

# THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

## COUNCIL

The following is a list of matters\* discussed at the Council meeting held on May 29, 2012:

1. The Council
  - (a) RECEIVED a report from the Vice-Chancellor on the recent activities of the University including
    - (i) the total funding for “overhead” support for research awarded to the University for the year 2012-13, which represented a move of the University Grants Committee (UGC) in the right direction to properly cover the research overheads incurred by the UGC-funded institutions;
    - (ii) the Annual Presidents Meeting of the *Universitas 21* which was held in Lund, Sweden from May 9 to 11, 2012;
    - (iii) the seminar on Dunhuang and Hong Kong: Gateways to Ancient and Modern China held at The British Library in celebration of the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR and the Centenary of the University on May 14, 2012; and the seminars given by Professor J.M.M. CHAN, Dean of Law, and Professor R.Y.C. WONG, Philip Wong Kennedy Wong Professor in Political Economy, on May 15, 2012 at the Drapers’ Hall in London;
    - (iv) the Centenary Luncheon held at the Drapers’ Hall in London on May 15, 2012 which was addressed by Lord Wilson of Tillyorn, President of the Hong Kong Association in London and former Chancellor and alumnus of the University; Mr. LIU Xiaoming, Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China to the United Kingdom; and Baroness Lydia DUNN, Chairperson of the Hong Kong Association and Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*; and attended by over 160 alumni, academic partners, friends, as well as business and community leaders in the United Kingdom; and
    - (v) the visit of the HKU delegation to the University of Cambridge which served to reaffirm the close collaboration and partnership between the two universities
  - (b) HEARD the Vice-Chancellor speak about the recently released QS Asian University Rankings 2012, in that despite the ranking results and the coverage in the media report, HKU, with efforts from its staff, had continued to perform well particularly in the area of citations per paper published by HKU academic colleagues, which was a clear indicator of high quality in research and research publications; and
  - (c) THANKED the Vice-Chancellor and his colleagues for their continuous efforts.

2. The Council
  - (a) RECEIVED a progress report from the Search Committee for the Next Vice-Chancellor;
  - (b) NOTED that pursuant to the resolution of the Council reached at its meeting on March 20, 2012, elections were held to fill the memberships of the Search Committee for the Next Vice-Chancellor, and the membership of the Search Committee was as follows:
    - Dr. Paul M.Y. CHOW (Chairman)
    - Professor C.M. CHE
    - Professor K.S.E. CHEAH
    - Professor R.Y.C. WONG;
  - (c) HEARD Dr. Paul CHOW, Chairman of the Search Committee, brief members on the work undertaken by the Search Committee, in that
    - (i) subsequent to a tendering and selection exercise, the Search Committee had appointed Korn/Ferry International (H.K.) Ltd. as the search agency to assist with the search exercise;
    - (ii) arrangements had been made for the Vice-Chancellorship to be openly advertised locally in the *South China Morning Post* and internationally; and
    - (iii) progress of the search exercise would be disseminated electronically to staff, students and members of the University community *via* the University website; and
  - (d) THANKED Dr. CHOW, and all members of the Search Committee for undertaking this important task.
3. The Council HEARD a presentation from Professor S.P. LEE, Dean of the Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine, on the need for an affiliated teaching hospital for the future development of the Medical Faculty.
4. 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 title “Bachelor of Arts in Conservation [文學士(建築文物保護)]” in paragraph 1(a) thereof.
5. The Council APPROVED the further revised agreement for signing by the University with the Zhejiang Government for the establishment of the HKU-Zhejiang Institute of Research and Innovation in Lin’an, Zhejiang, which had been finalized by both the University and the Zhejiang Government.
6. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Committee on Student Affairs,
  - (a) that the lodging charges for University-administered halls for 2012-13 be \$10,840 for undergraduates and \$13,279 for postgraduates (based on a total of 271 residential days from September 7, 2012 to June 5, 2013); and

- (b) that the lodging charges for University-administered student flats for 2012-13 be \$9,485 (for a residential year of 271 days).
- 7. The Council RECEIVED a paper on the retirement and appointment of trustees of the Boards of Trustees for the University's retirement schemes and APPROVED the recommendations therein.
- 8. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee, that the following be appointed as members of the Robert Black College Committee of Management under the category "The Fellows: Two members who are not employees or students of the University, appointed by the Council" from May 30, 2012 to May 29, 2015:
  - (a) Ms. Jennifer CHEUNG Big Yun, Hotel Manager of EAST, Hong Kong; and
  - (b) Ms. Ivy TONG May Hing, Consultant Solicitor of Messrs. Au-Yeung Cheng Ho & Tin, Solicitors.
- 9. The Council ENDORSED, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the revised arrangement for the authorized signatories to the University bank accounts and securities
- 10. The Council APPROVED a request of the Hong Kong University Students' Union (HKUSU), supported by the Accommodation Committee, that the space allocated to the HKUSU on G/F of the Composite Building for the new supportive facilities be recognized as being used as facilities of the University of Hong Kong and thereby in compliance with the land lease conditions which stipulated that the land should be used for "the purpose of the University"
- 11. The Council NOTED that, with the agreement of the Chairman of the Council, the HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education (HKU SPACE) had purchased a property at Sun Ying Industrial Centre at a cost of HK\$6M for replacing its Preparation Laboratory at Tsan Yuk Hospital, which tenancy agreement would expire on August 31, 2012, and that while the total purchase cost was borne by HKU SPACE, the purchase was made in the name of the University; and ENDORSED the purchase.

\* *Excluding personnel matters relating to individuals.*

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