

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of matters discussed at the Council meeting held on September 30, 2014:

1. The Council NOTED that Professor F.C.C. LEUNG, Professor in the School of Biological Sciences, had stepped down from his membership on the Council; and RECORDED a vote of thanks to Professor LEUNG for his participation in and contribution to the work of the Council.
2. The Council HEARD a report from the President & Vice-Chancellor, on the recent activities of the University including
 - (a) the student boycott of classes arising from the recent political situation; and the emails sent to the University community to communicate with students, staff and alumni the University stance and institutional policy on the protest and the boycott;
 - (b) the visit of a series of high-level external visitors;
 - (c) his meeting with the Vice-Mayor of Shenzhen on September 3, 2014 and subsequent meeting with a number of Shenzhen Government officials to exchange views about the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital; and
 - (d) the progress of the searches for suitable appointees for the five Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor positions.
3. The Council
 - (a) RECEIVED from the Audit Committee its annual report for the year 2013-14;
 - (b) HEARD Mr. K.M. WONG, Chairman of the Audit Committee, highlight the salient points of the report inclusive of the selection of external audit services for the University and its subsidiaries; and
 - (c) THANKED Mr. WONG and members of the Audit Committee for their work.
4. The Council
 - (a) RECEIVED the University's audited accounts for the year ended June 30, 2014;
 - (b) HEARD Mrs. Margaret M.Y. LEUNG KO, Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee, take members through the audited accounts;
 - (c) NOTED from Mr. K.M. WONG, Chairman of the Audit Committee, that the Audit Committee supported and approved the University's audited accounts; and

- (d) APPROVED the University's Annual Accounts for 2013-14.
5. The Council
- (a) RECEIVED a Letter of Representation in respect of the 2013-14 audit of the University's financial statements;
 - (b) NOTED that both the Senior Management Team and the Audit Committee had endorsed the Letter of Representation; and
 - (c) APPROVED the Letter of Representation, noting that the Director of Finance, with delegated authority from the Council, would sign the Letter accordingly.
6. The Council
- (a) RECEIVED a paper from Dr. Christopher W.C. CHENG, Chairman of the Human Resource Policy Committee (HRPC), inviting the Council to consider allowing the University to proceed without delay in the payout of the general pay adjustment for 2014-15 approved in principle by the Council at its meeting on July 29, 2014;
 - (b) HEARD Dr. CHENG take members through his paper and speak to the justifications for the recommendation of the HRPC; and
 - (c) RESOLVED to proceed without delay in the payout of the general pay adjustment of 5.96% and 4.71% for eligible staff for 2014-15 with retrospective effect from April 1, 2014 as approved by the Council at its meeting on July 29, 2014.
7. The Council
- (a) RECEIVED a progress update from Dr. S.J. CANNON, Executive Vice-President (Administration and Finance), on staff quarters, noting in particular
 - (i) that the University was looking into the financial, human resources and supply aspects pertaining to the provision of staff quarters with a view to ensuring that the University could stay competitive in recruiting and retaining talents; and
 - (ii) that the University administration was reviewing various means to increase the number of units;
 - (b) HEARD views and suggestions from members in the course of discussion; and
 - (c) THANKED Dr. CANNON for apprising members of the latest development.
8. The Council RECEIVED an update on the latest progress of the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital project.

9. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee,
 - (a) that the Hon. Mr. Justice Peter CHEUNG Chak-yau, Justice of Appeal of the Court of Appeal of the High Court, be re-appointed as a member of the Audit Committee under the membership category “Five members, appointed by the Council, who are not members of the Finance Committee (or any of its sub-committees) or responsible for the day-to-day management of the University” for the period November 19, 2014 to November 18, 2017; and
 - (b) that Ms. C.W.F. LEUNG, Instructor in Nursing Studies in the School of Nursing and nominated by the University of Hong Kong Employees Union, be appointed as a member of the University Health Services Committee under the membership category “One member each from the Academic Staff Association, the University of Hong Kong Staff Association and the University of Hong Kong Employees Union, nominated by the respective staff associations and appointed by the Council” from as soon as possible for the period until June 30, 2016.
10. The Council NOTED that Dr. Philip L.H. YU, Associate Professor in the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science, had tendered notice of his resignation from the trusteeship of the Staff Provident Fund and Staff Terminal Benefits Scheme (1988) with effect from October 9, 2014.

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