

# THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

## COUNCIL

The following is a list of non-restricted matters discussed at the Council meeting held on July 31, 2018.

1. The Council WELCOMED Professor X. ZHANG, the President & Vice-Chancellor, to his first meeting of the Council.
2. The Council also WELCOMED Professor C.Y.H. CHAO, Dean of Engineering, to his first meeting of the Council.
3. The Council CONGRATULATED Dr. Patrick S.C. POON, Dr. T. Brian STEVENSON, Professor the Hon. Rosie T.T. YOUNG and all other members of the University family concerned for their respective awards on the 2018 Honours List of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.
4. The Council RECEIVED a report from the President & Vice-Chancellor on the recent activities of the University including
  - (a) the series of meetings he had with various groups of the University community in the first two weeks after his assumption of office and his exchange of views and ideas at these meetings about how the University could enhance teaching and learning, research, and contribution to the community;
  - (b) the Grand Challenges Symposium to be held on August 16, 2018, jointly organised by HKU and the U.S. National Academy of Engineering (NAE), which would be attended by the President of NAE, along with Nobel Laureate Dr. Robert GRUBBS and members of the NAE, Chinese Academy of Sciences and Academia Sinica;
  - (c) the Open Forum on the Research Assessment Exercise 2020 hosted by the University on July 23, at which he met with the Secretary-General of the University Grants Committee (the “UGC”) and representatives from the other seven UGC-funded institutions; and his coming meeting with the Chairman of the UGC;
  - (d) the planned visit by the Secretary for Education, Mr. YEUNG Yun-hung to the University in the last week of August 2018; and
  - (e) his participation in the Chinese University Presidents’ Summit in Xining, Qinhai, which was attended by the Heads of all the leading institutions in the Mainland, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan.
5. The Council
  - (a) RECEIVED from the Audit Committee its annual report for the year 2017-18;

- (b) HEARD Mr. Edward K.F. CHOW, Chairman of the Audit Committee, speak to the various businesses dealt with by the Audit Committee in the past year; and NOTED in particular that no major irregularities were identified in the internal audit reports reviewed by the Committee; and that the important issues arising therein had been thoroughly discussed with recommendations made for the relevant parties to follow up and monitored by the Audit Committee; and
- (c) THANKED Mr. CHOW and members of the Audit Committee for their work.

6. The Council

- (a) RECEIVED from the Campus Development and Planning Committee its annual report for the year 2017-18;
- (b) HEARD Professor Edward K.Y. CHEN, Chairman of the Campus Development and Planning Committee, speak to the various businesses dealt with by the Campus Development and Planning Committee in the past year; and NOTED in particular the plan to start a number of capital projects in the next five years; and
- (c) THANKED Professor CHEN and members of the Campus Development and Planning Committee for their work.

7. The Council

- (a) RECEIVED an update from the Investments Sub-Committee on strategies and market development;
- (b) HEARD Mrs. Margaret M.Y. LEUNG KO, Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee, speak about the recent developments in the management of the University's investment; and
- (c) THANKED Mrs. LEUNG for the update.

8. The Council CONSIDERED a paper on an update on matters relating to the Centennial College and APPROVED the recommendation therein.

9. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Senate, that the honorarium rates payable to External Examiners, the subsistence allowance for visiting External Examiners, and the allowance payable to a staff member hosting an overseas External Examiner be revised, to be effective from the academic year 2018-19 and be applicable to all External Examiners whose appointment period covered the academic year 2018-19 regardless of when the appointment was made.

10. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee to the President & Vice-Chancellor on Endowed Professorships,

(a) that the following Endowed Professorship be established:

Norman and Cecilia Yip Professorship in Bioinorganic  
Chemistry  
The University of Hong Kong  
香港大學 葉志成范港喜基金教授席 (生物無機化學)

in appreciation of a generous donation of HK\$10 million from  
Mr. Norman C.S. YIP and with a matching fund from the  
University to fulfill the University's commitment; and

(b) that the following Endowed Professorship be renamed, as agreed by the  
Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine and Dr. Peter M.L. TAM, son of the  
late Dr. TAM Sai-Kit, to reflect the change in the designated discipline:

From: Tam Sai-Kit Professorship in Spine Surgery  
譚世傑基金教授席 (脊柱外科)

To: Tam Sai-Kit Professorship in Orthopaedics and  
Traumatology  
譚世傑基金教授席 (矯形及創傷外科).

11. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Human Resource Policy Committee, a proposal on the terms for re-appointment after normal retirement age of 60 for all staff categories.

12. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee,

(a) that Professor C. LIN and Professor Vivian W.W. YAM be appointed as members of the Campus Development and Planning Committee under the category "Two teachers appointed by the Council on the nomination of the President & Vice-Chancellor" for the period August 1, 2018 to July 31, 2021; and

(b) that Ms. K.A. LOPER be re-appointed as a member of the Discrimination Complaints Committee under the category "A staff member, appointed by the Council for a period of two years" for the period September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2020.

13. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Campus Development and Planning Committee (CDPC), that consequential amendments be made to its terms of reference following the restructuring of the Accommodation Committee from a Council committee to a sub-committee of the CDPC as approved by the Council at its meeting of June 27, 2017.

14. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the proposed amendments to Departmental Financial Administration (DFA).

15. The Council RECEIVED an annual report on waiver of overhead charges on non-UGC-funded research projects for the year 2017-18.

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