

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of non-restricted matters discussed at the Council meeting held on November 24, 2015:

1. The Council WELCOMED Professor Joseph C.W. CHAN, the newly elected teacher to the Council, to his first meeting of the Council; CONGRATULATED him on his being elected to the Council; and also CONGRATULATED Dr. K.C. CHEUNG on his re-election to the Council.
2. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Professor S. KWOK and Dr. Rosanna Y.M. WONG, who would retire from the Council on December 9 and December 11, 2015 respectively, for their contributions to the Council.
3. The Council RESOLVED unanimously that in the absence of the Chairman, Mrs. Margaret M.Y. LEUNG KO be chosen as the Chairman for this meeting in accordance with paragraph 1 of Statute XIV; and THANKED Mrs. LEUNG for agreeing to take on this role.
4. The Council
 - (a) RECEIVED a report from the President & Vice-Chancellor on the recent activities of the University including
 - (i) the assessment process of the University's teaching and learning programmes by the Quality Assurance Council;
 - (ii) the commitment to increase the number of joint or dual degree programmes with highly selected prestigious universities;
 - (iii) the unfortunate events in Paris on November 13, 2015 in which all 22 HKU students staying in France at that time, 20 of whom in Paris, were safe;
 - (iv) his meeting with distinguished overseas and Mainland visitors;
 - (v) his visit to Stanford University and his meetings with the HKU alumni in Vancouver, San Francisco and Shanghai; and
 - (vi) his attendance at a reception hosted by the Hong Kong Consul General of Singapore on November 9, 2015 to celebrate the award of scholarships to Hong Kong students to travel to Singapore; and
 - (b) HEARD a presentation by the President & Vice-Chancellor, making reference to the University's world rankings.

5. The Council

- (a) RECEIVED a report from the Hon. Abraham L.H. SHEK on the actions he had taken since the special meeting on November 12, 2015 with the power delegated to him by the Council at the special meeting; and
- (b) RECORDED a vote of thanks to Mr. SHEK for dealing with the Council business during this period.

6. The Council

- (a) RECEIVED a report on the academic review of the Faculty of Law;
- (b) HEARD the Provost & Deputy Vice-Chancellor, who chaired the Advisory Group on Academic Reviews (AGAR), take members through the Review Report, in that
 - (i) the review was undertaken by a Panel chaired by Professor T.M. BRAY 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 Law;
 - (iii) the Review Panel considered the Faculty to have made remarkable progress since the last review and achieved a strong reputation globally as a highly regarded, internationally significant, research institution that continued to attract top local students to its undergraduate and Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (PCLL) programmes; and
 - (iv) the Faculty would try its utmost to fulfill the tripartite agenda of scholarly research, work that served the local legal profession, and participate in legal and public affairs;
- (c) HEARD Professor M.Y.M. HOR, Dean of Law, express on behalf of the Faculty his thanks to the Review Panel for the balanced views in the Review Report; and that the Faculty was actively following up on the recommendations made by the Review Panel, including the establishment of an international advisory board; and
- (d) 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.

7. The Council

- (a) RECEIVED from the Senior Management Team a paper on the University's Vision 2025;

- (b) HEARD the President & Vice-Chancellor speak to the salient points of the paper; and NOTED in particular
 - (i) that the paper intended to present the overarching position of the University it aspired to be in 2025; and
 - (ii) that he welcomed comments members might have for incorporation into the paper for presentation to the Court at its coming meeting of December 17, 2015, after which the paper would be discussed by the Senate and a wider consultation process would be initiated;
- (c) further HEARD comments from members, and the President & Vice-Chancellor thanking members for the suggestions and responding to some of the comments from members; and
- (d) CONGRATULATED the President & Vice-Chancellor and other members of the Senior Management Team for preparing the vision statement.

8. The Council

- (a) RECEIVED a paper on the new search for the appointment of the Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Staffing and Resources); and
- (b) APPROVED the proposed membership for the Search Committee.

9. The Council

- (a) RESOLVED unanimously
 - (i) to delegate the power to the Hon. Abraham L.H. SHEK, to give instructions and to take all steps that a Chairman should normally address and take during the period until the appointment of a new Council Chairman in accordance with paragraph 2.(r) of Statute XIX or the next meeting of Council, whichever was the earlier; and
 - (ii) to authorise the Hon. Abraham L.H. SHEK, to also be the spokesperson of the Council during the period until the appointment of a new Council Chairman in accordance with paragraph 2.(r) of Statute XIX or the next meeting of Council, whichever was the earlier; and
- (b) THANKED Mr. SHEK for agreeing to take on the roles.

10. The Council RECEIVED a report on the monthly expenditures of the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital project.

11. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Senate, that following a review of the sub-divisions of studies and learning established under the provisions of Section 8(3) of the Ordinance in the Faculty of Business and Economics,
 - (a) the Centre for Financial Innovation and Risk Management be renamed as the Centre for Financial Innovation and Development; and
 - (b) the Chinese Management Centre (華人管理中心) be renamed as the Contemporary Marketing Centre (現代市場學中心), and that two Associate Directorships be created in the Centre to lead each of the two research themes of service marketing and consumer psychology.
12. The Council APPROVED on the recommendation of the Senate, that following a review of the Centre for Advancement in Inclusive and Special Education, a sub-division of studies and learning under the provisions of Section 8(3) of the Ordinance in the Faculty of Education, the Constitution of the Centre be amended as set out in document FE20/811 re-amended.

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