

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of non-restricted matters discussed at the Council meeting held on November 28, 2017.

1. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Professor P.W. MATHIESON, President & Vice-Chancellor, who would be leaving the University, for his leadership and sterling service to the University in the past years and wished him all the best in his future endeavours.
2. The Council RECEIVED a report from the President & Vice-Chancellor on the recent activities of the University including
 - (a) the achievements of the University in various areas and the progress made in the reforms initiated;
 - (b) the review undertaken by a panel chaired by Professor I.M. HOLLIDAY, Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning), on Residential Hall Education and Culture at HKU;
 - (c) his attendance at the annual HeForShe meeting in the margins of the United Nations General Assembly in New York on September 20, 2017;
 - (d) the inaugural meeting of HKU alumni in Myanmar hosted by him and Professor I.M. HOLLIDAY, Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning), on September 30, 2017 and their meeting with State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi, an honorary graduate of HKU, on October 2, 2017 during which HKU's existing engagement and future development in Myanmar had been discussed;
 - (e) the signing of collaboration agreement with the Dunhuang Academy in mid-October 2017;
 - (f) his visit to Delhi, India in early November 2017 and meeting with the Vice-Chancellor and various stakeholders of the University of Delhi; and
 - (g) his thanks to all members of Council past and present for their contributions, and to all the students, staff, alumni and friends of the University that had contributed in so many ways to making it the excellent institution that it was today.
3. The Council
 - (a) HEARD a presentation by Professor Z. CHEN, Director of the Asia Global Institute (AGI), on the development in the Institute; and NOTED in particular
 - (i) the background for the establishment of AGI, the mission statement and themes of AGI which outlined the broad areas of research and initiatives of AGI;

- (ii) the AsiaGlobal Fellows Program which aimed at developing the leadership skills of tomorrow's leaders and broadening their global knowledge, exposure and experience;
 - (iii) the *AsiaGlobal Online*, a digital journal published by AGI, which released two thought-provoking pieces every week with a view to bringing Asian perspectives to global issues;
 - (iv) the various policy research initiatives of AGI which facilitated knowledge discovery and acted as a platform for exchange among policy researchers from other countries;
 - (v) the experts which were appointed under the AGI Endowed Professorship scheme in different areas such as economic history, sustainable development, global economy, and China's internationalisation; and
 - (vi) the engagement programmes, academic outreach, lectures and seminars organised by AGI;
- (b) NOTED from the President & Vice-Chancellor, who chaired the Management Committee of AGI,
- (i) that AGI was established with an endowment from the Fung Global Institute as an interdisciplinary think tank with research background; and that given its independent nature, its sustainability depended on its ability to raise income;
 - (ii) that the AsiaGlobal Fellows Program, being a global initiative designed to nurture future leaders similar to the Yale World Fellows Program of the Yale University, had achieved great success so far and had produced a significant community of alumni for AGI; and
 - (iii) that Council members were most welcome to contribute to the *AsiaGlobal Online*;
- (c) DISCUSSED the prospects of AGI's research in the field of public governance and the opportunities for collaboration with other Faculties in different areas; and
- (d) THANKED Professor CHEN for the presentation.

4. The Council

- (a) RECEIVED a supplementary report from the Working Party on the Recommendations of the Review Panel on University Governance set up by the Council;
- (b) NOTED from Dr. T. Brian STEVENSON, Chairman of the Working Party,
 - (i) that the supplementary report of the Working Party reported on the discussion sessions held in early September 2017 with staff, students and alumni; and

