

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of non-restricted matters discussed at the Council meeting held on May 25, 2021:

1. The Council CONGRATULATED Professor Henry H.L. CHAN on his being elected as President of the American Society for Laser Medicine and Surgery in 2021-22.
2. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Professor C.M. LO who had retired from the Council for his contributions to the Council in the past 6 years.
3. The Council RECEIVED a report from the President & Vice-Chancellor on the recent activities of the University including
 - (a) the assumption of office of Professor P. GONG, Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Development) in January; and his thanks to Emeritus Professor T.K.F. AU, for her contributions as the Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Staffing & Resources) and her continued assistance to the Senior Management on human resource affairs in the role of Senior Advisor for a transitional period;
 - (b) the start of his second round of Faculty visits which was planned to be completed within the year 2021;
 - (c) the offering of the HKU TPG Scholarships and the HKU Internship Programme to the UG Class of 2021 to support those who wished to pursue graduate studies or to gain valuable work experience and contribute to their *alma mater*;
 - (d) the very encouraging result of the Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) 2020;
 - (e) the University's efforts in the recruitment of world class scholars, riding on the "HKU100 Campaign" and the "Global STEM Professorship Scheme" of the government; and
 - (f) the progress of work of the China Initiative Task Force (the "Task Force") set up to facilitate the development of deeper collaboration on the Mainland.
4. The Council APPROVED the 2021-22 income and expenditure budget on block grant activities.
5. The Council APPROVED the revised Equal Opportunity Policy and Procedures for Handling Discrimination/Harassment Complaints, in particular to take into account the new provisions in the Sex Discrimination Ordinance against discrimination or harassment on the grounds of breastfeeding, and the latest Court of Final Appeal decisions on equality.

6. The Council
 - (a) RECEIVED a report on the academic review of the Faculty of Science; and
 - (b) THANKED all members of the review panel and the Provost & Deputy Vice-Chancellor 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.

7. The Council APPROVED a recommendation of the Senate that the title of Emeritus Professor be conferred under the provisions of Statute XIII.1 on the following Professors after their retirement from the University:

Professor R.S.Y. HUI
Professor C.L. LAI

8. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee,
 - (a) that the following be appointed as members of the Election Complaint Committee under the category “Two lay members from the Court, appointed by the Council” for a period of three years from May 30, 2021:

Mrs. Jennifer CHENG; and
Mr. Theodore MA Heng; and
 - (b) that Professor Zhiwu CHEN be appointed as a member of the Human Resource Policy Committee under the category “1 academic member of the Council, appointed by the Council” for a period of three years from May 26, 2021.

9. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the amendments to Departmental Financial Administration (DFA).

10. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Small Group on Lodging Charges of University-administered Student Accommodation, the lodging charges for various University-administered student accommodation in 2021-22.

11. The Council APPROVED amendment be made to the General Regulation G17 “University fees” II.(a).

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