

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of matters* discussed at the Council meeting held on August 28, 2012:

1. The Council RECEIVED a report from the Vice-Chancellor on the recent activities of the University including
 - (a) the admission results of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE);
 - (b) the Morningside Cultural China Annual Forum, hosted by Zhejiang University in Hangzhou from August 13 to 15, 2012 in which the Vice-Chancellor and several HKU students attended with discussion topics relating to whole-person education and nurturing young leaders; and
 - (c) the latest progress of the HKU-Zhejiang Institute of Research and Innovation.

2. The Council HEARD
 - (a) from Professor R.T.H. CHIN, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, who chaired the “334” Crisis Management Team, an update on the University’s preparation for “334” covering the aspects of curriculum, staffing, admissions, orientation and non-academic induction, class scheduling and classroom allocation, IT systems and facilities, student accommodation, student support, transport, physical facilities, and safety and risk management; that the situation and the possible risks would be closely monitored during the initial period of the new semester, *i.e.* starting from September 17, 2012; that telephone hotlines were available for students to make enquiries; and that an informal press meeting had been scheduled to explain to the media the University’s preparation for the “334” implementation;

 - (b) from Professor J.G. MALPAS, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Infrastructure), the latest progress of the construction of the Centennial Campus; clarification about the report of the presence of Legionella bacteria and formaldehyde and the hygiene problem by the media; and report on the measures undertaken to ensure a healthy and safe working and learning environment, in that
 - (i) it had been identified that the formaldehyde mainly came from certain types of furniture and the University had contacted the manufacturer of those furniture to work out follow up actions; and
 - (ii) disinfection exercise by shock chlorination had been conducted for the water system and it was confident that Legionella bacteria should have been cleared; and

- (c) from Dr. A.W.L. CHAU, Dean of Student Affairs, an update on the provision of student accommodation and catering facilities for “334”, in particular the implementation of contingency plans to provide short-term accommodation for students due to the delay of the new residential colleges on Lung Wah Street, and the opening of additional kiosks to provide take away food before the operation of all the new catering outlets.
3. The Council APPROVED the 2013 UGC Capital Programme for submission to the University Grants Committee.
4. The Council
 - (a) RECEIVED a progress report from the Search Committee for the Next Vice-Chancellor;
 - (b) NOTED that this was the second progress report in furtherance to the one made to the Council in May 2012; and
 - (c) THANKED Dr. CHOW and all members of the Search Committee for updating the Council of its work.
5. The Council RECEIVED a report of the academic review of the Asia Case Research Centre (ACRC), a sub-division of studies and learning in the Faculty of Business and Economics; and NOTED the recommendations of the Review Panel of the ACRC, which had been approved by the Senate.
6. The Council APPROVED a recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor that the student residence at Lung Wah Street, Kennedy Town be named as “Jockey Club Student Village III”, in recognition of the generous gift from The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust in support of campus and University developments.
7. The Council APPROVED a recommendation of the Senate, endorsed by the Nominations Committee, that Professor Billy SO Kee Long, Chair Professor and Head of the Division of Humanities of The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, be re-appointed as Chairman of the Grievances Panel for Students in accordance with paragraph 9 of the Procedures for the Resolution of the Grievances of Students, which read, “There shall be a grievances panel which shall be chaired by a member of staff of one of the UGC-funded institutions other than the University of Hong Kong. The Chairman shall be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Senate.” for the period September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2015.

** Excluding personnel matters relating to individuals.*