The following is a list of non-restricted matters discussed at the Council meeting held on April 26, 2022.


2. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Mr. Daryl W.K. NG, Mr. Abraham L.H. SHEK and Dr. T. Brian STEVENSON, who had been appointed to the Council under a different membership category, for agreeing to continue to assist the Council in its work.

3. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Professor Edward K.Y. CHEN, Mrs. Ayesha M. LAU and Dr. Peter K.K. WONG, who had retired from the Council, for their contributions to the Council.

4. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Mr. S.C.K. LO, Executive Vice-President (Administration and Finance), who would leave his position on April 30, 2022, for his contributions to the University.

5. The Council CONGRATULATED Professor V.W.W. YAM, Dean of Science, on her being elected as the third President of The International Organization for Chemical Sciences in Development.

6. The Council
   (a) HEARD a presentation from the President & Vice-Chancellor on the development of the University, and NOTED in particular
      (i) the vision for the University to be a world leading University vis-à-vis an evaluation of the current position of the University and what needed to be done to attain the goal;
      (ii) the initiatives undertaken to tackle the challenges faced by the University in the areas of space, recruitment of top scholars, funding and University machinery; and
      (iii) the 111th Anniversary of the University; and
   (b) THANKED the President & Vice-Chancellor for the presentation.

7. The Council
   (a) RECEIVED a paper on the recommendation of the Senate that Statutes XXX “The Disciplinary Committee” and XXXI “Powers of the Disciplinary Committee” be amended to provide for enhancement in the flexibility in the appointment of the Disciplinary Committee (DC) members, and the addition of “conduct considered to be bringing the
University into disrepute” to the list of complaints to be brought before the President & Vice-Chancellor in Statute XXXI;

(b) DISCUSSED at length the proposed recommendation and views expressed by members; and

(c) APPROVED, for submission to the Court, that Statutes XXX “The Disciplinary Committee” and XXXI “Powers of the Disciplinary Committee” be amended as recommended.

8. 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 following titles:

(a) Bachelor of Psychology [心理學學士] in paragraph 1(a) thereof; and

(b) Master of Advanced Pharmacy [深造藥劑學碩士] in paragraph 1(b) thereof.

9. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the delegation of authority to any two of the following Officers (or persons acting in their capacity) to approve the signing authority for the University bank accounts and security accounts:

(a) Provost & Deputy Vice-Chancellor
(b) Executive Vice-President (Administration and Finance)
(c) Director of Finance.

10. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee to the President & Vice-Chancellor on Endowed Professorships, that “Cheng Yu-Tung Professorship in Sustainable Development 鄭裕彤基金教授席 (可持續發展)” be renamed to “Cheng Yu-Tung Professorship in Finance 鄭裕彤基金教授席 (金融學)”, as agreed by Asia Global Institute, the donor Fung Global Institute Limited, and Dr. the Hon. Henry CHENG, to reflect the change in the designated discipline.

11. The Council NOTED the academic reviews conducted for the following Centres:

(a) Centre of Architecture and Urban Design for China and Hong Kong;
(b) Centre for Criminology;
(c) Hong Kong Jockey Club Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention; and
(d) Sau Po Centre on Ageing;

and that recommendations of the review panels following academic reviews of the Centres listed above were subsequently endorsed by the Senate and would be taken forward by the relevant parties within the University.


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