

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of non-restricted matters discussed at the Council meeting held on November 26, 2018.

1. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Professor J.C.W. CHAN and Ms. Leonie M.F. KI who had retired from the Council for their valuable contributions in the past years.
2. The Council CONGRATULATED the President & Vice-Chancellor for his being awarded the 2017 A.C. Eringen Medal by the Society of Engineering Science; Professor Edward K.Y. CHEN for his being conferred the degree of Doctor of Education *honoris causa* by the Education University of Hong Kong; and Professor G.M. LEUNG, Dean of Medicine, for his being elected as an international member of the US National Academy of Medicine.
3. The Council RECEIVED a report from the President & Vice-Chancellor on the recent activities of the University including
 - (a) the importance of communication within the University to enable administrative and support activities to be carried out in full alignment with the University's strategic vision, thereby creating the best possible environment in support of academic and research missions;
 - (b) the completion of his first cycle of visits to the ten Faculties during which he had discussed a number of important issues with Faculties members;
 - (c) the HKU Information Day held on November 3, 2018 which attracted a record attendance of over 103,000 visitors;
 - (d) the establishment of the Shanghai-Hong Kong University Alliance to strengthen the exchange and collaboration amongst leading universities in Shanghai and Hong Kong; and the launch ceremony in Shanghai on November 6, 2018 which was attended by the Chief Executive and other distinguished guests;
 - (e) the *Universitas 21* Educational Innovation Leadership Symposium that took place at the University from October 18 to 20, 2018;
 - (f) his congratulations to the Faculty of Dentistry being ranked consecutively for three years as the world's No. 1 dental school; and
 - (g) a major donation which had been pledged with announcement to be made probably next month and his thanks to the donor for the generous support, as well as colleagues in the Development & Alumni Affairs Office for their hard work.

4. The Council

- (a) HEARD a presentation from Professor C.Y.H. CHAO, Dean of Engineering, on the development in the Faculty, and NOTED in particular
 - (i) an overview of the Faculty of Engineering including its history, students composition, Faculty organisation, academic programmes, recent developments in research and knowledge exchange, and rankings of its departments in the Quacquarelli Symonds World University Rankings;
 - (ii) the leading quality of undergraduates intake and the composition of local and non-local students;
 - (iii) the wide spectrum of the Faculty's research areas which converged into three Interdisciplinary Strategic Research Clusters, viz. Clean Energy and Environment, Smart Systems and Health Technologies, and Engineering Impact Platform for Midstream Translation Research; and a new working group set up to oversee and coordinate research on artificial intelligence;
 - (iv) the different initiatives and projects in research, such as the establishment of the Centre for Water Technology and Policy and Tam Wing Fan Innovation Wing; and the recognitions of the Faculty's achievements as demonstrated by the international awards received by its staff members; and
 - (v) the review of the Faculty conducted in March 2018 and the Faculty's responses and actions with regard to the recommendations of the Review Panel; and
- (b) THANKED Professor CHAO for the presentation.

5. The Council

- (a) RECEIVED a report on the academic review of the Faculty of Engineering; and
- (b) THANKED all members of the Review Panel, the Provost & Deputy Vice-Chancellor, and the Dean of Engineering, for undertaking the review and for drawing up the report, noting that the recommendations would be taken forward by the relevant parties of the University.

6. The Council

- (a) RECEIVED a draft annual report for 2017-18 to the University Grants Committee (UGC) which was prepared by the Senior Management Team in accordance with the *Statement of Recommended Practice for the UGC-Funded Institutions*;

- (b) NOTED comments from members on the draft report with regard to the University's engagement with other parts of the world in addition to the Mainland, the University's network with alumni, and risk management; and
 - (c) ENDORSED the report for submission to the UGC, subject to the incorporation of comments from members of the Council.
7. The Council
- (a) RECEIVED from the Human Resource Policy Committee (the "HRPC") its annual report for the year 2017-18; and
 - (b) THANKED the Hon. Abraham L.H. SHEK, Chairman of the HRPC and members of the HRPC for their work.
8. The Council APPROVED the extension of maternity leave from 10 weeks to 14 weeks and the extension of paternity leave from 5 days to 7 days for eligible staff members.
9. The Council APPROVED the re-appointment of Professor T.K.F. Au as the Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Staffing and Resources) from July 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020.
10. The Council APPROVED the re-appointment of Professor T.F. FLEMMIG as Dean of Dentistry from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2024.
11. 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 Arts and Sciences, in disciplines as determined by the Senate from time to time [文理學士(由教務委員會指定的範疇)]" in paragraph 1(a) thereof.
12. The Council APPROVED a recommendation of the Senate that following the adoption of the Policy on Student Plagiarism in Undergraduate and Taught Postgraduate Curricula, the Policy on Research Integrity be amended to take into account the revised definitions of plagiarism and self-plagiarism, with effect from the academic year 2019-20.
13. The Council APPROVED a recommendation of the Board of the Faculty of Engineering that the title of Taikoo Professor of Engineering be conferred upon Professor Norman C. TIEN, Chair of Microsystems Technology.
14. The Council APPROVED a recommendation of the Emeritus Professors Committee, supported by the Senate, that the title of Emeritus Professor be conferred under the provisions of Statute XIII.1 on the following Professors, who retired from the University:

Professor T.M. BRAY
Professor C.Y. JIM
Professor S. KWOK
Professor K.D.K. LUK.

15. 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:

Antony and Nina Chan Professorship in Paediatric Immunology
The University of Hong Kong
香港大學 陳仲舒陳寧基金教授席 (兒童免疫)

in appreciation of a generous donation of HK\$10 million from Mr. Antony CHAN Chung-Shu and with a matching fund from the University to fulfill the University's commitment; and

(b) that the English name of the Endowed Professorship "Chen Chien-Hua Chan Yuen-Han Professorship in Music" be amended to "James Chen and Yuen-Han Chan Professorship in Music".

16. The Council RECEIVED a report on the academic reviews of the following Centres/Institute:

(a) Wah Ching Centre of Research on Education in China in the Faculty of Education;

(b) Comparative Education Research Centre in the Faculty of Education;

(c) Centre for Comparative and Public Law in the Faculty of Law; and

(d) Institute of Mathematical Research in the Faculty of Science;

and NOTED that recommendations of the review panels following academic reviews of the Centres/Institute listed above were subsequently endorsed by the Senate and would be taken forward by the relevant parties within the University.

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

(a) that Professor LUI Tai Lok be appointed as Chairman of the Grievances Panel for Students under the category "A member of staff of one of the UGC-funded institutions other than the University of Hong Kong, appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Senate (Chairman)" for a period of three years from November 27, 2018;

(b) that Ir. MAK Chai-kwong be appointed as a member of the Campus Development and Planning Committee under the category "5 members who are not employees or students of the University, appointed by the Council" for a period of three years from January 1, 2019;

(c) that Mr. Daryl W.K. NG be appointed as a member of the Staff Grievances Panel under the category "Other members appointed by the Council, at least one of them shall be a member of the Council" for a period of three years from November 27, 2018; and

- (d) that Professor the Hon. Rosie T.T. YOUNG be appointed as Chairperson of the Discrimination Complaints Committee under the category “A Chairperson who shall be a lay member of the Council, appointed for a period of two years” for a period of two years from November 27, 2018.

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