

# THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

## COUNCIL

The following is a list of matters discussed at the Council meeting held on March 20, 2012:

1. The Council CONGRATULATED the Vice-Chancellor on his being made a laureate of the 2012 Canadian Medical Hall of Fame for his contributions in medical research for better health in Canada and the world.
2. The Council NOTED that members of the Review Panel on the Centenary Ceremony held on August 18, 2011, together with the Dean of Student Affairs, had attended a meeting of the Panel on Security of the Legislative Council held on March 15, 2012, and AGREED that despite the suggestion made thereat that the University could lodge a complaint with the Independent Police Complaints Council, the University would not consider taking any action at this stage.
3. The Council RECEIVED a report from the Vice-Chancellor on the recent activities of the University including
  - (a) the 186<sup>th</sup> Congregation held on March 15, 2012, at which honorary degrees were conferred upon Aung San Suu Kyi, Professor Sir Leszek Krzysztof Borysiewicz, Dr. John Craig Venter and Professor Xu Zhihong;
  - (b) his visit to the United Kingdom in March 2012 as a member of the Hong Kong Delegation visiting the United Kingdom at the invitation of the British Council to discuss key issues facing higher education and internationalization, explore opportunities for collaboration, and participating in the Going Global 2012 Conference;
  - (c) the signing of two research agreements with Mainland institutions, namely the MoU signing of the Joint Chinese Research Centre of Innovative Drugs and the MoU signing and plaque unveiling ceremony of Zhejiang University – HKU Joint Research Centre for Liver Transplantation and Liver Cancer; and
  - (d) the kick-off ceremony for the HKU-China 1,000 Exchange Scheme to be held at Fudan University in Shanghai.
4. The Council RECEIVED and COMMENTED on a report from Professor P.K.H. TAM, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research), and Professor P.Y.S. CHEUNG, Director of the Technology Transfer Office, on the progress of the possible setting up of a HKU-Zhejiang Institute of Research and Innovation (HKU-ZIRI) in Lin'an, Zhejiang.
5. The Council
  - (a) RECEIVED a report from the Council's Ad Hoc Group, set up by the Council at its meeting held on November 7, 2011, on the procedures and the criteria for the selection of the next Vice-Chancellor (the "Report");

- (b) HEARD Dr. Paul CHOW, Convenor of the Ad Hoc Group, thank members of the Ad Hoc Group and the administration for their advice and support, and the University community for their views and contribution throughout the process of consultation; and take members through the report;
- (c) RESOLVED to adopt the recommendations set out in the Report after incorporating comments from members, as follows:
- (i) the adoption of a two-tier search and selection mechanism to facilitate the appointment of the next Vice-Chancellor;
  - (ii) the setting up of a 4-member Search Committee, with its role and responsibilities as detailed in Annex III of the Report and the membership composition as follows:
    - A lay member of the Council
    - Three full-time senior professorial Teachers at Chair Professor level (comprising Chair Professors and Professors with Chair title), with one from each of the 3 cognate Faculty groupings as defined in the relevant election procedures of the Senate;
  - (iii) the setting up of an 11-member Selection Committee, with its role and responsibilities also detailed in Annex III of the Report and the membership composition as follows:
    - The Chairman of the Council
    - Two other lay members of the Council
    - A Faculty Dean
    - Three full-time professorial Teachers (with one from each of the 3 cognate Faculty groupings as defined in the relevant election procedures of the Senate)
    - A full-time non-professorial Teacher or academic-related staff member
    - An alumnus/alumna
    - A full-time non-academic staff member
    - A full-time student;
  - (iv) the engagement of an international headhunting agency by the Search Committee to provide administrative and logistical support to the search and selection processes;
  - (v) the signing of a confidentiality agreement by all members of the Search and Selection Committees;
  - (vi) the adoption of five selection criteria for the appointment of the next Vice-Chancellor, namely, excellent academic standing and leadership, integrity, vision, demonstrated management capability, and effective interpersonal and communication skills, as detailed in page 9 of the Report; and
  - (vii) the adoption of the two-tier search and selection process and selection criteria as the standard protocol for the appointment of future Vice-Chancellors;

