HUANG
 - (c) A Faculty Dean, elected by the Faculty Deans among themselves:

Professor L.P. SAMARANAYAKE (Dean of Dentistry)
 - (d) Three full-time professorial Teachers, one from each of the three cognate Faculty groupings, elected from their own cognate Faculty grouping:

Professor G.C. BIDDLE (School of Business)
Professor C.M. LO (Department of Surgery)
Professor D. YANG (Department of Chemistry)
 - (e) A full-time non-professorial Teacher/academic-related staff member, elected from among their own number:

Dr. W.L. WONG (Department of Statistics and Actuarial
Science)
 - (f) An alumnus/alumna, elected by Convocation:

Mr. MAN Cheuk Fei
 - (g) A full-time non-academic staff member, elected from among their own number:

Dr. Victor K.M. CHAN (Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine)

- (h) A full-time student, elected by undergraduate and postgraduate students:

Mr. Laurence Y.L. TANG (BSocSc III).

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