

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of matters* discussed at the Council meeting held on September 25, 2012:

1. The Council
 - (a) RECEIVED a report from the Vice-Chancellor on the recent activities of the University including
 - (i) the ranking of the University in the 2012 QS World University Rankings in which the University was ranked number 23 and was the highest-ranked university in Asia; and
 - (ii) the operation on the campus during the first week of the new academic term;
 - (b) in furtherance to the report from the Vice-Chancellor, HEARD Professor R.T.H. CHIN, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, who chaired the “334” Crisis Management Team and was in charge of all the preparation for the start of the new term, elaborate on the measures undertaken to ensure smooth operation in the first two weeks of the new term, the latest position of the new residential colleges on Lung Wah Street, as well as the close monitoring of the operation;
 - (c) further HEARD Professor J.G. MALPAS, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Infrastructure), provide clarification to the media reports about the temperature setting in some of the classrooms in the Centennial Campus and the measures undertaken to rectify the matter; and
 - (d) THANKED all University staff for their efforts in ensuring the smooth operation of the new term, including the security guards and the Student Ambassadors.
2. The Council
 - (a) RECEIVED a report on the review of the Faculty of Engineering;
 - (b) HEARD the Vice-Chancellor brief members on the system of academic review currently implemented in the University, noting that its guidelines had been revised in February 2011 to take account of the experience gained and that each review would provide opportunities for the University and its academic units to consider strategy, performance and development with a view to making recommendations for future improvement;
 - (c) HEARD the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, who chaired the Advisory Group on Academic Reviews (AGAR), take members through the Review Report; in that

- (i) the Review Panel was chaired by Professor N. MOK and comprised two external members from overseas, two internal members from cognate Faculties and a lay member from the University Court;
 - (ii) the Review Report had been considered in detail by the Senior Management Team, the AGAR and the Academic Board, in addition to the Faculty of Engineering; and
 - (iii) the Review Panel had identified a number of issues of concern for the attention of the Faculty;
- (d) HEARD Professor N.C. TIEN, Dean of Engineering, on behalf of the Faculty, thank the Review Panel for the good observations made, which, in essence, recommending the Faculty of Engineering to become more contemporary in aspects of research and teaching; acknowledge that the Panel had identified many core strengths and pockets of excellence in the Report with the recommendations aimed to make the Faculty increasingly akin to other world-leading universities which were more impactful and relevant to society, and that the Report was helpful to the Faculty to chart its future course and it was seeking to become more multi-disciplinary; and inform members that the Faculty had just conducted a faculty retreat to reflect upon its research strength and direction, and that it would organize another retreat which focused on its curriculum;
- (e) NOTED that the Senate, in its consideration of the Report, had endorsed in full all the recommendations therein, noting that eight recommendations required the immediate attention by the Faculty; and
- (f) THANKED the Review Panel for its work and for the report, noting that the recommendations would be taken forward by the relevant parties of the University.
3. The Council
- (a) RECEIVED a paper from Professor G.W.K. TANG, Hospital Chief Executive of the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital; and
 - (b) AGREED that the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital be regarded as an affiliated hospital of the University for the purpose of informing the Ministry of Health of the Central Government of the People's Republic of China.
4. The Council APPROVED a proposal of the Director of IT Services, supported by the Senate and endorsed by the Senior Management Team, that the Computer Centre be renamed as Information Technology Services.
5. The Council NOTED that Professor P.Y.S. CHEUNG, Professor in the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering and former Dean of Engineering, had been appointed as Associate Vice-President in the Vice-Chancellor's Office from September 1, 2012 to February 28, 2014 to assist Professor P.K.H. Tam, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research), in discharging all aspects of research-related policies, and to continue his role as Director of the Technology Transfer Office and promote the development of the University's research activities in the Mainland, including HKU-Shenzhen

Institute of Research and Innovation (HKU-SIRI), and HKU-Zhejiang Institute of Research and Innovation (HKU-ZIRI) *etc.*

* *Excluding personnel matters relating to individuals.*

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