

# THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

## COUNCIL

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

1. The Council CONGRATULATED the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Lap-Chee TSUI, on his receiving the 2014 Henry G. Friesen International Prize in Health Research in recognition of his contributions to health research and health research policy.
2. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Professor A.B.M. TSUI, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning), who would step down on March 31, 2014, for the valuable contributions she had made during her Pro-Vice-Chancellorship in the past six years.
3. The Council
  - (a) RECEIVED a paper setting out the recommendations on the arrangement for Pro-Vice-Chancellorship appointments and related issues;
  - (b) NOTED
    - (i) that consequent upon the Council's approval at its meeting of February 25, 2014 of the setting up of Search Committees to fill the five Pro-Vice-Chancellor positions and their membership compositions thereof, the Vice-Chancellor-designate, Professor P.W. MATHIESON had proposed, after due consultation, names of members to fill these Search Committees, and the titles and portfolios of the Pro-Vice-Chancellors;
    - (ii) that the Deputy Vice-Chancellor would take up the portfolio of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning) as Acting Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning) during the interim period from April 1 to August 31, 2014 so as to assure continuity; and
    - (iii) that Professor L.G. THAM, Professor in the Department of Civil Engineering and Associate Dean (Quality Assurance) of the Faculty of Engineering, would be appointed as Associate Vice-President on a 50% fraction to assist the Acting Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning) for the period April 1 to August 31, 2014 in the teaching and learning portfolio; and
  - (c) APPROVED the proposed names of members to fill the five Search Committees for the Pro-Vice-Chancellors.

4. The Council HEARD the Chairman apprise members of the latest progress of the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital project.
5. The Council APPROVED, for submission to the Court, a recommendation of the Senate that Statute III “Degrees and Other Academic Distinctions” be amended by the inclusion of the title “Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) [高級管理人員工商管理學碩士]” in paragraph 1(b) thereof.
6. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Chairman of the Equal Opportunity Committee and supported by the Senate, the restructuring of the Committee and the consequential amendments to the terms of reference of the Committee as set out in document 5/314.
7. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Chairman of the Accommodation Committee, that the terms of reference of the Accommodation Committee be amended in Section III “Officers in Attendance” to enable
  - (a) the Director of Finance or his/her representative to provide input to the Committee on the financial aspect of the matters under discussion; and
  - (b) the Director of Estates and the Dean of Student Affairs to send representatives to meetings of the Committee if necessary.
8. The Council NOTED, *via* the Human Resource Policy Committee, that the Vice-Chancellor had approved that the appointment of Professor P.Y.S. CHEUNG as Associate Vice-President in the Vice-Chancellor’s Office, which would end on March 31, 2014, be extended to August 31, 2014, to enable it to be conterminous with that of Professor P.K.H. TAM, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research).
9. The Council RECEIVED from the HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education its Annual Report and Financial Report for the year 2012-13.
10. The Council
  - (a) HEARD a speech from the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Lap-Chee TSUI, who would step down from his position as Vice-Chancellor on March 31, 2014; and NOTED in particular
    - (i) that he would like to thank the Chairman for his kind patience and understanding and also for his continued advice and encouragements; and members of the Council for their kind support to the University and to him personally over the years;
    - (ii) that the success of HKU came from its century-old tradition of academic excellence and diligence and professionalism of its supporting staff; and that he felt fortunate to be at the right place at the right time, and with the right people so that, together with the University family, he could realize many great achievements with the University; and

- (iii) that it would not be possible for him or any single individual to bring the University to achieve excellence and attain international reputation without the collective wisdom, dedication and hard work of the entire University;
- (b) further HEARD the Chairman recapitulate the success and achievements of the University under the Vice-Chancellor's leadership in the past 12 years, including, *inter alia*, the enhancement of the University's international reputation for its world-class academic and research excellence; the increased University's presence in the Mainland; the increase in student body, faculty, competitive research funding, research output and academic space; the substantial amount of donations raised; and a strong HKU Family and team spirit he had built over the years; and
- (c) RECORDED its deepest appreciation and most grateful thanks to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Lap-Chee TSUI, for his dedicated and invaluable service to the University in the past 12 years, without which, the University could not have achieved so much; and WISHED him all the best in his future endeavours.

*\* Excluding personnel matters relating to individuals.*

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