THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of non-restricted matters discussed at the Council meeting held on January 30, 2018.

1. The Council NOTED that under the provisions in Section 12(13) of the University Ordinance, Professor P.K.H. TAM, the Provost & Deputy Vice-Chancellor, would be the Acting President & Vice-Chancellor from February 1, 2018 until the assumption of duty of Professor Xiang ZHANG later this year; THANKED Professor TAM for agreeing to be the Acting President & Vice-Chancellor; and INVITED all staff, students, and alumni to lend every support to Professor TAM during this transitional period.

2. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Professor P.W. MATHIESON for his valuable contributions to the University in the past years.

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

(a) the Asia Global Dialogue which was the annual flagship event of the Asia Global Institute held on November 22, 2017;

(b) the symposium and dinner held on November 23, 2017 to mark the 35th anniversary of the Faculty of Dentistry as well as its second consecutive year as the number 1 ranked Dental School in the world;

(c) the University’s steadily improving positions in The Times Higher Education, the Quacquarelli Symonds and the Shanghai JiaoTong University rankings;

(d) the UGC-sponsored conference on elite athletes in the government-funded university sector held at the University on November 24, 2017;

(e) the visit of Mr. XIE Feng, Commissioner of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, to the University on November 24, 2017, and the dinner hosted by Mr. XIE at the Ministry attended by Presidents of universities in Hong Kong on January 10, 2018;

(f) his attendance at the biennial Hong Kong graduation ceremony of the University of Toronto on November 26, 2017;

(g) the event co-organised by the University and the Bridge Institute on how to reduce incidences of sexual harassment in the Hong Kong workplace held on November 27 and 29, 2017;

(h) the event held at the University Lodge as part of the latest iteration of the HKU mentorship scheme on November 27, 2017;
(i) his attendance with members of the Senior Management Team at the consultation forum requested by the HKU Students’ Union on November 29, 2017;

(j) the dinner hosted at the University Lodge to welcome the inaugural cohort of the Faculty of Arts’ “Society of Fellows” on November 30, 2017;

(k) the series of undergraduate and postgraduate congregations presided by him or the Provost & Deputy Vice-Chancellor in November and December 2017;

(l) his attendance at the 50th anniversary celebration of the Faculty of Social Sciences on December 4, 2017, the 130th anniversary celebration of medical education in Hong Kong on December 17, 2017, and the 100th anniversary celebration of teacher education in Hong Kong on January 19, 2018;

(m) his attendance with delegation from the University at the memorial event for Mrs. Mona SHAW on December 12, 2017; and

(n) the farewell event to him at Loke Yew Hall on January 17, 2018 and his best wishes to alumni, staff, students and friends of the University.

4. The Council

(a) RECEIVED a paper from the Finance Committee on the mid-year budget review for 2017-18;

(b) APPROVED the revisions to the 2017-18 budget related to the block grant activities; and

(c) THANKED the Treasurer, the Executive Vice-President (Administration and Finance), the Director of Finance, and all other members of the Finance Committee for apprising the Council of the budgetary position of the University.

5. The Council

(a) RECEIVED a report on the review of the Faculty of Business and Economics; and

(b) THANKED all members of the Review Panel, the Acting President & Vice-Chancellor, and the Dean of Business and Economics, 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.

6. The Council

(a) RECEIVED a report on the review of the Faculty of Education; and
THANKED all members of the Review Panel, the Acting President & Vice-Chancellor, and the Dean of Education, 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
   (a) RECEIVED from the Finance Committee its annual report for the year 2016-17; and
   (b) THANKED Mrs. LEUNG and members of the Finance Committee and its sub-committees for their work.

8. The Council APPROVED the re-appointment of Professor G.M. LEUNG as Dean of Medicine for five years from August 1, 2018.

9. The Council RECEIVED from the Director of Finance an annual report on the outside practice activities of professoriate staff of the University for the year 2016-17.

10. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the President & Vice-Chancellor, that in recognition of a generous gift of $100 million from Mrs. May TAM in support of University development, the innovation lab of the Faculty of Engineering occupying the ground floor and the lower ground floor of the Hui Oi Chow Science Building be named “Tam Wing Fan Innovation Wing (譚榮芬創科翼)”.

