

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of non-restricted matters discussed at the Council meeting held on April 25, 2017.

1. The Council WELCOMED Ms. Priscilla P.S. WONG who had been recently appointed as member of the Council under the membership category “Six persons, not being students or employees of the University, appointed by the Council” to her first meeting of the Council.
2. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Miss Althea H.N. SUEN, the undergraduate student representative, who would retire from her Council membership from May 3, 2017, for her participation in the work of the Council for the past year.
3. The Council HEARD from Professor Edward K.Y. CHEN, Chairman of the Council of the Centennial College and the Board of Directors of HKU SPACE, updates on matters arising from the governance of the Centennial College.
4. The Council RECEIVED a report from the President & Vice-Chancellor on the recent activities of the University including
 - (a) the formal launch of the “Smarter@HKU” programme led by the Senior Management Team as one of the programmes of reform;
 - (b) the actions taken by the Senior Management Team in response to the recent incidents in the University’s residences, St John’s College and Simon K.Y. Lee Hall;
 - (c) the development of the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital project;
 - (d) the progress of search for the next Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Institutional Advancement) and the next President for Centennial College;
 - (e) his signing of the new extension to HKU’s agreement with Institut Pasteur for research and training collaboration on March 3, 2017; and his attendance at the ceremony at which Professor J.S.M. PEIRIS, Co-Director of the HKU-Pasteur Research Centre, was awarded the “*Officier de la Légion d’Honneur*” by the French Consul-General in Hong Kong on March 29, 2017;
 - (f) the hosting of the International Women’s Day (IWD) at HKU on March 8, 2017 and his participation in IWD events hosted by the French Chamber of Commerce and the HKU Women’s Studies Research Centre;
 - (g) his attendance at the alumni event in Beijing on March 11, 2017;

- (h) his participation in the annual soccer game between HKU and the Chinese University of Hong Kong on March 12, 2017;
- (i) the conferment of honorary degrees upon three very worthy recipients, Ms. BOW Sui May, Dr. LI Dak Sum and Professor Anna LOK Suk Fong at the 197th Congregation on March 14, 2017;
- (j) his visit to six universities in Taiwan in which several new collaborative initiatives were launched or planned as a direct result;
- (k) the conferment of the latest batch of Endowed Professorships on March 31, 2017; and
- (l) the visit to HKU of leaders of universities and research institutes from the Mainland, Canada, the U.S. and the U.K.

5. The Council

- (a) HEARD a presentation from Professor N.C. TIEN, Dean of Engineering, on the development in the Faculty, and NOTED in particular
 - (i) the facts and figures about the Faculty, including the number of students and professoriate staff, its international ranking and research performance;
 - (ii) the Faculty's aim to be a contemporary engineering faculty with students who would be future leaders and to produce research that had relevancy and impact;
 - (iii) the Faculty's undergraduate and postgraduate education including the re-designing of undergraduate curriculum and the provision of a Research Student Centre which offered pioneering office space for building dynamic research culture for over 160 PhD and MPhil students;
 - (iv) the Faculty's initiatives in reinforcing its research performance in the areas of health technologies, smart systems, and clean energy and the environment; and in the translation of knowledge and discovery into impact; and
 - (v) the achievements of the Faculty as reflected in the various international recognitions and awards given to its staff;
- (b) NOTED Professor TIEN's response to members' comments on the Faculty's areas of research, staff recruitment, provision of postgraduate education, and revenue from patents; and
- (c) THANKED Professor TIEN for the presentation.

6. The Council

- (a) APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Chairman of the Council, that Mrs. Margaret M.Y. LEUNG KO be re-appointed as Treasurer for a period of three years from July 1, 2017 in accordance with the provisions of Statute VIII.1; and
- (b) THANKED Mrs. LEUNG for her contributions and for agreeing to continue to take on this important role.

7. The Council

- (a) RECEIVED a progress report from Dr. T. Brian STEVENSON, Chairman of the Search Committee for the Next President & Vice-Chancellor;
- (b) NOTED from Dr. STEVENSON progress of the work of the Search Committee, including the engagement of Perrett Laver, an international leading headhunting agency, to assist with the search exercise;
- (c) DISCUSSED matters in relation to the gender balance of the Search Committee and the Selection Committee for the Next President & Vice-Chancellor, as raised by a member; and
- (d) RECORDED a vote of thanks to Dr. STEVENSON for steering the search exercise.

8. The Council

- (a) HEARD a report from Dr. T. Brian STEVENSON, Chairman of the Working Party on the Recommendations of the Review Panel on University Governance (the “Working Party”);
- (b) NOTED from Dr. STEVENSON
 - (i) that the Working Party had already held three meetings in March and April 2017;
 - (ii) that progress had been made in the deliberations of the 26 recommendations made by the Review Panel, and whilst about 8 of them were still under discussion, the Working Party had reached consensus on its agreement or otherwise on each of the other recommendations; and
 - (iii) that the Working Party aimed at completing its task by the end of June if possible, and in any case not later than August 2017; and
- (c) THANKED Dr. STEVENSON and other members of the Working Party for their work.

9. The Council RECEIVED a report on the financial update of the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital project.

10. The Council RESOLVED that Professor C.J. WEBSTER be re-appointed as Dean of Architecture for a fixed term of five years.
11. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee to the President & Vice-Chancellor on Endowed Professorships, that the Chinese name of the HSBC Professorship in Global Economy and Business Strategy be revised as follows, as agreed by the Asia Global Institute, the Faculty of Business and Economics, the Donor, and the Honouree:

From: 匯豐基金教授席 (全球經濟與企業戰略)

To: 滙豐基金教授席 (環球經濟及企業策略)
12. The Council APPROVED a recommendation of the Graduate House Committee of Management that the Graduate House residents' lodging fees be increased by 6% in 2017-18, *i.e.* an increase of \$188 per month (from \$3,127 to \$3,315) for a single room, and \$344 per month (from \$5,729 to \$6,073) for a double room.
13. The Council RECEIVED updates on the redevelopment of the High West Site at 144 Pokfulam Road for the provision of student and staff housing.

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