

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of matters discussed at the Council meeting held on August 26, 2014:

1. The Council HEARD a report from the President & Vice-Chancellor, on the recent activities of the University including
 - (a) the latest update on the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital project;
 - (b) the considerable extent of work done in preparation for possible student activism activities, as well as possible staff involvement in the next few weeks; and his readiness to communicate with students as demonstrated by the recent protest of students of a hall of residence;
 - (c) the progress for the search for suitable appointees to the five Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor positions; and
 - (d) the memorial service for the University's 13th Vice-Chancellor Emeritus Professor W.I.R. DAVIES at the Rayson Huang Lecture Theatre on August 29, 2014.
2. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Board of the Faculty of Engineering, endorsed by the Senate, that the Centre for Infrastructure and Construction Industry Development, a sub-division of studies and learning in the Faculty of Engineering, be renamed as the Centre for Innovation in Construction and Infrastructure Development (CICID).
3. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Board of the Faculty of Engineering, endorsed by the Senate, that the following sub-divisions of studies and learning in the Faculty of Engineering be disestablished with immediate effect under the provisions of Section 8(3) of the Ordinance:
 - (a) the Jockey Club Research and Information Centre for Landslip Prevention and Land Development, which was established in December 1998 with a funding of HK\$25 million from the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust to support a Slope Safety Project, noting that the Project had been completed and the Jockey Club Charities Trust had accepted the final report for the Project; and
 - (b) the Rock Engineering Research Centre, which was established in June 1998, noting that limited activities were organized in recent years and key members of the Centre had already retired.
4. The Council RECEIVED from the Director of Finance an annual report on waiver of overhead charges on non-UGC-funded research projects for the year 2013-14.

5. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee, that Mrs. Annie Liang BENTLEY be re-appointed as the Chairman of the Robert Black College Committee of Management under the category “Chairman, appointed by the Council” for the period October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2017.
6. The Council NOTED that the Chairman of Council had approved, on behalf of the Council, that Ms. K.A. LOPER, Assistant Professor in the Department of Law and Deputy Director of the Centre for Comparative and Public Law, be appointed as a member of the Discrimination Complaints Committee under the category “A staff member, appointed by the Council for a period of two years” from September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2016.
7. The Council
 - (a) HEARD a presentation by Mr. P.E. SIDORKO, the Librarian, on the development of the University Libraries; and
 - (b) THANKED the Librarian for the presentation and COMMENDED colleagues of the University Libraries for their effort in the development of the Libraries.

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