11. 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) Daniel C K Yu Professorship in Anaesthesiology
       The University of Hong Kong
       香港大學 於崇光基金教授席 (麻醉學)

       in appreciation of a generous donation of HK$10 million from Mr. Daniel C.K. YU and with a matching fund from the University to fulfill the University’s commitment;

   (b) Ru Chien and Helen Lieh Professorship in Health Sciences Pedagogy
       The University of Hong Kong
       香港大學 列汝儉列黃瑞容基金教授席 (健康科學教育學)

       in appreciation of a generous donation of HK$10 million from Professor Felice LIEH-MAK and with a matching fund from the University to fulfill the University’s commitment; and

   (c) Andrew K F Lee Professorship in Architecture Design
       The University of Hong Kong
       香港大學 李景勳基金教授席 (建築設計)

       in appreciation of a generous donation of HK$10 million from Mr. Andrew K.F. LEE and with a matching fund from the University to fulfill the University’s commitment.
12. The Council APPROVED the risk register of the University, as endorsed by the Audit Committee.

13. The Council APPROVED a recommendation of the Board of the Faculty of Engineering, supported by the Senate, that the Centre for Water Technology and Policy be established as a sub-division of studies and learning under the provisions of Section 8(3) of the Ordinance, to be jointly operated by the Faculties of Engineering and Social Sciences, for a period of five years from as soon as possible.

14. The Council APPROVED a recommendation of the Board of the Faculty of Engineering, supported by the Senate, that the Centre for E-Commerce Infrastructure Development, 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.

15. The Council ENDORSED, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee, the adoption of the “skill template” to facilitate membership appointments to the Council and chairmanship appointments for the strategic committees of the Council, noting that the Chairmen of the committees established by the Council would be invited to make recommendations for membership appointments in accordance with the “skills” they deemed fit for the memberships of their respective committees.

16. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee,

(a) that the following be appointed as Chairperson/member of the Advisory Committee on Donations for the period January 31, 2018 to January 30, 2020:

(i) Dr. Patrick S.C. POON, as the Chairperson under the category “A lay member from the HKU Foundation’s Board of Directors, nominated by the Chairperson of the HKU Foundation and appointed by the Council (Chairperson)”;

(ii) The Hon. Abraham L.H. SHEK, as a member under the category “A lay member from the Council appointed by the Council”;

(b) that Mr. Johnson KONG and Ir. Edmund LEUNG Kwong Ho be appointed as members of the Audit Committee under the 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 January 31, 2018 to January 30, 2021;

(c) that Dr. Joseph CHOW Ming Kuen and the Hon. Abraham L.H. SHEK be re-appointed as members of the Campus Development and Planning Committee under the category “5 members who are not employees or students of the University, appointed by the Council” for the period April 29, 2018 to April 28, 2021 and March 1, 2018 to February 28, 2021 respectively;
that the Hon. Abraham L.H. SHEK and Professor Rosie T.T. YOUNG be appointed as members of the Election Complaint Committee under the category “Two members from the Council, at least one being a lay member of the Council, appointed by the Council” for the period January 31, 2018 to January 30, 2021;

that Mr. Brian LI Man-bun be re-appointed as a member of the Finance Committee under the category “4 members who are not employees or students of the University, of whom at least one shall be a member of the Council, appointed by the Council” for the period February 4, 2018 to February 3, 2021;

that Mr. LAN Xin 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” for the period ending June 30, 2018;

that the Hon. Abraham L.H. SHEK be re-appointed as the Vice-Chairman of the Grievances Panel (Staff) under the category “A Vice-Chairman, appointed by the Council, who shall be a member of the Council but who is not appointee of the University” for the period “April 29, 2018 to April 28, 2021”; 

that the following be appointed as members of the Committee on Health, Safety and Well-Being for the period January 31, 2018 to January 30, 2021:

(i) Mr. Edward K.F. CHOW, under the category “A member of the Council, appointed by the Council”;

(ii) Mr. Stephen P.Y. CHEUNG and Ms. Rebecca P.W. POON, under the category “One member each from the Academic Staff Association (ASA), the University of Hong Kong Staff Association (HKUSA) and University of Hong Kong Employees Union (HKUEU), nominated by the respective staff associations and appointed by the Council”; and

(iii) Dr. LAU Ho Lim, under the category “A general practitioner from outside the University who is a member of the Hong Kong College of Family Physicians, appointed by the Council”;

that Mr. K.M. WONG be re-appointed as a member of the Mrs. Li Ka Shing Fund Committee of Management under the category “A member who is not an employee or student of the University, appointed by the Council” for the period April 25, 2018 to April 24, 2021; and

that Dr. Peter K.K. WONG be re-appointed as a member of the Committee for the Selection of Professional and Administrative Staff under the category “A member of the Council who is not an employee or student of the University, appointed by the Council” for the period April 29, 2018 to April 28, 2021.