

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of non-restricted matters discussed at the Council meeting held on August 30, 2016.

1. The Council WELCOMED Professor M.R. EVANS, the new Dean of Science, to his first meeting of the Council; and RECORDED a vote of thanks to Professor P. CHIU for taking up the interim Deanship of Science.
2. The Council CONGRATULATED Ms. Leonie M.F. KI, Professor C.M. LO and all other members of the University family (including the previous Vice-Chancellor, Professor Lap-Chee TSUI) for their respective awards on the 2016 Honours List of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.
3. The Council NOTED from Mrs. Margaret M.Y. LEUNG KO, Chairperson of the Review Panel set up to review the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital project, the latest progress of work of the Review Panel.
4. The Council RECEIVED a report from the President & Vice-Chancellor on the recent activities of the University, including
 - (a) his views and comments on the publicity around the proposed reforms to academic staffing procedures and the issues around the discussion of Hong Kong independence on campus;
 - (b) the latest development of the Centennial College; and in connection with the report on the Centennial College therein, a paper from Professor Edward K.Y. CHEN, Chairman of Board of HKU SPACE and interim Chairman of the Council of Centennial College, providing further information on the matter;
 - (c) the setting up of a Review Panel, chaired by Mrs. Margaret M.Y. LEUNG KO, to review the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital project;
 - (d) the setting up of a Working Party to advise the Council on the necessary policies, processes and arrangements for the implementation of the recommendations of the Newby Report;
 - (e) his attendance at the funeral of Mr. Thomas CHEUNG Yiu-sing, the firefighter and HKU alumnus who died in the firefighting at a Ngau Tau Kok industrial building;
 - (f) his meetings with the Review Panel on University Governance chaired by Sir Malcolm GRANT; his attendance at meetings with various overseas and Chinese universities representatives and local government officials on different occasions; and the visit to HKU of representatives from universities in Australia, Canada, Mainland China, Germany, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States;

- (g) the progress of work of the Asia Global Institute; and
- (h) the search processes for Faculty Deans of three Faculties, the next Dean of Student Affairs and the next Provost & Deputy Vice-Chancellor.

5. The Council

- (a) HEARD a presentation from Professor M.Y.M. HOR, Dean of Law, on the development in the Faculty, and NOTED in particular
 - (i) the Faculty's Mainland strategy in teaching and learning, research, and knowledge exchange; and the setting up of the Centre for Chinese Law as well as the number of full-time faculty with primary training in Chinese (Mainland) law;
 - (ii) the medical ethics and law initiative in teaching and learning, research and knowledge exchange undertaken by the Faculty, including the curricula offered, collaborations with overseas universities, including the University of Cambridge and Georgetown University, *etc.*, the setting up of the Centre for Medical Ethics and Law jointly with the Medical Faculty and the regional and international network of expertise established;
 - (iii) the commercial, corporate and financial law programmes offered by the Faculty, capitalizing on the position of Hong Kong as an international financial centre; and
 - (iv) the Faculty's interdisciplinary collaboration in the field of arts and social science and its cutting edge programmes including alternative dispute resolution, competition law, intellectual property and new technology, privacy, urban law and policy, and environmental law and policy;
- (b) DISCUSSED the Faculty's performance in the Research Assessment Exercise (RAE), overall development of the Faculty; and the research direction and management, and academic staffing at the University and in the Faculty;
- (c) NOTED from Professor HOR, in response to comments from members, the Faculty's actions taken in enhancing performance in the next round of RAE and following up on the recommendations made by the Review Panel in the University's system of academic review; and
- (d) THANKED Professor HOR for the presentation.

6. The Council RECEIVED from the Audit Committee its annual report for the year 2015-16.

7. The Council APPROVED the revised income and expenditure forecast on block grant activities for 2016-17.

8. The Council
- (a) RECEIVED a paper from Dr. S.J. CANNON, Executive Vice-President (Administration and Finance), on the annual submission of the UGC Capital Programme; and
 - (b) ENDORSED that no new project be included in the 2017 UGC Capital Programme submission.
9. The Council
- (a) RECEIVED a paper on the Risk Appetite Statement; and
 - (b) APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, that the Risk Appetite Statement be adopted.
10. The Council APPROVED that a pay adjustment of 4.2% for eligible Directorate/Upper salary bands staff and 4.7% for staff in Middle/Lower salary bands be implemented with retrospective effect from April 1, 2016.
11. The Council RECEIVED a paper on the update on the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital project.
12. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee to the President & Vice-Chancellor on Endowed Professorships,
- (a) that the following Endowed Professorships be established:

George and Paulette Ho Professorship in Visual Science
The University of Hong Kong
香港大學 何驥伉儷基金教授席(視覺科學)

in appreciation of a generous donation of HK\$10 million from The Jessie & George Ho Charitable Foundation and with a matching fund from the University to fulfill the University's commitment; and

Isaac R. Souede Professorship in Economic History
The University of Hong Kong

in appreciation of a generous donation of HK\$10 million from Mr. Isaac R. Souede and with a matching fund from the University to fulfill the University's commitment; and
 - (b) that the Chinese name of the "Victor and William Fung Professorship in Economics", which was established in May 2016, be as follows:

香港大學 馮國經馮國綸基金教授席(經濟學).

13. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Committee on Student Affairs, that the lodging charges for 2016-17 (based on a total of 280 residential days from August 22, 2016 to May 29, 2017) be as follows:
 - (a) for University-administered halls: \$47 per day for undergraduates and \$57 per day for postgraduates;
 - (b) for University-administered student flats: \$43 per day; and
 - (c) for the Residential Colleges in Jockey Club Student Village III: the daily room rate be \$73 (single room) and \$54 per student (double room) for undergraduates; and \$110 (single room) and \$85 per student (double room) for postgraduates.

14. The Council RECEIVED an annual report on waiver of overhead charges on non-UGC-funded research projects for the year 2015-16.

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