

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of non-restricted matters discussed at the Council meeting held on May 26, 2020.

1. The Council CONGRATULATED Dr. Richard Y.T. KAO on his receipt of the Second Class Award of the State Scientific and Technological Progress Award from the State Council of China.
2. The Council RECORDED its deepest condolences on the passing of Dr. Stanley HO, Doctor of Social Sciences *honoris causa*, member of the Court from 1982 to 2003 and member of the Council from 1984 to 2003, for his exceptional devotion and contributions to the University.
3. The Council RECEIVED a report from the President & Vice-Chancellor on the recent activities of the University including
 - (a) the efforts made by the University community to tackle the impact of COVID-19 outbreak, in that
 - (i) different crisis management groups had been set up;
 - (ii) most of the University's teaching and learning and assessment had been moved online in the recent months;
 - (iii) although face-to-face classes had been suspended, the work in most of the research laboratories was still going on, and there had been some important progress and findings in relation to the COVID-19 as well as in other disciplines;
 - (iv) a virtual forum on "HKU's Big Ideas on Combating the COVID-19 Pandemic" had been conducted and well attended by the University's experts from different disciplines and students; and
 - (v) HKU COVID Relief Fund was set up with an initial fundraising target of HK\$10 million to enable the University's graduating students to serve the community through teaching grassroots secondary school students and to help these students address the digital gap;
 - (b) the establishment of the HKU-Standard Chartered Hong Kong 150th Anniversary Community Foundation FinTech Academy, which was hosted by the Faculty of Engineering with strong support from the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Business and Economics;
 - (c) his engagement with students in different halls and residential colleges, students in Wuhan city and Hubei province through an online meeting while they were in lockdown, as well as the Deans, academic colleagues, Hall Wardens and Heads of administrative units;

- (d) the plan to launch infrastructure developments for the University to expand its academic enterprise;
 - (e) the need for the University to continue to explore collaboration opportunities in the Mainland and internationally, be bold in taking up new challenges, and strive to take its achievements to a new phase; and
 - (f) the appointment of Ms. I.Y.S. WONG as Chief of Staff in the President's Office.
4. The Council APPROVED the establishment of a Search Committee to search for the next Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Staffing and Resources).
5. The Council APPROVED the 2020-21 income and expenditure budget on block grant activities.
6. The Council APPROVED the 2021 UGC capital programme for submission to the University Grants Committee.
7. The Council
- (a) RECEIVED a paper on the proposal for capital development complex at the Pokfield Road Site;
 - (b) NOTED from Professor R.Y.C. WONG, Acting Executive Vice-President (Administration and Finance), details about the University's plan to redevelop the Pokfield Road Site into a new landmark campus hub for providing state-of-the-art academic buildings, a university guest house, a premium residential complex as well as upgraded and expanded sports facilities; and
 - (c) ENDORSED the proposal for capital development complex at the Pokfield Road Site, including the financial model of the project.
8. The Council
- (a) RECEIVED a report, endorsed by the Senate, following the review of the HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education (HKU SPACE);
 - (b) HEARD Professor I.M. HOLLIDAY, Chairman of the Review Panel, speak to the salient points of the report and the key recommendations made by the Review Panel;
 - (c) NOTED from Professor Edward K.Y. CHEN, Chairman of the HKU SPACE Board of Directors, that HKU SPACE welcomed the recommendations made by the Review Panel; and his comments on the recommendations; and
 - (d) THANKED Professor HOLLIDAY and other Panel members for their work on the review, noting that the recommendations, endorsed by the Senate, would be addressed by HKU SPACE and the University.

9. The Council RESOLVED that Professor D.B. COLLINS be re-appointed as Dean of Arts from July 1, 2020.
10. The Council
 - (a) RESOLVED, as supported by the Senate, that Professor S.S.K. TSE, Professor in the Department of Social Work and Social Administration and Associate Dean of Social Sciences Faculty, be appointed as the Dean of Student Affairs under the provisions of Statute IXA.1 from September 1, 2020; and
 - (b) RECORDED a vote of thanks to Dr. E.Y.S. LEUNG, the current Dean of Student Affairs, for her contributions and sterling services to the University.
11. The Council
 - (a) RESOLVED that Ms. J.W.S. TSANG, Faculty Secretary of the Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine, be appointed as the Registrar from July 1, 2020; and
 - (b) RECORDED a vote of thanks to Mr. H.W.K. WAI, the current Registrar, for his tireless dedication, passionate leadership and sterling contributions to the University in his nearly 47 years of service at the University.
12. The Council APPROVED the re-appointment of Professor N.C. TIEN as the Interim Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Institutional Advancement) from June 1, 2020.
13. 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 Science in Financial Technology and Data Analytics [理科碩士(金融科技與數據分析)]” in paragraph 1(b) thereof.
14. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the proposed amendments to Departmental Financial Administration.

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