

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of non-restricted matters discussed at the Council meeting held on June 30, 2015:

1. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Professor R.T.H. CHIN, who retired from his Provost & Deputy Vice-Chancellorship on July 3, 2015, for his dedicated and invaluable service to the University in the past 5 years.
2. The Council RECORDED its appreciation and thanks to Professor D.W.F. KERR for his contributions during his interim Deanship of Arts.
3. The Council RECEIVED a report from the President & Vice-Chancellor on the recent activities of the University including
 - (a) the progress of the search for the new Provost & Deputy Vice-Chancellor;
 - (b) the latest progress of the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital project;
 - (c) the work done on the University's risk management;
 - (d) the University's commitment to the issue of gender equity and the work done under the HeForShe initiative of UN Women;
 - (e) his teaching of a class of 5th years medical students;
 - (f) the various activities, events, conferences, and ceremonies held by the University; and
 - (g) his meetings with local and overseas University Presidents and academics, the UGC Chair and Secretary-General, and a high-level delegation from the Beijing government including the Minister of Education.
4. The Council
 - (a) RECEIVED the preliminary income and expenditure forecast on block grant activities for 2015-16, which had been endorsed by the Finance Committee;
 - (b) APPROVED the preliminary 2015-16 income and expenditure forecast, noting that the Budget Small Group would deliberate further on the budget proposals submitted by the administrative and support units; and
 - (c) THANKED Mrs. Margaret M.Y. LEUNG KO, the Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee, and members of the Finance Committee for their advice.

5. The Council RECEIVED a report on the monthly expenditures of the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital project.
6. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Senate, the disestablishment of the following five independent sub-divisions of studies and learning under the provisions of Section 8(3) of the Ordinance with immediate effect:
 - Chinese Language Cognitive Science Research Centre;
 - Cognitive Science Centre;
 - Centre for Cultural Policy Research;
 - Centre for European Studies; and
 - Centre for Hong Kong Prehistory.
7. The Council
 - (a) RECEIVED a paper on the trustee appointment to the Boards of Trustees for the University's retirement schemes; and
 - (b) APPROVED, on the nomination of the Academic Staff Association and supported by the Chairman of the Boards of Trustees, that Dr. Albert T.C. YEUNG be appointed as Trustee for the Boards of Trustees of the Staff Terminal Benefits Scheme (1988) and the Staff Provident Fund, in accordance with Clause 3.04:2 and Clause 3(B)(ii) of the respective Trust Deeds, to replace Dr. Philip L.H. YU with immediate effect.
8. The Council APPROVED a recommendation of the Graduate School, supported by the Policy Board of Postgraduate Education, that the composition fees for part-time self-funded Research Postgraduate programmes be increased from \$60,000 to \$61,800 per annum, and that the new rate be applicable to new students registering on September 1, 2015 and thereafter.
9. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Senate, that Professor R.M. WILKINSON of the Department of Professional Legal Education be re-appointed as Public Orator for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017.

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