

# THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

## COUNCIL

The following is a list of non-restricted matters discussed at the Council meeting held on May 31, 2016:

1. The Council WELCOMED Miss Althea H.N. SUEN, the recently elected undergraduate representative, to her first meeting of the Council.
2. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Mr. C.F. MAN, who would retire from the Council as an elected member by the Court from June 24, 2016, for his contributions to the Council in the past 9 years.
3. The Council HEARD from the Chairman clarifications about his statements and comments made during the recent interview with the Hon. Emily LAU Wai-hing with regard to the solicitation of donations for the University, in that he had not indicated that the projects concerned were initiated by him and had not claimed credit therefrom; he had never asked donors not to make donations to HKU; and he in fact did assist the University in soliciting donations recently as Chairman of the Council, and the result of the solicitation of donations had yet to be known.
4. The Council RECEIVED a report from the President & Vice-Chancellor on the recent activities of the University including
  - (a) the new governance arrangements of the Centennial College;
  - (b) the workshop of the Asian-Pacific Women in Leadership group hosted at HKU during April 26 to 28, 2016; and the inter-faith dialogue featuring the Chief Imam of Hong Kong, a senior Rabbi and the Christian “vicar of Baghdad” held on May 16, 2016;
  - (c) his attendance at the opening of a community engagement project at Lai Chi Wo on April 30, 2016; and his visit to the Hong Kong Sports Institute;
  - (d) his hosting of a visit of the Kinsey family, whose collection of African-American memorabilia would be displayed at the HKU Museum & Art Gallery in December 2016;
  - (e) the forum between the Senior Management Team and Convocation on May 7, 2016, in which discussions were centred around the “Asia’s Global University” vision for the next ten years at HKU and many other aspects of the University;
  - (f) his discussion with other panel members at the Foreign Correspondents’ Club about “Breaking Barriers” to achieve gender equity on May 26, 2016;

- (g) the visit to HKU of representatives from top universities in the UK, Chile, United States and New Zealand; and the planned new links of the University with Fudan, Shanghai Jiao Tong, BeiDa and Tsinghua in the Mainland; and
  - (h) the transformation of the budgeting process of the University.
5. The Council, in hearing a presentation from Professor C.J. WEBSTER, Dean of Architecture, on the activities of the Faculty,
- (a) NOTED information on the HKUrbanLab, which was the newly branded research arm of the Faculty of Architecture, and in particular the following three projects:
    - (i) the collaboration amongst HKU, University of Cambridge and Peking University to study how cities could capture more benefits from unfolding One Belt One Road (OBOR) Eurasian infrastructure network;
    - (ii) the initiatives of HKU, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Chang'an City and Town-village governments to develop a new model for urban transformation in China; and
    - (iii) the project of iTwoCity which was initiated to plan, design and test a city ready for building in 12 months and to achieve 50% cost savings by digital design, to be passed on to subsidise social infrastructure such as affordable homes;
  - (b) further NOTED from Professor WEBSTER that new studios for students were being set up to enhance learning and research and to enable students to participate in the projects;
  - (c) HEARD, in connection with (a)(i) above, from the President & Vice-Chancellor that amongst the countries included in the OBOR, 39 of them had students studying at HKU, which was a clear indication of the level of HKU's engagement; and
  - (d) THANKED Professor WEBSTER for the presentation.
6. The Council, in hearing a presentation from Professor D.B. COLLINS, Dean of Arts, on the development of the Faculty,
- (a) NOTED in particular
    - (i) an overview of the Faculty of Arts, including its international rankings, Faculty structure and members therein, programmes offered, global experience of students and employment destinations of graduates;
    - (ii) the University Artists Scheme and other knowledge exchange events such as public lectures, exhibitions and music performances;

- (iii) the distinguished alumni of the Faculty which included many renowned individuals from different professions;
  - (iv) the post-doctoral fellowships scheme to be launched in the fall of 2016, inviting PhD applicants worldwide for all humanities disciplines with a view to developing global academic branding for HKU;
  - (v) the coming programme “Contemporary Asian Art: An Insider’s View” to be held from July 6 to 10, 2016, which was organised jointly with Christie’s Education; and
  - (vi) the fundraising initiative “Faculty of Arts \$500 Million” to support teaching and learning, research and global branding of the Faculty; and
- (b) THANKED Professor COLLINS for the presentation.

7. The Council

- (a) RECEIVED the preliminary income and expenditure forecast on block grant activities for 2016-17, which had been endorsed by the Finance Committee; and
- (b) AGREED that the income and expenditure forecast be revised in response to comments received for further consideration by the Council.

