

# THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

## COUNCIL

The following is a list of matters\* discussed at the Council meeting held on October 29, 2013:

1. The Council
  - (a) RECEIVED a report from the Vice-Chancellor on the recent activities of the University including the following:
    - (i) a visit to the Ministries and Academies in Beijing from September 28 to 30, 2013, together with Heads of the other local higher education institutions, which was primarily aimed at fostering a deeper understanding of the national strategies in education and research and exploring the roles that the higher education sector in Hong Kong could play in the economic development in China;
    - (ii) the attendance at the annual meeting between the top 9 universities in the Mainland and the 3 “research-intensive” universities in Hong Kong (namely HKU, CUHK and HKUST) in Hefei from October 10 to 11, 2013 with the theme “Teaching and Learning in the Age of Information”, at which he had given a speech on “Whole Person Education in the IT Age”; and
    - (iii) the attendance at the Association of Commonwealth Universities Conference in London from October 16 to 18, 2013;
  - (b) HEARD the Deputy Vice-Chancellor speak to the University’s engagement in the Massive Online Open Courses; and
  - (c) LEARNT that the Vice-Chancellor was in Russia for a brief visit for the work of the international Council on Global Competitiveness Enhancement of Russian Universities meeting.
2. The Council
  - (a) RECEIVED from the Audit Committee its annual report for the year 2012-13;
  - (b) HEARD Mr. K.M. WONG, Chairman of the Audit Committee, highlight the salient points of the report; and
  - (c) THANKED Mr. WONG and members of the Audit Committee for their work.
3. The Council
  - (a) RESOLVED to appoint Professor Thomas F. FLEMMIG, currently Professor in the Department of Periodontics, School of Dentistry of the University of Washington, as the next Dean of Dentistry for a fixed term of five years from July 1, 2014;

- (b) THANKED all members of the Search Committee for the Dean of Dentistry for their efforts over the search and the selection exercise; and
  - (c) RECORDED a vote of thanks to Professor L.P. SAMARANAYAKE, Dean of Dentistry, for his contributions as the Dean of Dentistry in the past ten years.
4. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee, that Mr. CHONG Chan Yau, President of the Hong Kong Blind Union, be re-appointed as a member of the Equal Opportunity Committee under the category “A member who is not an employee or student of the University, appointed by the Council for two years at a time” for the period ending March 31, 2015.

\* *Excluding personnel matters relating to individuals.*

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