

# THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

## COUNCIL

The following is a list of matters\* discussed at the Council meeting held on December 20, 2011:

1. The Council
  - (a) WELCOMED the Hon. Abraham SHEK Lai-him, who had been recently appointed as a member of the Council under the membership category “Six persons, not being students or employees of the University, appointed by the Council” to the meeting; and
  - (b) RECORDED a vote of thanks to Mr. Linus CHEUNG and Ms. Wendy GAN, who would retire from the Council on January 27, 2012 after serving the Council for over 12 and 10 years respectively, for their invaluable contributions to the deliberations of the Council as well as in other aspects of University work.
2. The Council NOTED from the Chairman and Professor G.W.K. TANG further updates on the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital.
3. The Council
  - (a) RECEIVED a verbal report from the Vice-Chancellor on the recent activities of the University including
    - (i) the great success of the “Presidents Summit – East Meets West” which was held from December 17 to 18, 2011; and
    - (ii) the Gala Dinner held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC) on December 18, 2011;
  - (b) HEARD the Vice-Chancellor thank all the Gala Hosts, Faculty Deans and their offices, members of the Senior Management Team and above all, all work teams from the various administrative offices of the University, as well as the student volunteers who had worked extremely hard that day to ensure that everyone felt warmly welcomed as a member of the HKU Family; and
  - (c) RECORDED its congratulations to the University, in particular Professor S.P. CHOW, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (University Relations), and Ms. B.W.S. TSUI, Director of Development and Alumni Affairs Office, for successfully organizing an event of such a mass scale.
4. The Council
  - (a) RECEIVED from the Director of Finance an annual report on the outside practice activities of professoriate staff of the University for the year 2010-11; and

- (b) NOTED that the review of the outside practice policy was amongst one of the matters to be looked into by the Human Resource Policy Committee.

5. The Council

- (a) RECEIVED a paper on the setting up of a search committee for the Executive Vice-President (Administration and Finance) (EVP);
- (b) HEARD the Vice-Chancellor recapitulate the background for the setting up of the post of EVP:
  - (i) that the Council, at its meeting on February 22, 2011, had approved, upon the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor and the endorsement of the Human Resource Policy Committee (HRPC), the creation of an administrative arm in the Senior Management Team; and had invited him to implement the proposal and propose to the Council the detailed job descriptions of the new EVP and the formation of the search committee (CM 04 of 22.02.11 refers); and
  - (ii) that the EVP post would be set up for the overall planning, development and co-ordination of the functions of budget and finance management, human resources management for non-academic staff, healthcare and safety management, facilities management and information technology services;
- (c) further HEARD the Vice-Chancellor speak to the setting up of the Search Committee with membership composition as follows:
  - Chairman of the Council (Chairman);
  - Vice-Chancellor;
  - Treasurer;
  - Chairman of the HRPC;
  - An academic member of the Senate who is not an Officer of the University as defined by the University Ordinance and Statutes, elected by members of the Senate in the same group;
  - A non-academic member, elected by non-academic members; and
  - A student member, elected by student members of the Council and the Senate among themselves; and
- (d) RESOLVED
  - (i) that subject to incorporation of comments made by members, the job descriptions and qualifications for appointment to the post of EVP be as set out in document 251/1211; and
  - (ii) that the Search Committee be set up with membership composition as set out in paragraph (c) above.

6. The Council

- (a) RECEIVED a tabled report from Dr. Paul CHOW, Convenor of the Ad Hoc Group on the Procedures and Criteria for the Selection of the New Vice-Chancellor, on the progress of work of the Ad Hoc Group;

- (b) HEARD Dr. Paul CHOW take members through the report:
- (i) that in line with the membership composition agreed by the Council, the Ad Hoc Group had now been set up and comprised the following members:
    - Mr. Paul M.Y. CHOW (Convenor);
    - Dr. Victor K.M. CHAN;
    - Dr. Albert W.L. CHAU;
    - Professor Kathryn S.E. CHEAH;
    - Mr. CHOI Sau Yuk;
    - Professor Sun KWOK;
    - Mr. Archer T.L. WONG; and
    - Dr. Rosanna Y.M. WONG;
  - (ii) that the Group had held its first meeting on December 13, 2011, at which it agreed, *inter alia*, that a letter/email be issued by the Convenor to all students, staff, alumni, Council members, Court members, HKU Foundation members and the University Grants Committee, and that three open consultative sessions (two on the main campus and one in the Medical complex) be held to solicit views; and that the deadline for the solicitation of views would be February 29, 2012; and
  - (iii) that the Group planned to complete its report by the end of March 2012; and
- (c) THANKED Dr. CHOW for the report.

7. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee, that Professor D.W.F. KERR, Professor in the School of English, be re-appointed as the Chairman of the University Press Committee under the category "Chairman, appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor" for the period January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2014.

8. The Council

- (a) HEARD a presentation by Mr. Linus CHEUNG, Chairman of the Campus Development and Planning Committee (CDPC) and Professor J.G. MALPAS, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Infrastructure), on the University's campus planning and development; and
- (b) THANKED Mr. CHEUNG and Professor MALPAS for the presentation; and RECORDED its appreciation for the contribution of Mr. CHEUNG and Ms. Wendy GAN to the CDPC.

\* *Excluding personnel matters relating to individuals.*