The following is a list of matters discussed at the Council meeting held on July 29, 2014:

1. The Council RECORDED its deepest appreciation to Emeritus Professor W.I.R. DAVIES, the 13th Vice-Chancellor of the University who passed away on July 24, 2014, for his commitment and exceptional contributions to the University.

2. The Council CONGRATULATED Mr. Benjamin P.C. HUNG, the Hon. Martin C.K. LIAO, Professor S.J. ANDREWS, Dean of Education, and all other members of the University family for their respective awards on the 2014 Honours List of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region; and the Hon. Abraham L.H. SHEK for his being awarded an Honorary Fellowship by The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

3. The Council RECEIVED from the President & Vice-Chancellor a report on the recent activities of the University.

4. The Council
   (a) NOTED the progress of the Joint Universities Research Archive project; and
   (b) APPROVED the 2015 UGC Capital Programme for submission to the University Grants Committee.

5. The Council APPROVED in principle pay adjustments for eligible staff with retrospective effect from April 1, 2014, subject to the approval of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council on the civil service pay adjustment.

6. The Council
   (a) NOTED the extension of the following appointments until December 31, 2014:
      (i) Professor R.T.H. CHIN, Provost & Deputy Vice-Chancellor, as the Acting Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning); and
      (ii) Professor P.Y.S. CHEUNG, as Associate Vice-President (Research), and Professor L.G. THAM, as Associate Vice-President (Teaching & Learning); and
   (b) APPROVED that the Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellorship appointments of Professor P.K.H. TAM and Professor S.P. CHOW be extended until December 31, 2014.
7. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the President & Vice-Chancellor, that a series of four function rooms be named “Yao Ling Sun Cultural Commons” (姚連生文化坊), and the “Yao Ling Sun Student Development Fund” (姚連生學生發展基金) be established in Lap-Chee College, in recognition of a generous bequest of over HK$27 Million from the late Mr. YAO Ling Sun in support of University developments.

8. The Council APPROVED a recommendation of the Committee of Management of the Technology Support Centre, endorsed by the Senate, that the Technology Support Centre be disestablished.

9. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Senate, that the terms of reference of the University Health Services Committee be amended to provide for the appointment of a member nominated by the University of Hong Kong Employees Union so that all the staff associations would be represented on the Committee.

10. The Council APPROVED a recommendation of the Graduate School, supported by the Policy Board of Postgraduate Education, that the composition fees for part-time self-funded Research Postgraduate programmes be increased from $57,000 to $60,000 per annum, and that the new rate be applicable to new students registering on September 1, 2014 and thereafter.

11. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee, that Mr. Aloysius Wilfred Raj AROKIARAJ, PhD in the School of Biological Science, be appointed as a member of the Graduate House Committee of Management under the category “One postgraduate student to represent the interests of the non-residents, nominated by the PGSA and appointed by the Council” from as soon as possible for the period ending June 30, 2015.

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