

# THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

## COUNCIL

The following is a list of non-restricted matters discussed at the Council meeting held on March 27, 2018.

1. The Council CONGRATULATED the Hon. Abraham L.H. SHEK, who had been conferred an Honorary Fellowship by The Education University of Hong Kong.
2. The Council RECEIVED a report from the Acting President & Vice-Chancellor on the recent activities of the University including
  - (a) the HKU Excellence Awards Presentation Ceremony held on March 26, 2018, recognising the outstanding achievements of colleagues' work in teaching and learning, research, knowledge exchange, and professional services;
  - (b) the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU) Provosts' Forum "The Future of the University and the University of the Future" hosted by HKU from March 11 to 13, 2018;
  - (c) the rankings of nine HKU subjects in the world's top 20 in the Quacquarelli Symonds World University Rankings 2018;
  - (d) the University's preparation for the University Grants Committee Planning Exercise for the 2019/20 - 2021/22 Triennium;
  - (e) the planned visit of Professor J.T.H. TANG, the newly appointed Secretary-General of the UGC, to the University on May 3, 2018 to meet with members of the Senior Management Team;
  - (f) the visit of Professor Xiang ZHANG, President & Vice-Chancellor-designate, from January 21 to 22, 2018 and his meeting with Senior Management Team members, Deans and other officers of the University;
  - (g) the launch of the Eighth Matching Grant Scheme of UGC;
  - (h) his visit to the Faculties to foster a closer working relationship and to ensure that there were effective and timely communications between the Senior Management Team and the wider University community;
  - (i) the University's spring reception for media held on February 26, 2018; and
  - (j) his condolences on the death of Professor JAO Tsung-I, the inaugural University Laureate; and his attendance at the funeral service together with a delegation from the University.

3. The Council
  - (a) HEARD a presentation from Professor Edward K.Y. CHEN, Chairman of the Board of HKU SPACE and Chairman of the Council of Centennial College;
  - (b) NOTED that the Working Party set up by Council in February last year to conduct a general review of the governance of the Centennial College involving the University, HKU SPACE and the Centennial College, had not started its work as the problems encountered at that time which resulted in the setting up of the Working Party had been resolved;
  - (c) NOTED from the Acting President & Vice-Chancellor that it would be timely to lay out all the relevant issues for the University to look into with a view to addressing them formally, and for the Council to deliberate so as to pave the way forward for both HKU SPACE and the University;
  - (d) AGREED that a review be undertaken to look into the relationship between HKU and HKU SPACE; and
  - (e) THANKED Professor CHEN for making the presentation.
4. The Council APPROVED the preliminary 2018-19 income and expenditure forecast.
5. The Council CONSIDERED a paper on the Centennial College and APPROVED in principle the recommendations therein.
6. 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 “Master of Buddhist Counselling (佛法輔導碩士)” in paragraph 1(b) thereof.
7. The Council APPROVED the recommendations set out in the paper on the guidelines, Faculty-specific criteria and Faculty approval mechanism for honorary, adjunct and visiting appointments, as endorsed by the Senate.
8. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Senate, amendments to the regulations and procedures governing appointments to Headships of Teaching Departments within Faculties.
9. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Senate, the establishment of new academic staff grades of Principal Professional Practitioner, Senior Professional Practitioner, Professional Practitioner, Principal Clinical Practitioner, Senior Clinical Practitioner and Clinical Practitioner.
10. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Senate, the proposal on the streamlining of professional leave and sabbatical leave.

11. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee,
  - (a) that Professor D.W. ARNER and Professor A. DJURISIC be appointed as members of the Election Complaint Committee under the category “Two members from the Senate” for a period of three years from March 28, 2018;
  - (b) that Dr. K.C. CHEUNG be appointed as a member of the Committee on Health, Safety and Well-Being under the category “One member each from the Academic Staff Association (ASA), the University of Hong Kong Staff Association (HKUSA) and University of Hong Kong Employees Union (HKUEU), nominated by the respective staff associations and appointed by the Council” for a period of three years from March 28, 2018; and
  - (c) that the following be appointed as Chairman/member of the Information Technology Policy Committee for a period of three years from March 28, 2018:
    - (i) Ms. Priscilla P.S. WONG, as the Chairman under the category “A lay member of the Council, appointed by the Council (Chairman)”; and
    - (ii) Mr. Daryl W.K. NG and Mr. K.M. TAI, as members under the category “Two members who are Council members and not employees or students of the University, appointed by the Council (to provide internal expertise in corporate IT governance, including the information management and information security aspects)”.
12. The Council RECEIVED a report on the review of the Centre for the Humanities and Medicine; and NOTED that the recommendations from the review panel, endorsed by the Senate, would be taken forward by the relevant parties within the University.
13. The Council RECEIVED, for information, the University Accountability Agreement (UAA) and Planning Exercise Proposal (PEP) submitted to UGC for the planning exercise for the 2019-2022 Triennium.
14. The Council RECEIVED from the HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education its Annual Report and Financial Report for the year 2016-17.