

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of non-restricted matters discussed at the Council meeting held on August 29, 2017.

1. The Council RECORDED its deepest condolences on the passing of Emeritus Professor Sir David TODD, who was the noblest of role models, contributed immensely to the University and made foundational contributions to the advancement of medicine and higher education in Hong Kong.
2. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Professor S.J. ANDREWS, Professor J.P. BURNS, and Professor E.C. CHANG who had retired/would retire from their respective Deanships of Education, Social Sciences, and Business and Economics.
3. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Mr. ZHU Ke, the postgraduate student representative, whose term of membership would end on October 25, 2017, for his participation in the work of the Council in the past two years.
4. The Council CONGRATULATED the Chairman and all other members of the University family concerned for their respective awards on the 2017 Honours List of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region; and Professor P.K.H. TAM, Provost & Deputy Vice-Chancellor for his being awarded the Denis Browne Gold Medal by the British Association of Paediatric Surgeons.
5. The Council RECEIVED a report from the President & Vice-Chancellor on the recent activities of the University including
 - (a) the University's positions in the three major rankings of world universities; and the initiatives launched for further improvement;
 - (b) the 2017 intake of students which included five HeForShe Impact Scholars funded by scholarships for students from the world's most disadvantaged countries;
 - (c) his condolences on the death of Emeritus Professor Sir David TODD;
 - (d) receipt from the Hong Kong Jockey Club the largest donation in the University's history towards the Grantham Hospital redevelopment project;
 - (e) his attendance at the inauguration of the new Chief Executive on July 1, 2017;
 - (f) his attendance at the annual meeting of Chinese university presidents from Mainland, Taiwan, Macau and Hong Kong from July 25 to 29, 2017;

- (g) the signing of collaborative agreements with TCL Corporation Ltd. in support of the work of Professor Vivian W.W. YAM of the Faculty of Science on August 2, 2017; with the University of Cambridge in support of the work of Professor Victor O.K. LI of the Faculty of Engineering on clean air and a sustainable environment on August 8, 2017; and with Cyberport for a deep collaboration on financial technology (FinTech) and big data on August 8, 2017;
- (h) the signing of an agreement with Shanghai Maritime University which, together with the HKSAR Government and the Hong Kong Shipowners Association to launch a series of collaborations to promote maritime research on August 14, 2017;
- (i) his meeting together with senior leaders from all UGC-funded universities with Mr. Kevin YEUNG, the new Secretary for Education, and senior members of his team from the Education Bureau;
- (j) his meeting together with the Council Chairman, Provost & Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Executive Vice-President and Registrar, with Sir Howard NEWBY and Mr. Dugald MACKIE of the UGC Governance Task Force, the UGC Chairman and Secretary-General on August 21, 2017; and
- (k) the visit to HKU by visitors from the University of Helsinki, Nanyang Technological University, Universities of Cambridge, Macau and Edinburgh and the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

6. The Council

- (a) RECEIVED a paper on the master planning for the University campus;
- (b) NOTED from Professor Edward K.Y. CHEN, Chairman of the Campus Development and Planning Committee, the background for engaging the consultancy firm to undertake a master planning study to explore potential sites in the region for future expansion to meet the strategic goals of the University; and the salient points in the master plan including the short to long-term objectives and the specific projects proposed for the University's campus development; and
- (c) ENDORSED the master planning study as outlined in the paper.

7. The Council

- (a) RECEIVED a paper on the chiller plant replacement programme for Main Campus and Sassoon Road Campus; and
- (b) ENDORSED the chiller plant replacement programme for Main Campus and Sassoon Road Campus, acknowledging that the University should take the lead in the use of renewable energy.

8. The Council

- (a) RECEIVED a recommendation of the Human Resource Policy Committee for a pay-level adjustment for eligible staff and pay-range adjustment for Assistant Professor (non-clinical) rank and non-academic bands of H and I; and
- (b) APPROVED with retrospective effect from April 1, 2017,
 - (i) subject to the receipt of the relevant supplementary funding from the UGC and after the approval of the civil service pay adjustment for 2017 by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, the pay adjustment of 2% for eligible Upper/Directorate salary bands staff; and 3% for staff in Middle/Lower salary bands; and
 - (ii) the increases to the minimum pay of the Assistant Professor (non-clinical) rank, and Bands H and I; and to the maximum of the sub-groups in Band I.

9. The Council

- (a) RECEIVED a paper on staff housing; and
 - (b) APPROVED the recommendations as set out in the paper in order to narrow the current gap in the level of benefits between the provision of quarters and the Non-Accountable Cash Allowance, allow more Associate Professors the option to take up University accommodation and Assistant Professors the option to take up University accommodation, enable the University to have a greater control and flexibility in managing the financial aspects of its housing stock, and remove the need for monetisation.
10. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Board of the Faculty of Science, supported by the Senate, that the following six research divisions be established as sub-divisions of studies and learning in the Faculty of Science under the provisions of Section 8(3) of the Ordinance with effect from the academic year 2017-18 for an initial period of five years:
- Research Division for Molecular and Cell Biology
 - Research Division for Ecology and Biodiversity
 - Research Division for Chemistry
 - Research Division for Earth and Planetary Science
 - Research Division for Physics and Astronomy
 - Research Division for Mathematical and Statistical Science
11. The Council RECEIVED from the Audit Committee its annual report for the year 2016-17.
12. The Council RECEIVED a progress report from Dr. T. Brian STEVENSON, Chairman of the Search Committee for the next President & Vice-Chancellor.

