

# THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

## COUNCIL

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

1. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Mr. LAN Xin, the postgraduate student representative whose membership on the Council ended following the completion of his PhD studies, for his participation in the work of the Council in the past year.
2. 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 members from the University, Court and Council members and many other external stakeholders, addressing issues which were critical for the development of the University; and his meetings with students, welcoming all freshmen to the University at the Inauguration Ceremony for New Students, attending high table dinners, and participating together with the Senior Management Team members in an open forum organised by HKUSU to interact with and exchange views on matters of mutual interest;
  - (b) his visit to all of the ten Faculties to have direct communications with Faculty members;
  - (c) his engagements with alumni groups including meeting with the Chairman and members of the Standing Committee of the HKU Convocation;
  - (d) his meetings with the Chairman of the University Grants Committee;
  - (e) his business trips which included taking part in the World Philanthropy forum in Shanghai and a visit to Stanford/Berkeley; and
  - (f) the visit to HKU by Mr. YEUNG Yun-hung, the Secretary for Education of HKSAR, and distinguished members of institutions and government officials from the Mainland and overseas.
3. The Council
  - (a) HEARD a presentation from Professor A.L. GOODWIN, Dean of Education, on the development in the Faculty, and NOTED in particular
    - (i) an overview of the Faculty of Education including its vision, students and staff composition, Faculty organisation and academic programmes;
    - (ii) the rankings of the Faculty in the world university rankings, in which the Faculty was ranked 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> by the Times Higher Education and Quacquarelli Symonds respectively in 2018;

- (iii) the various activities of the Faculty to celebrate “100 Years of Teacher Education at HKU”;
  - (iv) the achievements of the Faculty in teaching and research and its collaborations with prestigious universities and organisations; and
  - (v) the different initiatives of the Faculty to meet the challenges ahead, including taking leadership role and becoming the hub in teacher education by launching the Academy for Leadership in Teacher Education (ALITE), attracting new students with new curricula and programmes, launching fund-raising activities, and enhancing local and international connections;
- (b) NOTED comments and views on the need to respond to the increasing impact of technology in the field of education, and the responses thereon; and
- (c) THANKED Professor GOODWIN for the presentation.

4. The Council

- (a) RECEIVED the University’s audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2018;
- (b) NOTED from Mrs. Margaret M.Y. LEUNG KO, Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee, that the audited financial statements had been considered and approved by the Finance Committee at its meeting of September 20, 2018;
- (c) NOTED from Mr. Edward K.F. CHOW, Chairman of the Audit Committee, that the Audit Committee approved the adoption of the financial statements at its meeting of September 12, 2018 for submission to the Council; and
- (d) APPROVED the University’s audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2018.

5. The Council

- (a) RECEIVED a paper from the Director of Finance on the Letter of Representation in respect of the 2017-18 audit of the University’s financial statements; and
- (b) APPROVED the Letter of Representation, noting that the Director of Finance, with delegated authority from the Council, would sign the Letter accordingly.

6. The Council

- (a) RECEIVED from the Finance Committee its annual report for the year 2017-18; and

- (b) THANKED Mrs. LEUNG and members of the Finance Committee and its sub-committees for their work.
7. The Council
  - (a) RECEIVED a paper on pay-level adjustment for eligible staff; and
  - (b) APPROVED the pay adjustment of 4.1% for eligible Professoriate/Upper & Directorate salary bands staff; and 4.55% for staff in Middle & Lower salary bands, with retroactive effect from April 1, 2018; and the proposed arrangements and direction with regard to performance-based pay system.
8. The Council HEARD an update from Professor Edward K.Y. CHEN, Chairman of the Board of HKU SPACE and Chairman of the Council of Centennial College, on matters relating to the Centennial College.
9. The Council APPROVED the revised guidelines in respect of honorary, adjunct and visiting professoriate appointments, as endorsed by the Senate.
10. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Senate, that the following be appointed as Public Orator to succeed Professor R.M. WILKINSON who would step down as Public Orator:
  - (a) Dr. P.A. CUNICH, Associate Professor in the School of Humanities (History), for the Honorary Degrees Congregation to be held in April 2019; and
  - (b) Professor J.C. SCHENCKING, Professor in the School of Humanities (History), for the period November 1, 2019 to October 31, 2022.
11. The Council APPROVED on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee to the President & Vice-Chancellor on Endowed Professorships, that the following Endowed Professorships be established:
  - (a) Patrick S C Poon Professorship in Analytics and Innovation  
The University of Hong Kong  
香港大學 潘燊昌基金教授席 (數據科學與創新)  
  
in appreciation of a generous donation of HK\$10 million from Dr. Patrick S.C. POON and with a matching fund from the University to fulfill the University's commitment;
  - (b) Ian Davies Professorship in Ethics  
The University of Hong Kong  
香港大學 戴義安基金教授席 (倫理)  
  
in appreciation of a generous donation of HK\$10 million from the Estate of Ian Davies and with a matching fund from the University to fulfill the University's commitment;

- (c) Chen Chien-Hua Chan Yuen-Han Professorship in Music  
The University of Hong Kong  
香港大學 陳健華陳遠嫻基金教授席 (音樂)

in appreciation of a generous donation of HK\$10 million from Mr. and Mrs. CHEN Chien-Hua and with a matching fund from the University to fulfill the University's commitment; and

- (d) Henry Cheng Professorship in International Law  
The University of Hong Kong  
香港大學 鄭家純基金教授席 (國際法)

in appreciation of a generous donation of HK\$20 million from the late Dr. CHENG Yu-Tung.

12. The Council APPROVED the establishment of the “Leong Che-Hung Distinguished Visiting Professorship in Leadership”, in appreciation of a generous donation of HK\$20 million from 117 donors from across disciplines and professions and with a matching fund from the University to fulfill the University's commitment.
13. The Council
- (a) APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee, that Professor the Hon. Rosie T.T. YOUNG be re-appointed as a member of the Council in the membership category “6 persons, not being students or employees of the University, appointed by the Council” for a period of three years from September 30, 2018; and
- (b) RECORDED a vote of thanks to Professor YOUNG for her past services to the Council and for agreeing to continue as Council member for a further term to assist the University and the Council in their work.
14. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee,
- (a) that Professor S. HE be re-appointed as a member of the Grievances Panel for Students under the category “One member from each Faculty appointed by the Council on the nomination of the Board of the Faculty concerned from among its members” for the period ending June 30, 2020;
- (b) that Mr. LI Jingxian be appointed as a member of the Graduate House Committee of Management under the category “One postgraduate student to represent the interests of the non-residents, nominated by the PGSA and appointed by the Council” for the period ending June 30, 2019; and

- (c) that the following be appointed/re-appointed as Chairman/member of the Human Resource Policy Committee:
  - (i) The Hon. Abraham L.H. SHEK, as the Chairman under the category “A lay member of the Council, appointed by the Council (Chairman)” for a period of three years from October 28, 2018 (re-appointment); and
  - (ii) Mr. MA Ching Nam, as a member under the category “Three members who are not employees or students of the University, appointed by the Council” for a period of three years from September 28, 2019.
  
- 15. The Council APPROVED, on the nomination of the HKU Staff Association and supported by the Chairman of the Boards of Trustees for the University’s retirement schemes, that Ms. Elane L. CHOW be appointed as Trustee for the Boards of Trustees of the Staff Terminal Benefits Scheme (1988) and the Staff Provident Fund, in accordance with Clause 3.04:2 and Clause 3(B)(ii) of the respective Trust Deeds, to replace Dr. Raymond W.L. WONG with immediate effect.

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