

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of non-restricted matters discussed at the Council meeting held on March 28, 2023.

1. On behalf of the Council, the Chairman WELCOMED Professor Frank F. CHAN and Mr. Vincent S.S. CHEUNG, who had recently been appointed by the Council as its members, to their first meeting of the Council.
2. The Council HEARD a report from the President & Vice-Chancellor on the recent activities of the University including
 - (a) the joining of Professor Sir Fraser STODDART, a Nobel Laureate in Chemistry and currently Board of Trustees Professor and Director of the Center for Chemistry of Integrated Systems at the Northwestern University, U.S.A., later this year;
 - (b) updates on the operation of the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital, which was ranked top 13th in the Mainland;
 - (c) the ranking in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023 which, though indicative, was encouraging recognition for colleagues working towards academic excellence; and
 - (d) the visits to the University by delegations from governments and esteemed universities in the Mainland and overseas.
3. The Council
 - (a) HEARD a presentation from Professor H. FU, Dean of Law, on the development in the Faculty, and NOTED in particular
 - (i) an overview of the Faculty including its vision, staff and student composition, organisation structure, and the curricula offered;
 - (ii) the international standings of the Faculty, benchmarking with top law institutions in the world; and the leading universities that had recruited graduates and staff members of the Faculty;
 - (iii) the main areas of strength in its research including public law and constitutional law, corporate, financial and trade law, and Chinese law; and the best scholars and professional researchers in the Faculty;
 - (iv) the teaching and learning of the Faculty, including the double degree and dual degree curricula offered; the reform on undergraduates curriculum with a view to enhancing curricular flexibility; and the enhancement of capstone experience and experiential learning;

- (v) the various initiatives in community services and knowledge exchange, highlighting the work pursued in the HK Legal Information Institute, the Community Legal Information Centre, and the clinical legal education scheme; and
 - (vi) the plan for the Faculty's future development;
- (b) NOTED the following from Professor FU in response to comments from members:
- (i) that the Faculty was evaluating the impact and challenges brought by the rapid development in the digital era, with a view to enhancing the curricula to meet the challenges; and
 - (ii) that the Faculty was in a leading position amongst other local law schools and would continue to focus on hiring top talents and recruiting best students; and that while the level of exchange activities had declined in recent years due to multiple reasons, the Faculty would continue to work towards creating more opportunities and strive to maintain a diversified student population; and
- (c) THANKED Professor FU for apprising the Council on the strategic directions of development of the Faculty; and EXPRESSED appreciation of the Faculty's achievements under his leadership.
4. The Council APPROVED the re-appointment of Mrs. Margaret M.Y. LEUNG KO as Treasurer for a period of three years from July 1, 2023 in accordance with the provisions of Statute VIII.1.
5. The Council APPROVED the establishment of a Search Committee to search for the next Executive Vice-President (Administration and Finance).
6. The Council APPROVED the re-appointment of Professor I.M. HOLLIDAY as the Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning) from September 1, 2023.
7. The Council APPROVED the revised terms of reference of the Campus Development and Planning Committee, which had incorporated consequential amendments following the disestablishment of the Accommodation Committee, and the setting up of a Space Allocation and Management Board to oversee space planning, allocation and management.
8. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Special Group on Endowed Professorships,
- (a) that the following Endowed Professorships be established:
 - Mok Sau-King Professorship
The University of Hong Kong
香港大學 莫秀琮基金教授席

in appreciation of a generous donation of HK\$10 million from the Estates of Madam MOK Sau King; and

- Pollyanna Chung and Eric Cheung Professorship in Surgical Oncology
The University of Hong Kong
香港大學 鍾寶圈鍾英偉基金教授席 (腫瘤外科學)

in appreciation of a generous donation of HK\$10 million from Ms. Pollyanna CHUNG and Mr. Eric CHEUNG; and

(b) that the following Outstanding Young Professorships be established:

- Tin Ka Ping Foundation Outstanding Young Professorship
The University of Hong Kong
香港大學 田家炳基金傑出青年教授席

in appreciation of a generous donation of HK\$5 million from Tin Ka Ping Foundation;

- Belinda Hung Outstanding Young Professorship
The University of Hong Kong
香港大學 孔桂儀傑出青年教授席

in appreciation of a generous donation of HK\$10 million from Ms. Belinda HUNG, two Belinda Hung Outstanding Young Professorships would be established; and

- Gallant Ho Outstanding Young Professorship
The University of Hong Kong
香港大學 何耀棣傑出青年教授席

in appreciation of a generous donation of HK\$10 million from Dr. Gallant HO, two Gallant Ho Outstanding Young Professorships would be established.

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