

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of non-restricted matters discussed at the Council meeting held on October 27, 2020.

1. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Mr. Daniel T.S. LEI, the elected undergraduate representative whose membership would expire on November 15, 2020; and Mr. WANG Yuchen, the previous elected postgraduate representative whose membership expired on October 15, 2020, for their 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 smooth start for the first semester of teaching from September 2020, with online classes and partial return to face-to-face teaching;
 - (b) a workshop attended by the Senior Management Team, Deans, Faculty representatives and other colleagues to prepare for the University Grants Committee's Planning Exercise for the 2022-25 triennium;
 - (c) the achievements of the University's teaching and research staff, as reflected in the awards/fund received from the University Grants Committee, National Natural Science Foundation of China, and the Chinese Academy of Engineering;
 - (d) his participation as a panel speaker in a Global Innovation and Technology Forum organised by the South China Morning Post; and as a Steering Committee member of the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU);
 - (e) his attendance at the Annual Presidents' Meeting on Building World-Class Universities and the Annual Presidents' Forum of the Association of University Presidents of China;
 - (f) the visits to the University by a number of consul-generals;
 - (g) a one-day management retreat with participants including Senior Management Team, Deans, Associate Vice-Presidents, Senior Advisors and heads of major administrative units, to contemplate a range of strategic areas and issues that were pertinent to the University's striving to become a world class university; and
 - (h) the launch of a Hong Kong Scholars professoriate recruitment campaign to bring in top scholars in exciting emerging fields from around the world to further build the University's academic excellence.
3. The Council APPROVED the University's audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2020.

4. The Council APPROVED the Letter of Representation in respect of the 2019-20 audit of the University's financial statements.
5. The Council APPROVED recommendations regarding general pay adjustment and merit-based salary increments for the year 2020-21.
6. The Council RESOLVED that Professor FU Hualing, currently Interim Dean of Law and Warren Chan Professor in Human Rights and Responsibilities in the Department of Law, be appointed as the Dean of the Faculty of Law for a fixed term of five years with effect from November 1, 2020.
7. The Council RESOLVED
 - (a) that Professor Max SHEN, currently Chancellor's Professor and Department Chair of the Department of Industrial Engineering and Operations Research at the University of California, Berkeley, U.S.A., be appointed as the Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research) for a fixed term of five years, tentatively from January 1, 2021; and
 - (b) that Professor Peng GONG, currently Dean of the Faculty of Science at Tsinghua University and Professor and Chair of the Department of Earth System Science, be appointed as the Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Development) for a fixed term of five years, tentatively from January 1, 2021.
8. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee, that Dr. K.M.K. CHAN, Associate Professor in the Faculty of Education, be 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, 2022.

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