

# THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

## COUNCIL

The following is a list of non-restricted matters discussed at the Council meeting held on March 21, 2019.

1. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Professor P.K.H. TAM, who would retire from the Provost & Deputy Vice-Chancellor position from April 1, 2019, for his invaluable contributions to the Senior Management Team in the past years.
2. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Professor M.Y.M. HOR, who would retire from his Deanship of Law on June 30, 2019, for his contributions to the University during his Deanship since 2014.
3. The Council
  - (a) RECORDED receipt in circulation of a letter from the Chairman of Quality Assurance Council (QAC) about the Audit Report of sub-degrees operations of the University, together with the executive summary of the Report; and
  - (b) CONGRATULATED HKU SPACE and Professor Edward K.Y. CHEN, its Board Chairman, on the successful completion of the quality audit and the positive feedback from QAC.
4. The Council
  - (a) RECEIVED a report from the President & Vice-Chancellor on the recent activities of the University including
    - (i) the spring media reception held at the University Lodge which was attended by over 160 guests, including media and University colleagues;
    - (ii) his congratulations to the Faculty of Science on its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary and his salute to members of the Faculty, past and present, for their commitment to the advancement of science;
    - (iii) the Senate's receipt of the report of work of the China Initiative Task Force and its discussion thereon;
    - (iv) the launch/introduction of a \$3 billion Research Matching Grant Scheme and three new recurrent Research Grants Council fellowship schemes by the University Grants Committee;
    - (v) the meeting of the Financial Secretary of the HKSAR Government with some members of the Senior Management Team and his visit to the i-Lab of the Faculty of Architecture, iDendron, State Key Laboratory of Pharmaceutical Biotechnology and the State Key Laboratory of Liver Research,

and at the request of the Financial Secretary, the preparation by the Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research) a paper summarising challenges in enhancing innovation and technology development in Hong Kong, in which suggestions to address some of the issues were made;

- (vi) the visit of the Secretary for Home Affairs of the HKSAR Government, in the company of Mr. LAU Ming Wai (Vice-Chairman of the Youth Development Commission), to the University, during which discussions relating to the youth internship programmes of the Home Affairs Bureau and its efforts to encourage youth entrepreneurship had been held;
  - (vii) the visit to the University by distinguished individuals and delegations from partner institutions, including the signing of an MoU on academic exchange with Tohoku University, and his meeting with the Harvard University delegation to discuss potential collaborations; and
  - (viii) his participation in the Times Higher Education (THE) Research Excellence Summit: Asia Pacific held in Australia as one of the speakers; and during the stay in Australia, his meeting with an alumni group, at which ideas for the University's charitable endeavours were exchanged; and
- (b) also HEARD from the President & Vice-Chancellor that the University would capitalise on the new round of Government matching grant scheme by organising fundraising activities and he would work closely with Faculties in the coming year and appeal to Council for support in this regard.
5. The Council APPROVED the establishment of a Search Committee for the next Provost & Deputy Vice-Chancellor to conduct a global search for the position.
  6. The Council RECEIVED a paper from the China Initiative Task Force set up by the Senior Management Team with a view to articulating a coherent Mainland strategy and determining the overall goal of the University in its development in the Mainland; and NOTED its progress of work.
  7. The Council APPROVED the re-structuring of the Clinical Trials Centre (CTC), a sub-division of studies and learning in the Medical Faculty, and corporatisation of its Mainland activities in order to capture the overwhelming new opportunities in clinical studies in the Mainland.
  8. The Council APPROVED in principle the recommendations and the consequential arrangements for the disestablishment/restructuring/replacement of a number of Council committees, with a view to rationalising the committee structure supporting the University's operation, reducing "red-tape" and alleviating the administrative workload of professoriate staff.