- (ii) that the Working Party considered that the task of opening up the discussion with the University community had been completed satisfactorily;
 - (c) ENDORSED the suggestions made by the Working Party as set out in the supplementary report; and
 - (d) AGREED to dissolve the Working Party now that it had completed its tasks; and THANKED Dr. STEVENSON and all members of the Working Party for their work.
- 5. The Council
 - (a) RECEIVED a draft annual report for 2016-17 to the University Grants Committee (UGC) which was prepared by the Senior Management Team in accordance with the *Statement of Recommended Practice for the UGC-Funded Institutions*; and
 - (b) ENDORSED the report for submission to the UGC.
- 6. The Council
 - (a) RECEIVED a report on the review of the Faculty of Dentistry; and
 - (b) THANKED all members of the Review Panel, the Provost & Deputy Vice-Chancellor, and the Dean of Dentistry, for undertaking the review and for drawing up the report, noting that the recommendations would be taken forward by the relevant parties of the University.
- 7. The Council RECEIVED a progress report from Dr. T. Brian STEVENSON, Chairman of the Search Committee for the next President & Vice-Chancellor.
- 8. The Council RESOLVED that Professor Christopher CHAO, Chair Professor and Head of Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, be appointed as the next Dean of Engineering for a term of five years.
- 9. The Council APPROVED, for submission to the University Grants Committee, the progress report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Newby Report; and AGREED that the Working Party on the Implementation of the Recommendations of the Newby Report be dissolved since it had completed its main task.
- 10. The Council APPROVED on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee to the President & Vice-Chancellor on Endowed Professorships, that the following Endowed Professorships be established:
 - (a) Eugene Chuang Professorship in Developmental and Educational Psychology
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in appreciation of a generous donation of HK\$10 million from Mr. Eugene CHUANG and with a matching fund from the University to fulfill the University's commitment; and

- (b) Karen Lo Eugene Chuang Professorship in Diversity and Equity
The University of Hong Kong
香港大學 羅琪茵莊友堅基金教授席(多元與公平社會研究)

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11. The Council APPROVED a recommendation of the Emeritus Professors Committee, supported by the Senate, that the title of Emeritus Professor be conferred under the provisions of Statute XIII.1 on the following Professors, who retired from the University:
- Professor J.P. BURNS
Professor A.B.M. TSUI.
12. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Senate, that the Centre for Asian Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat, a sub-division of studies and learning in the Faculty of Engineering, be disestablished with immediate effect under the provisions of Section 8(3) of the Ordinance.
13. 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 following titles:
- (a) "Master of Accounting (會計學碩士)" in paragraph 1(b) thereof;
 - (b) "Master of Data Science (數據科學碩士)" in paragraph 1(b) thereof; and
 - (c) "Postgraduate Diploma in Landscape Architecture (園境深造文憑)" in paragraph 2(a) thereof.
14. The Council
- (a) NOTED the award of the "National 3A (三甲) Hospital Accreditation" and "National Residency Training Center (國家住院醫師規範化培訓基地)" status to the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital;
 - (b) HEARD from Professor C.M. LO, Hospital Chief Executive of the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital,
 - (i) that the Hospital had indeed fulfilled one of its commitments in its collaboration agreement with the Shenzhen Government by achieving 3A Accreditation, rendering it in a better position to negotiate with the Shenzhen Government and to move forward to another stage of development;
 - (ii) that the Hospital was China's youngest 3A hospital; and that this recognition would allow the Hospital to further develop its advance service and research in areas such as organ transplantation and oncology by facilitating licensure and major equipment procurement;

- (iii) that the resident doctors received by the Hospital following the endorsement of it as National Residency Training Center would enhance the service of the Hospital; and that this status would assist the Hospital in moving towards the goal of becoming a teaching hospital of HKU; and
 - (iv) that the Hospital had also recently received accreditation from the relevant Chinese authority for it to perform drug tests; and
 - (c) CONGRATULATED the Hospital Chief Executive and all who had put in efforts and contributed to the success of and recognitions received by the Hospital.
15. The Council NOTED that the Chairman of Council had approved, on behalf of the Council,
- (a) a recommendation of the Senate that the following be appointed/re-appointed as Public Orator:
 - Professor J.C. SCHENCKING in the School of Humanities, for the Congregation to be held on April 19, 2018; and
 - Professor R.M. WILKINSON in the Department of Professional Legal Education, for the period until June 30, 2019 (re-appointment);
 - (b) a recommendation of the Chairman of the Graduate House Committee of Management that Dr. Julian FONG Chun Yan be appointed as a member of that Committee under the membership category “Two persons not being officers or teachers, appointed by the Council” for the period November 3, 2017 to November 2, 2020; and
 - (c) a recommendation of the President & Vice-Chancellor that Mrs. Annie BENTLEY be re-appointed as the Chairman of the Robert Black College Committee of Management for the period ending September 30, 2020.

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