- (d) AGREED to disband the Ad Hoc Group, which had completed its task; and
  - (e) THANKED Dr. CHOW, and all members of the Ad Hoc Group for their work and for drawing up the report.
6. The Council RECEIVED a report on the progress of work for the search for the Executive Vice-President (Administration and Finance).
7. The Council
- (a) RECEIVED a paper on the setting up of a task force to look at the feasibility and ways of implementing the recommendations of the Review Panel on the Centenary Ceremony held on August 18, 2011 (the “Review Panel”);
  - (b) HEARD the Acting Vice-Chancellor speak to the proposed name, terms of reference and membership composition of the task force, noting in particular
    - (i) that working groups would be set up, as necessary, for the implementation of specific recommendations of the Review Panel and that staff, students, alumni and other experts would be invited to join the working groups, as needed;
    - (ii) that the task force, to be chaired by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, was not a Council committee but it would report, on regular basis and whenever necessary, to the Senior Management Team and the Council on the progress of implementation of the recommendations; and
    - (iii) that the following members had been approached and had given their consent to serve the task force:
      - Mr. K.M. WONG (as a lay member of the Council);
      - Dr. A.W.L. CHAU (as the Dean of Student Affairs);
      - Professor D.P.Y. LUNG, Dean of Architecture (as a Faculty member); and
      - Mrs. J.Y.K. KWAN, Senior Assistant Registrar in the Strategic Planning and Provost’s Office (as a staff member from the administrative offices of the University); and
  - (c) APPROVED that the name of the task force be the “Steering Committee on 818 Review Panel Recommendations” with its terms of reference and membership composition as proposed in the paper.
8. The Council RECEIVED from the Audit Committee its annual report for the year 2010-11.
9. The Council APPROVED a joint recommendation of the Boards of the Faculties of Law and Medicine, supported by the Senate, that a Centre for Medical Ethics and Law be established as a sub-division of studies and learning under the provisions of Section 8(3) of the Ordinance in the Faculty of Law and the Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine for an initial period of five years.

10. The Council APPROVED a recommendation of the Board of the Faculty of Medicine, supported by the Senate, that the Genome Research Centre be transformed into and be renamed as the Centre for Genomic Sciences under the provisions of Section 8(3) of the Ordinance in the Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine.

11. The Council APPROVED a recommendation of the Advisory Committee to the Vice-Chancellor on Endowed Professorships that the following Endowed Professorships be established:

- (a) Daniel C.K. Yu Professorship in Virology  
The University of Hong Kong  
香港大學 於崇光基金教授席(病毒學)

in appreciation of a generous donation of HK\$10 million from Mr. Daniel C.K. YU and with a matching fund from the University to fulfill the University's commitment;

- (b) Danny D.B. Ho Professorship in Family Medicine  
The University of Hong Kong  
香港大學 何定邦基金教授席(家庭醫學)

in appreciation of a generous donation of HK\$10 million from Mrs. Beatrice HO and with a matching fund from the University to fulfill the University's commitment;

- (c) Joseph Needham – Philip Mao Professorship in Chinese History, Science and Civilization  
The University of Hong Kong  
香港大學 李約瑟－毛文奇基金教授席(中國歷史、科技與文明)

in appreciation of a generous donation of HK\$10 million from East Asian History of Science Foundation and with a matching fund from the University to fulfill the University's commitment;

- (d) Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation Professorship in Medicine  
The University of Hong Kong  
香港大學 李樹芬醫學基金會基金教授席(內科)

in appreciation of a generous donation of HK\$10 million from Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation and with a matching fund from the University to fulfill the University's commitment;

- (e) Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation Professorship in Orthopaedic Surgery  
The University of Hong Kong  
香港大學 李樹芬醫學基金會基金教授席(骨科)

in appreciation of a generous donation of HK\$10 million from Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation and with a matching fund from the University to fulfill the University's commitment;

- (f) Sun Chieh Yeh Heart Foundation Professorship in Cardiovascular Therapeutics  
The University of Hong Kong  
香港大學 孫建業心臟基金教授席(心血管治療學)

in appreciation of a generous donation of HK\$10 million from Sun Chieh Yeh Heart Foundation and with a matching fund from the University to fulfill the University's commitment; and

- (g) Y.W. Kan Professorship in Natural Sciences  
The University of Hong Kong  
香港大學 簡悅威基金教授席(自然科學)

in appreciation of a generous donation of HK\$10 million from The Croucher Foundation and with a matching fund from the University to fulfill the University's commitment.

- 12. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee,

- (a) that Dr. Mary RODRIGUES be re-appointed as a member of the Human Resource Policy Committee under the membership category "Three members who are not employees or students of the University, appointed by the Council" for the period ending March 7, 2015; and
- (b) that Ms. XIA Yu, PhD in the Faculty of Engineering, be appointed as a member of the Graduate House Committee of Management under the membership category "One postgraduate student to represent the interests of the non-residents, nominated by the Postgraduate Students Association and appointed by the Council" for the period ending March 31, 2013.

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