9. The Council RESOLVED to appoint Professor FU Hualing, Warren Chan Professor in Human Rights and Responsibilities in the Department of Law and Associate Dean of Law, as the Interim Dean of Law from July 1, 2019, until the arrival of the new Dean.
10. 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 Education in Early Childhood Education and Special Education [教育學士(幼兒教育及特殊教育)]” in paragraph 1(a) thereof.
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 “Master of Architecture (Design) [建築學碩士(設計)]” in paragraph 1(b) thereof.
12. The Council RECEIVED a report on the review of non-tenure professoriate track for the Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine; and ENDORSED, on the recommendation of the Senate, the recommendations as set out in the Report, noting the suggestion of the President & Vice-Chancellor to invite external reviewer(s) in the next review in three years’ time.
13. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee to the President & Vice-Chancellor on Endowed Professorships, that the name of the “Isaac R Souede Professorship in Economic History 蘇威基金教授席(經濟史)” be amended as “Sein and Isaac Souede Professorship in Economic History 蘇威趙善敏基金教授席(經濟史)”, as requested by the donor, Mr. Isaac R. SOUEDE, and noted by the Faculty of Business and Economics.
14. The Council APPROVED that the Chinese name of the “Leong Che-Hung Distinguished Visiting Professorship in Leadership”, which was established in September 2018, be “梁智鴻傑出訪問教授席(領航)”.
15. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee,
  - (a) that Mr. WAN Chi Tin and Dr. Peter K.K. WONG be re-appointed as members of the Audit Committee under the category “Five members, appointed by the Council, who are not members of the Finance Committee (or any of its sub-committees) or responsible for the day-to-day management of the University” for the period ending February 23, 2022;
  - (b) that the following be appointed/re-appointed as Chairman/members of the Campus Development and Planning Committee:
    - (i) Professor Edward K.Y. CHEN, as the Chairman under the category “A lay member of the Council, appointed by the Council (Chairman)” for the period ending March 26, 2022 (re-appointment); and

- (ii) as members under the category “Five members who are not employees or students of the University, appointed by the Council”:

Ir. Edgar KWAN Chi Ping, for the period ending April 7, 2022;

Mr. LAU Ping Cheung, for the period ending March 26, 2022 (re-appointment); and

Mr. Sunny YEUNG, for the period ending February 23, 2022 (re-appointment);

- (c) that Professor the Hon. Arthur K.C. LI be re-appointed as a member of the Court Life Membership Committee under the category “One lay member of the Council, appointed by the Council” for the period ending February 23, 2022;
- (d) that Dr. Patrick S.C. POON be re-appointed as a member of the Finance Committee under the category “Four members who are not employees or students of the University, of whom at least one shall be a member of the Council, appointed by the Council” for the period ending March 31, 2022;
- (e) that Professor the Hon. Arthur K.C. LI and Dr. Patrick S.C. POON be re-appointed as members of the Honorary Degrees Committee under the category “Two members of the Council, appointed by the Council, who are members of the Council under paragraph 1(a), (b), (c) or (e) of Statute XVIII, and of whom at least one is a graduate” for the period ending February 23, 2022;
- (f) that the following be appointed/re-appointed as members of the Human Resource Policy Committee:
  - (i) Professor C.M. LO, as a member under the category “One academic member of the Council, appointed by the Council” for the period March 22, 2019 to March 21, 2022; and
  - (ii) as members under the category “Three members who are not employees or students of the University, appointed by the Council”:

Ms. Leonie M.F. KI, for the period ending March 31, 2022 (re-appointment); and

Mrs. Ayesha M. LAU, for the period ending February 23, 2022 (re-appointment); and

- (g) that the following be re-appointed as Chairman/member of the Staff Grievances Panel for the period ending February 23, 2022:
  - (i) Professor the Hon. Rosie T.T. YOUNG, as the Chairman under the category “A Chairman, appointed by the Council, who shall be a member of the Council but who is not an appointee of the University”; and

- (ii) Mr. TAI Keen Man, as a member under the category “Other members appointed by the Council, at least one of them shall be a member of the Council”.

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