

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of non-restricted matters discussed at the Council meeting held on February 23, 2016:

1. The Council WELCOMED Mr. K.M. TAI, the newly elected member by the Court; Professor T.K.F. AU, interim Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Staffing and Resources), and Professor P. CHIU, interim Dean of Science, to their first meeting of the Council.
2. The Council CONGRATULATED the President & Vice-Chancellor on his being conferred an Honorary Fellowship of Hughes Hall of the University of Cambridge.
3. The Council RECEIVED a report from the President & Vice-Chancellor on the recent activities of the University including
 - (a) the statement he issued on January 27, 2016 on behalf of the Senior Management Team condemning the behaviour of protesters after the Council meeting the previous evening;
 - (b) the Asia Global Dialogue event from January 27 to 29, 2016, which was the first to be held under the auspices of the Asia Global Institute (AGI) at HKU;
 - (c) the visit of senior representatives of IBM and Google to discuss engagement with the University, including the offering of internships, research collaborations and public engagement opportunities;
 - (d) the “Meet the SMT” sessions on February 1 and 4, 2016;
 - (e) the visit of the Senior Management Team to Cyberport on February 5, 2016 in which many areas of shared interest were explored; and
 - (f) the HKU delegation led by him to the United Kingdom from February 8 to 18, 2016 to meet HKU alumni, academic mentors and their student mentees, and their visits to a number of top universities, institutions and various learned societies.
4. The Council
 - (a) RECEIVED from Professor W.J. KAO, Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Global), the document “Global Engagement Strategy: Augmenting HKU impact through global knowledge network”; and
 - (b) HEARD a presentation from Professor KAO on his portfolio; and NOTED in particular

- (i) the University's engagement with the HKU, local, regional and global communities; and the reaching out activities *via* the learning and research centres of the University to produce innovative discovery through knowledge exchange and transcultural interaction;
 - (ii) the learning opportunities abroad such as internship and experiential learning provided to students through the University's extensive partnership network; and
 - (iii) the global engagement strategy which leveraged the University's Mainland and international networks, expertise, and assets to establish the University as an integral part of the global knowledge network to deliver regional and international impact.
- 5. The Council HEARD a presentation by Mr. D.C.T. SO, Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Institutional Advancement), on his portfolio; and NOTED in particular
 - (a) the five strategic areas of work, including alumni database management; effective communications; networking; University-wide alumni engagement; and themed programmes;
 - (b) the excellent ambassadorial impact made by HKU students in promoting the University as supported by the impressive feedbacks from overseas top universities attended by the HKU students on exchange;
 - (c) the opportunities and strategies in respect of the work of the Development and Alumni Affairs Office in the alumni networking and fundraising aspects, and the review of the guidelines on handling donations; and
 - (d) the work of the Communications and Public Affairs Office in media relations, issue and crisis management, publications, events, multi-media and social media, and the University's brand building.
- 6. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Human Resource Policy Committee, a pay-level adjustment at 3% from October 2014 to March 2015, to be followed by 2.76% from April 2015, for eligible University staff remunerated at or above the equivalent of MPS 45 in the civil service, on the understanding that the actual implementation would be worked out by the University's management.
- 7. The Council APPROVED that the appointment of Professor J.P. BURNS as Dean of Social Sciences be extended for one year until August 31, 2017.
- 8. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee,
 - (a) that the following be appointed/re-appointed as members of the Council under the category "6 persons, not being students or employees of the University, appointed by the Council" for the respective periods:

- (i) Professor Edward K.Y. CHEN, for the period March 27, 2016 to March 26, 2019 (re-appointment);
 - (ii) Mrs. Ayesha M. LAU, for the period February 24, 2016 to February 23, 2019; and
 - (iii) Dr. Peter K.K. WONG, for the period March 27, 2016 to March 26, 2019 (re-appointment);
- (b) that Mr. WAN Chi Tin and Dr. Peter K.K. WONG be appointed as members of the Audit Committee under the category “Five members, appointed by the Council, who are not members of the Finance Committee (or any of its sub-committees) or responsible for the day-to-day management of the University” for the period February 24, 2016 to February 23, 2019;
- (c) that the following be appointed/re-appointed as Chairman/members of the Campus Development and Planning Committee for the respective periods:
- (i) Professor Edward K.Y. CHEN, as the Chairman under the category “A lay member of the Council, appointed by the Council (Chairman)” for the period March 27, 2016 to March 26, 2019 (re-appointment); and
 - (ii) as members under the category “5 members who are not employees or students of the University, appointed by the Council”:
 - Mr. LAU Ping Cheung, for the period March 27, 2016 to March 26, 2019;
 - Mr. Michael J. MOIR, for the period April 8, 2016 to April 7, 2019 (re-appointment); and
 - Mr. Sunny YEUNG, for the period February 24, 2016 to February 23, 2019;
- (d) that Professor the Hon. Arthur K.C. LI be appointed as a member of the Court Life Membership Committee under the category “One lay member of the Council, appointed by the Council” for the period February 24, 2016 to February 23, 2019;
- (e) that Dr. Patrick S.C. POON be re-appointed as a member of the Finance Committee under the category “4 members who are not employees or students of the University, of whom at least one shall be a member of the Council, appointed by the Council” for the period April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2019;
- (f) that the following be appointed as Chairman/member of the Staff Grievances Panel for the period February 24, 2016 to February 23, 2019:

- (i) Professor Rosie T.T. YOUNG, as the Chairman under the category “A Chairman, appointed by the Council, who shall be a member of the Council but who is not appointee of the University”; and
 - (ii) Mr. TAI Keen Man, as a member under the category “Other members appointed by the Council, at least one of them shall be a member of the Council;
- (g) that Professor the Hon. Arthur K.C. LI and Dr. Patrick S.C. POON be appointed as members of the Honorary Degrees Committee under the category “2 members of the Council, appointed by the Council, who are members of the Council under paragraph 1(a), (b), (c) or (e) of Statute XVIII, and of whom at least 1 is a graduate” for the period February 24, 2016 to February 23, 2019; and
- (h) that the following be appointed/re-appointed as members of the Human Resource Policy Committee for the respective periods:
- (i) Professor Joseph C.W. CHAN, under the category “1 academic member of the Council, appointed by the Council” for the period February 24, 2016 to February 23, 2019; and
 - (ii) under the category “Three members who are not employees or students of the University, appointed by the Council”
 - Ms. Leonie M.F. KI, for the period April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2019 (re-appointment); and
 - Mrs. Ayesha M. LAU, for the period February 24, 2016 to February 23, 2019;
- (i) that Mr. Edward K.F. CHOW and Mr. Daryl W.K. NG be appointed as members of the Safety, Health and Environment Committee under the category “Up to two lay members of the Council, appointed by the Council” for the period April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2019; and
- (j) that Mr. MAN Cheuk Fei be re-appointed as a member of the Committee for the Selection of Wardens and Hall Tutors under the category “2 members who are not employees or students of the University, appointed by the Council” for the period April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2019.
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 President & Vice-Chancellor, that Mr. P.E. SIDORKO, the University Librarian, be re-appointed as the University’s representative in the Joint Universities Computer Centre Limited under the category “One member of the Senate, appointed by the Council” from March 27, 2016 to March 26, 2019.

11. The Council APPROVED on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee to the President & Vice-Chancellor on Endowed Professorships, that the following Endowed Professorships be established:
- (a) Clara and Lawrence Fok Professorship in Precision Medicine
The University of Hong Kong
香港大學 霍廣文伉儷基金教授席(精準治療)
- in appreciation of a generous donation of HK\$10 million from Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence FOK and with a matching fund from the University to fulfill the University's commitment; and
- (b) Sophie Y M Chan Professorship in Cancer Research
The University of Hong Kong
香港大學 陳一微基金教授席(癌病研究學)
- in appreciation of a generous donation of HK\$10 million from Ir. Raymond CHAN Kin Sek and Ms. CHAN Yee Man, in memory of their sister, Ms. Sophie CHAN Yat Mei, and with a matching fund from the University to fulfill the University's commitment.
12. The Council APPROVED the establishment of the following Distinguished Visiting Professorship:
- Hung Leung Hau Ling Distinguished Visiting Professorship
in the Humanities and Social Sciences
孔梁巧玲傑出客座教授席 (人文及社會科學)
- in appreciation of a generous donation of HK\$20 million from Ms. Belinda HUNG and Professor S.P. HO, and with a matching fund from the University to fulfill the University's commitment.
13. The Council APPROVED the revisions to the Terms of Reference of the Committee for the Selection of Wardens and Hall Tutors.
14. The Council, in regard to an open letter from the Hon. IP Kin-yuen addressed to Council and all Council members regarding the press conference of the Chairman held on January 28, 2016, with the first version (in Chinese) circulated to members in early February and the second version (being the same letter but with an English version as well as a transcript of some of the replies made by the Chairman at the press conference in response to the questions raised) received on February 19, 2016 and circulated to members before the meeting,
- (a) HEARD a view that since the statements made by the Chairman at the press conference were of his own views and not those of the Council, there was no need for discussion of this matter by the Council; and
- (b) NOTED from the Chairman that he would obtain legal advice on the matter and on the view in (a) above, and take the appropriate action.