13. The Council

- (a) RECEIVED a paper on the recommendation of the Senior Management Team, supported by the Senate, that the University's Vision and Mission statement be amended;
- (b) NOTED from the President & Vice-Chancellor that the proposed revisions to the University's Vision and Mission statement were mainly to align with the strategic development plan of the University outlined in "Vision 2025", to incorporate in the University Vision the "3+1 Is", and to make explicit mention in the University Mission of the level of academic standards which the University aspired to and the graduate attributes as embraced in the University's Educational Aims in response to the quality audit report of the UGC's Quality Assurance Council; and
- (c) APPROVED that the University's Vision and Mission statement be amended.

14. The Council

- (a) HEARD a presentation by Professor C.M. LO, Hospital Chief Executive of the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital, about the work of the Hospital; and NOTED in particular
 - (i) the areas in which the Hospital demonstrated the "3+1 Is", *viz.* Internationalisation, Innovation and Interdisciplinarity, all converging on Impact, and contributed to the Three Pillars of the University which were teaching and learning, research and knowledge exchange;
 - (ii) the contributions made by the Hospital for health care reform in the Mainland through innovation in medical governance, management, service and behaviour;
 - (iii) the impact made by the Hospital as demonstrated by the wide media coverage on the Hospital's operations; and the practice of evidence-based medicine which contributed to the change in medical policy of the province as a whole;
 - (iv) the service development of the Hospital which indicated a general steady growth of both outpatients and inpatients; and its plan for further expansion in its services; and
 - (v) the medical services provided for the Hong Kong community; and the Hospital's contribution to teaching, learning and research of the University; and
- (b) THANKED Professor LO for the presentation; and CONGRATULATED Professor LO and all staff of the Hospital for bringing the Hospital to this stage of development.

15. The Council RECEIVED a report from the Review Panel on the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital project.

16. The Council RECEIVED a report on the financial update of the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital project for August 2017.
17. The Council
 - (a) RECEIVED a paper on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee to the President & Vice-Chancellor on Endowed Professorships on the establishment of eight new Endowed Professorships and the disestablishment of one existing Endowed Professorship;
 - (b) NOTED from the President & Vice-Chancellor that the University currently had over 100 Endowed Professorships; and that it might be timely to take stock of such success and review the scheme; and
 - (c) APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee to the President & Vice-Chancellor on Endowed Professorships,
 - (i) that the following eight new Endowed Professorships be established in appreciation of the generous donations of HK\$10 million from each of the respective donors and with matching funds from the University to fulfill the University's commitment:
 - Ada M F Chan Professorship in Oncological Pathology
The University of Hong Kong
香港大學 陳余梅芳基金教授席 (腫瘤病理學)
 - Tsang Wing-Hing Professorship in Clinical Neuroscience
The University of Hong Kong
香港大學 曾永馨基金教授席 (臨床神經科學)
 - Warren Chan Professorship in Human Rights and Responsibilities
The University of Hong Kong
香港大學 陳志海基金教授席 (人權與責任)
 - Peter Hung Professorship in Pain Research
The University of Hong Kong
香港大學 洪克協基金教授席 (疼痛研究)
 - Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Charity Foundation Professorship in Holistic Cancer Care
The University of Hong Kong
香港大學 雅麗氏何妙齡那打素慈善基金會基金教授席 (癌症綜合治理學)
 - Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Charity Foundation Professorship in Nursing
The University of Hong Kong
香港大學 雅麗氏何妙齡那打素慈善基金會基金教授席 (護理學)

- Mr and Mrs Hung Hing-Ying Professorship in the Arts
The University of Hong Kong
香港大學 孔慶熒梁巧玲基金教授席 (藝文)
 - Kerry Group Professorship in Globalisation History
The University of Hong Kong
香港大學 嘉里集團基金教授席 (全球化歷史); and
- (ii) that, with the consent of the donor, the Tung Lin Kok Yuen Professorship in Buddhist Art and Culture be disestablished, noting that the original donation of HK\$10 million as an endowment fund, together with the interests earned therefrom in the past years, would be re-designated to establish a scheme to promote research and academic activities in Buddhism under the Centre of Buddhist Studies, and the University's matching fund of HK\$10 million would be returned to the University.
18. The Council APPROVED a recommendation of the Board of the Faculty of Architecture, supported by the Senate, that the regulations governing the Madam Cheung So Yin Kay Fund be revised to reflect the transfer of the administration of the Fund from the Faculty of Business and Economics to the Ronald Coase Centre for Property Rights Research in the Faculty of Architecture.
19. The Council RECEIVED an annual report on waiver of overhead charges on non-UGC-funded research projects for the year 2016-17.

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