

# THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

## COUNCIL

The following is a list of non-restricted matters discussed at the Council meeting held on October 27, 2015:

1. The Council WELCOMED Professor Rosie T.T. YOUNG, who had been appointed as a member of the Council under the membership category “Six persons, not being students or employees of the University, appointed by the Council”, and Mr. ZHU Ke, the elected postgraduate representative, to their first meeting of the Council.
2. The Council NOTED that in line with the Government’s “six-year rule”, Mr. Benjamin P.C. HUNG, Mrs. Ayesha M. LAU and the Hon. Martin C.K. LIAO, would be retiring from their memberships from November 7, 2015; and RECORDED a vote of thanks to them for their most valuable contributions to the University during their terms of membership with the Council.
3. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Dr. the Hon. C.H. LEONG, Chairman of the Council, who, in line with the Government’s “six-year rule”, would retire from the Chairmanship also from November 7, 2015, for his contribution and dedicated service to the Council and the University, and for his leadership and drive in particular during a challenging period; and HEARD Dr. LEONG express his gratitude for the chance to serve the Council and thus his *alma mater* for the past 11 years and 4 months, first as a member and then as the Chairman, and the support from all members of the Council, past and present, the University management, Deans of Faculties, and the University community; and thank all members, in particular those whose term of membership would also end on November 6, 2015, for their support and contribution to the work of the Council and the University.
4. The Council RECEIVED a report from the President & Vice-Chancellor on the recent activities of the University including
  - (a) his thanks to Dr. the Hon. C.H. LEONG, Chairman of Council, Mr. Benjamin P.C. HUNG, Mrs. Ayesha M. LAU and the Hon. Martin C.K. LIAO, who would retire from the Council, for all their invaluable contributions to the affairs of the University;
  - (b) his speaking on a panel at the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of Yonsei University in Korea; and his attendance at a symposium at Yale-NUS College in Singapore on October 11, 2015, and signing of renewed agreements with NUS;
  - (c) his meeting with HKU alumni in Auckland on October 4, 2015 to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the alumni group there; and his plan to visit the alumni group in Vancouver and West Coast of USA, and the Stanford University in early November 2015;

- (d) his meeting with a number of visitors from overseas universities and organisations;
  - (e) the assessment process of the Quality Assurance Council on the University; and
  - (f) the Senior Management Team's strategy development work with the latest 'away day' taking place on October 22, 2015.
5. The Council APPROVED the University's Annual Accounts for the year ended June 30, 2015.
6. The Council
- (a) RECEIVED a Letter of Representation in respect of the 2014-15 audit of the University's financial statements;
  - (b) NOTED that both the Senior Management Team and the Audit Committee had endorsed the Letter of Representation; and
  - (c) APPROVED the Letter of Representation, noting that the Director of Finance, with delegated authority from the Council, would sign the Letter accordingly.
7. The Council RECEIVED from the Audit Committee its annual report for the year 2014-15.
8. The Council APPROVED, in accordance with the provisions of Statute IX.1 and IX.1A,
- (a) that the appointment of Professor E.C. CHANG as Dean of Business and Economics be extended until June 30, 2017; and
  - (b) that the appointment of Professor S.J. ANDREWS as Dean of Education be extended until July 31, 2017.
9. The Council RECEIVED a report on the monthly expenditures of the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital project.
10. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Senate, the disestablishment of the following sub-divisions of studies and learning under the provisions of Section 8(3) of the Ordinance, with immediate effect:
- (a) five Centres/Institute independent of Faculties:
    - Institute of Advanced IT Training;
    - Centre for Cellular Biology;
    - Fong's Research Centre for Advanced Mechanical Systems;
    - International Research Centre for Electric Vehicles; and
    - Centre for the Study of Liver Disease; and
  - (b) Centre of Nonlinear Mechanics in the Faculty of Engineering.

11. The Council

- (a) APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee, that the Hon. Abraham L.H. SHEK be appointed as the Chairman of the Human Resource Policy Committee under the category “A lay member of the Council, appointed by the Council (Chairman)” from as soon as possible for a period of three years; and
- (b) NOTED that Mr. SHEK had been re-elected by the Legislative Council to be a member of the Court and nominated amongst the 5 Legislative Council members on the Court to continue to sit on Council.

12. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Chairman, that the Shenzhen Projects Advisory Board be disestablished with immediate effect.

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