

# THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

## COUNCIL

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

1. The Council WELCOMED Mr. Aloysius Wilfred Raj AROKIARAJ to his first meeting of the Council as an elected postgraduate representative.
2. The Council CONGRATULATED Dr. Christopher W.C. CHENG on his being awarded the degree of Doctor of Business Administration *honoris causa* by the Hong Kong Polytechnic University.
3. The Council RECEIVED a report from the President & Vice-Chancellor, on the recent activities of the University including
  - (a) the recent political events in Hong Kong involving HKU students and staff;
  - (b) the progress of the searches for suitable appointees for the five Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor positions;
  - (c) his participation in the joint IMBA graduation ceremony in Shanghai with Fudan University and his visit to rural Guangxi province for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Project Mingde;
  - (d) his visit to the Ivy League University of Pennsylvania and the University of Colorado and his meeting with the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office New York Office Director and alumni from the East Coast of the U.S.; and
  - (e) the initiatives to develop greater breadth of collaboration with a number of prestigious overseas universities and institutes.
4. The Council
  - (a) RESOLVED that
    - (i) Professor I.M. HOLLIDAY, currently Professor in the Department of Politics and Public Administration of the Faculty of Social Sciences of HKU, be appointed as Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning) for a fixed term of five years, tentatively from January 1, 2015; and
    - (ii) Mr. D.C.T. SO, Executive Director, Charities in the Hong Kong Jockey Club from 2010 to 2014, be appointed as Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Institutional Advancement) for a fixed term of five years, tentatively from March 1, 2015; and

- (b) RECORDED a vote of thanks to Professor S.P. CHOW for his contributions to the University as Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (University Relations) in the past years; and Professor R.T.H. CHIN for acting as the Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning) since April 1, 2014.

5. The Council

- (a) RESOLVED that Professor D.B. COLLINS, currently Associate Dean for Humanities, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and Professor of Greek and Latin, Department of Classical Studies at the University of Michigan, be appointed as the next Dean of Arts for a fixed term of five years, tentatively from July 2015; and
- (b) RECORDED a vote of thanks to Professor D.W.F. KERR for taking up the position as the interim Dean of Arts since January 2014.

6. The Council

- (a) NOTED from the Chairman that Professor R.T.H. CHIN had decided not to seek further appointment as Provost & Deputy Vice-Chancellor when his current term expired in July 2015;
- (b) HEARD the President & Vice-Chancellor speak to the process and arrangement for the search and selection of the next Provost & Deputy Vice-Chancellor, in that it was proposed that a Search Committee chaired by himself be set up comprising the Chairman of the Human Resource Policy Committee, a member each from the Council and the Senate, and a student representative;
- (c) RESOLVED
  - (i) that a Search Committee be set up with the remit of identifying a suitable candidate for appointment as the next Provost & Deputy Vice-Chancellor; and that a search firm be engaged to facilitate the search; and
  - (ii) on the recommendation of Chairman, that Professor Edward K.Y. CHEN be invited to serve as a lay member of the Council on the Search Committee; and
- (d) RECORDED a vote of thanks to Professor R.T.H. CHIN for his dedication and valuable contribution to the University in his current term of Provost & Deputy Vice-Chancellorship.

7. The Council

- (a) RECEIVED a paper for revising the remuneration for clinical professoriate staff in the Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Dentistry in that the Medical Faculty had put forth proposals involving changes to the salary scales and the clinical cash allowance to

bring them in line with the package offered by the Hospital Authority in order to attract, motivate and retain the best candidates in the health industry; and

- (b) APPROVED
  - (i) the proposed revisions to the salary scales of the clinical professoriate staff in the Medical Faculty;
  - (ii) the proposed applicability of the proposed revised clinical professoriate salary scales to the clinical dental professoriate staff; and
  - (iii) that the clinical fixed-sum cash allowance be not counted as housing benefit.
  
- 8. The Council RECEIVED an update on the latest progress of the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital project.
  
- 9. The Council
  - (a) RECEIVED a report on the academic reviews of the following Centres:
    - (i) Centre for Educational Leadership, and Centre for Advancement in Inclusive and Special Education in the Faculty of Education;
    - (ii) Centre for Chinese Law in the Faculty of Law; and
    - (iii) Centre of Urban Studies and Urban Planning in the Faculty of Architecture; and
  - (b) ENDORSED, with the support of the Senate, the recommendations contained therein.
  
- 10. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee, that Dr. J. LU, Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Education, 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” from as soon as possible for the period until June 30, 2016.
  
- 11. The Council RECEIVED for information sample Code of Conduct for Members of Public Bodies compiled by the Independent Commission Against Corruption; and NOTED that the relevant guidelines proposed in the Code would be considered for inclusion in the *Guide and Code of Practice for Members of the Council* when the *Guide and Code* was revised on the next occasion.