1. The Council

(a) RECEIVED a report from the Vice-Chancellor on the recent activities of the University including

(i) the admission results of the Joint University Programmes Admissions System (JUPAS);

(ii) the first International Baccalaureate World Student Conference in Asia held at HKU during August 11 to 16, 2013; and

(iii) the visit of a delegation to the University on August 19, 2013 comprising the Vice-Mayor of Shenzhen, various officers of the Shenzhen Government, and representatives from Shenzhen University, hospitals and research organizations in Shenzhen; and

(b) COMMENDED members of the University for the good results of the admissions exercise this year.

2. The Council APPROVED the 2014 UGC Capital Programme for submission to the University Grants Committee.

3. The Council

(a) RECEIVED a paper on the review of staff medical benefits; and

(b) APPROVED the recommended enhancements and changes to the medical provision of the University on the understanding that the University would keep under review the medical benefits provisions and submit further recommendations to the Council, as appropriate.

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 “Master of Arts in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (文科碩士(英語第二語言教學))” in paragraph 1(b) thereof.

5. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee, that Mr. MAN Cheuk Fei be re-appointed as Chairman of the Discrimination Complaints Committee under the category “A Chairperson who shall be a lay member of the Council, appointed for a period of two years” for the period ending June 30, 2015.
6. The Council NOTED that the Chairman of the Council had approved, on behalf of the Council, the inclusion in General Regulation G18 of the description of the academic dress for the Executive Vice-President as follows:

“A robe of rich black silk trimmed with grey silk ribbon and collar, silver lace and silver ornaments on back and wings to match. Black velvet college cap with silver tassel”.

7. The Council HEARD a presentation by Professor J.G. MALPAS, Senior Advisor to the Vice-Chancellor, on the latest progress of the Centennial Campus project.

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