

# THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

## COUNCIL

The following is a list of matters discussed at the Council meeting held on February 25, 2014:

1. The Council
  - (a) RECEIVED a report from the Vice-Chancellor on the recent activities of the University including the following:
    - (i) his trip to Singapore with colleagues in the Development and Alumni Affairs Office (DAAO) to meet the HKU Alumni Association Singapore Chapter, and to thank the alumni for their support of the Bricks Wall campaign; and that colleagues from DAAO also met with the Asia-Pacific Headquarters CEO of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education to discuss philanthropy and fundraising in the Region, and the upcoming Annual Conference in Hong Kong;
    - (ii) the Spring Reception for the media held on February 12, 2014, which had a record attendance of 141 journalists, from both print and television media (including 26 senior editors) and 120 members of HKU staff (including Senior Management Team members and Deans of Faculties);
    - (iii) the opening of the University Visitor Centre in the Centennial Campus, which was housed in the Workmen's Quarters of the former Elliot Pumping Station and Filters site of the Water Supplies Department, a Grade III historic building, on February 14, 2014;
    - (iv) the unveiling of the sculpture "*Fortiter in re, Suaviter in modo*" in the Centennial Campus on February 18, 2014, in recognition of the remarkable contributions from Dr. Stanley HO to the advancement of the University;
    - (v) his participation in the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon held on February 16, 2014, with the Chairman and two other Council members, Mr. Benjamin P.C. HUNG and Dr. Christopher W.C. CHENG, 3,026 runners and the support team of over 300 students, staff and alumni from HKU; and
    - (vi) the 8<sup>th</sup> Endowed Professorship Inauguration Ceremony held on February 24, 2014, in which nine new Endowed Professors were inaugurated; and that the scheme, which started in 2005, had now reached a total of 80 Endowed Professorships in all the Faculties of the University; and

- (b) RECORDED a vote of thanks to the Vice-Chancellor for his immense contributions to the University in fund-raising and the establishment of the 80 Endowed Professorships.

2. The Council

- (a) RECEIVED a paper setting out the recommendations on the arrangement for Pro-Vice-Chancellorship appointments;
- (b) APPROVED
  - (i) the extension of the Pro-Vice-Chancellorship appointments of Professor S.P. CHOW and Professor P.K.H. TAM for a further period of five months until August 31, 2014;
  - (ii) the appointment of an interim Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning) until August 31, 2014; and
  - (iii) the setting up of the Search Committees to fill all five Pro-Vice-Chancellor positions and the memberships of these Search Committees, noting that the exact titles of the two newly established/re-established Pro-Vice-Chancellor positions would be reported to the Council when decided; and
- (c) THANKED Professor S.P. CHOW and Professor P.K.H. TAM for agreeing to continue their Pro-Vice-Chancellorship appointments for another 5 months; and Professor A.B.M. TSUI for her contributions to the University as Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning) for more than 6 years.

3. The Council

- (a) RECEIVED from the Director of Finance an annual report on the outside practice activities of professoriate staff of the University for the year 2012-13; and
- (b) THANKED the Director of Finance and the Finance and Enterprises Office for compiling the report.

4. The Council

- (a) RECEIVED a paper from the Finance Committee on the mid-year budget review for 2013-14;
- (b) APPROVED the revisions to the 2013-14 budget estimate, noting that the budget estimates for the next financial year of 2014-15 would be submitted to the Council after deliberation by the Finance Committee in May/June 2014; and
- (c) THANKED the Finance Committee and the Director of Finance for apprising the Council of the budgetary position of the University.

5. The Council
  - (a) RECEIVED a recommendation of the Standing Committee of Convocation that Statute XXVIII “Convocation” be amended to include a new membership category for Convocation; and
  - (b) APPROVED, for submission to the Court, that Statute XXVIII “Convocation” be amended to include a new membership category “holders of any certificate or diploma as listed under paragraph 2(a) and (b) of Statute III, of which the admission requirement should be a first degree” in paragraph 1.(1) thereof.
6. The Council HEARD Mrs. Margaret M.Y. LEUNG KO, who was one of the members of the Task Force set up by the Council to discuss the relevant HKU-Shenzhen Hospital issues with the Shenzhen Government, apprise members of the progress of work on the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital project.
7. The Council APPROVED a recommendation from the Vice-Chancellor that, in recognition of the long-time support and generosity of Dr. Philip WONG and his family, and a gift of HK\$5 million from Mrs. Gertrude WONG in support of the University’s development, the space located at the western rim of the Centennial Garden be named as “The Little Garden” as proposed by Mrs. WONG.
8. The Council
  - (a) RECEIVED a recommendation of the Graduate House Committee of Management that the Graduate House residents’ lodging fees be increased by 4% in 2014-15;
  - (b) HEARD the views that the University should consider providing more subsidies to postgraduate students to facilitate their learning and research activities, such as attending academic conferences; and
  - (c) APPROVED that the Graduate House residents’ lodging fees be increased by 4% in 2014-15, *i.e.* an increase of \$112 per month (from \$2,800 to \$2,912) for a single room, and \$205 per month (from \$5,130 to \$5,335) for a double room as proposed by the Graduate House Committee of Management, noting that the views expressed would be duly conveyed to the Chairman of the Committee.
9. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee, that Mr. CHOI Sau-yuk be appointed as a member of the Committee on Honorary University Fellows under the category “Two members who are not employees or students of the University, at least one of whom shall be a graduate of the University and at least one of whom shall be a member of the Council, appointed by the Council” from February 26, 2014 to February 25, 2017.

10. The Council

- (a) HEARD a presentation by Professor S.J. ANDREWS, Dean of Education, on the development of the Faculty; and
- (b) COMMENDED colleagues of the Faculty of Education for their effort in the development of the Faculty; and THANKED Professor ANDREWS for the presentation.

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