

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of non-restricted matters discussed at the Council meeting held on December 20, 2016.

1. The Council

- (a) RECEIVED a report from the President & Vice-Chancellor on the recent activities of the University including
 - (i) the resignation of Mr. D.C.T. SO from his position as Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Institutional Advancement), and his thanks to Mr. SO for his hard work and contributions to the University;
 - (ii) the decision of Professor N.C. TIEN of not seeking a second term as Dean of Engineering;
 - (iii) the 2016 undergraduate and postgraduate graduation congregations;
 - (iv) the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital project;
 - (v) the progress of work of the Working Party for the implementation of the Recommendations of the Newby Report;
 - (vi) the University's participation at the World Economic Forum meetings since 2015;
 - (vii) the University's Information Day on October 29, 2016;
 - (viii) the graduation ceremony in Shanghai for the joint IMBA with Fudan University on October 30, 2016;
 - (ix) the celebration of the Faculty of Dentistry's World Number 1 ranking on October 31, 2016; and the centenary of May Hall on November 5, 2016;
 - (x) the two meetings he had with the Education Bureau recently, the first with Heads and Acting Heads of the other 7 UGC-funded universities; and the second with the Council Chairman, to discuss issues of common interest; and
 - (xi) the visit to HKU of leaders of universities and research institutes from Australia, Canada, the U.S. and the U.K.; and
- (b) NOTED
 - (i) comments from members on the organisation of graduation ceremonies and degrees certificates collection, and the offering of the TPg programmes of the Faculty of Dentistry; and

- (ii) the progress of the review of University governance.

2. The Council

- (a) HEARD a presentation from Professor G.M. LEUNG, Dean of Medicine, on the development in the Faculty, and NOTED in particular
 - (i) the Faculty's ranking in the world according to the latest Times Higher Education ranking and QS ranking; and the comparison of the Faculty with the other local institutions in different areas;
 - (ii) the funding received in research as well as the Research Assessment Exercise in 2014;
 - (iii) the progress and plan to create more space to cater for the need of the teaching and learning and research of the Faculty;
 - (iv) the proactive steps taken to recruit the best staff from around the world, and the initiatives for staff development including PRD objective setting, job planning, and mentorship;
 - (v) the student recruitment of the Faculty which aimed at attracting the best students, and the new 6-year MBBS curriculum structure which would include an enrichment year in Year 3 that enabled students to gain learning experience through different arrangements from which students could choose;
 - (vi) an overview of the HKU Health System and the range of services provided;
 - (vii) the activities planned to celebrate the 130th anniversary of the Faculty; and
 - (viii) the funding source of the Faculty in which over half of the funding in the last triennium came from non-block grant sources; and
- (b) THANKED Professor LEUNG for the presentation.

3. The Council ENDORSED for submission to the UGC the annual report prepared by the Senior Management Team in response to the new requirement set out in the *Statement of Recommended Practice for the UGC-Funded Institutions* published by the UGC in September 2015.

4. The Council

- (a) RECEIVED a paper on the search for the next Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Institutional Advancement) following the resignation of Mr. D.C.T. SO from his position as Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Institutional Advancement);
- (b) DISCUSSED the membership composition of the Search Committee;

- (c) NOTED a suggestion of having student representation on the Search Committee; and RESOLVED by a majority vote that there should be a student representative on the Search Committee; and
 - (d) APPROVED that the Search Committee for the next Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Institutional Advancement) be established, with the addition of one student member, on the understanding that the President & Vice-Chancellor would discuss with the undergraduate and postgraduate student members on the Council and invite one of them to be a member of the Search Committee.
5. The Council
- (a) RECEIVED a paper on the search for the next Dean of Engineering;
 - (b) DISCUSSED the membership composition of the search committee; and
 - (c) APPROVED
 - (i) that a search committee be established to start the search for a new Dean of Engineering; and
 - (ii) that the norm of the composition of the search committee set out in the *Guidelines for the Appointment and Re-appointment of Deans of Faculties* be revised so that the President & Vice-Chancellor would be the Chair and the Provost & Deputy Vice-Chancellor would be a member.
6. The Council RECEIVED a paper on the update on the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital project.
7. The Council RESOLVED that Professor Anne Lin GOODWIN, currently Vice Dean of Teachers College and Professor of Education at the Columbia University, be appointed as the next Dean of Education for a fixed term of five years.
8. The Council
- (a) RECEIVED a paper on the re-appointment and status of the Executive Vice-President (Administration and Finance) (the “EVP”); and
 - (b) RESOLVED that Dr. S.J. CANNON be offered re-appointment for a further term of 5 years.
9. The Council APPROVED a recommendation of the Emeritus Professors Committee, supported by the Senate, that the title of Emeritus Professor be conferred under the provisions of Statute XIII.1 on Professor P.R. HILLS who retired from the University.