8. The Council

- (a) RECEIVED a paper on the restructuring of the Institute of Human Performance (the “IHP”);
- (b) HEARD Dr. S.J. CANNON, Executive Vice-President (Administration and Finance), take members through the salient points of the paper; and NOTED in particular that the Senate had endorsed the proposed restructuring of the IHP in which the academic component of the IHP would be transferred to the Medical Faculty and a new Centre for Sports and Exercise would take up the service component of the IHP; and
- (c) APPROVED the disestablishment of the Institute of Human Performance, a sub-division of studies and learning under the provisions of Section 8(3) of the University Ordinance, and the Committee of Management of the IHP, a joint Council and Senate Committee, with effect from July 1, 2016, noting that the academic component of the IHP would be transferred to the Medical Faculty and a new Centre for Sports and Exercise would be set up to take up the service component.

9. The Council

- (a) RECEIVED a report on the University's companies, which was prepared in response to the recent media attention on the offshore companies set up by tertiary institutions;
- (b) HEARD Dr. S.J. CANNON, Executive Vice-President (Administration and Finance), take members through the paper which provided an overview of the structure of subsidiary companies of the University; and
- (c) THANKED Dr. CANNON for the information and INVITED him to report further on the general financial position of these subsidiary companies in due course.

10. The Council

- (a) RECEIVED a report on the green roofs on the University campus, which was prepared in response to public concerns following the collapse of a rooftop at the City University of Hong Kong on May 20, 2016; and
- (b) HEARD Dr. S.J. CANNON, Executive Vice-President (Administration and Finance), take members through the paper which provided a brief account of the existing HKU buildings with green rooftops; and NOTED in particular
  - (i) that all the green roof installations to the recently completed projects and the existing buildings of the University had gone through proper submission procedures as required under the Buildings Ordinance, except for those small scale greening works and/or research projects for which there had been structural assessment and supervision by professionals; and
  - (ii) that the Estates Office would carry out an audit of all existing green roofs and greening areas to further ensure compliance with the Buildings Ordinance/Regulations and safety; and would also conduct regular monitoring and inspection to all green roofs.

11. The Council RESOLVED unanimously that Professor T.K.F. AU be appointed as Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Staffing & Resources) for a fixed term of three years from June 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019.

12. The Council RECEIVED a paper on the update on the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital project.

13. The Council RECEIVED a letter of April 28, 2016 from the Chairman of the University Grants Committee on the publication of the HKU Audit Report.

14. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee to the President & Vice-Chancellor on Endowed Professorships, that the following Endowed Professorship be established in appreciation of a generous donation of HK\$10 million from the Fung Global Institute Limited and with a matching fund from the University to fulfill the University's commitment:

Victor and William Fung Professorship in Economics  
The University of Hong Kong

15. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee, the following membership appointment/re-appointment:
- (a) Ms. Nancy TSE Sau-ling, as a member 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 June 12, 2016 to June 11, 2019 (re-appointment); and
  - (b) Mr. Daryl W.K. NG, as a member of the Finance Committee under the category "Four 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" from June 1, 2016 to May 31, 2019.
16. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the proposed amendments to Departmental Financial Administration (DFA).
17. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Graduate House Committee of Management, that the Graduate House residents' lodging fees be increased by 3.3% in 2016-17, *i.e.* an increase of \$100 per month (from \$3,027 to \$3,127) for a single room, and \$183 per month (from \$5,546 to \$5,729) for a double room.
18. The Council APPROVED, for submission to the Court, a recommendation of the Senate that Statute III "Degrees and Other Academic Distinctions" be amended by the inclusion of the title "Bachelor of Finance in Asset Management and Private Banking [金融學學士(資產管理及私人銀行)]" in paragraph 1(a) thereof.
19. The Council APPROVED, for submission to the Court, a recommendation of the Senate that consequent to the revamp and renaming of the "Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Design and Management [理科碩士(跨領域設計與管理學)]" curriculum to align with the new taught postgraduate curriculum structure, Statute III "Degrees and Other Academic Distinctions" be amended by the inclusion of the title "Master of Science in Integrated Project Delivery [理科碩士(整合項目交付)]" in paragraph 1(b) thereof.
20. The Council NOTED from the Registrar, with regard to the progress of work of the Review Panel on University Governance,
- (a) that the Review Panel was planning a series of meetings and discussion forums to engage stakeholders in the week of June 20, 2016 to collect views, advice and suggestions on matters relating to university governance; and

- (b) that after the meeting schedule was finalised, relevant materials including the report from the Working Group on Confidentiality would be sent to the Review Panel for consideration, and that the Review Panel would be alerted of the wish to have this accorded priority in the review.

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