THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of non-restricted matters discussed at the Council meeting held on May 23, 2019.

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

(a) the launch event “From Talents to Tech Landmark” to present to the University’s friends and benefactors the HKU Tech Landmark at University Drive;

(b) his participation in the 30th Anniversary Annual Conference of The Committee of 100 and the Universitas 21 Annual Presidents’ Symposium;

(c) the Annual Presidents’ Meeting of the Association of Pacific Rim Universities which he would attend and the University’s hosting for the 2020 Annual Presidents’ Meetings next year;

(d) his visit to the School of Biological Sciences and the School of Biomedical Sciences to engage in in-depth discussion with the academic leaders and research teams, particularly the younger members of staff;

(e) the successful presentation made by the University’s researchers in the Health@InnoHK scheme under the Innovation and Technology Commission of HKSAR Government;

(f) his meeting with the HKSAR Government to introduce the University’s plan for activities in the Greater Bay Area; his participation in the HKSAR delegation in taking part in the Second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation in Beijing; and the planned visit of the Chief Executive to the University for officiating the opening of the “Symposium for the Development of Higher Education, Innovation and Technology in the Greater Bay Area”; and

(g) the visits by distinguished groups and individuals to the University, with the most recent one being a delegation from Fudan University in which two Memoranda of Understanding were signed and the first HKU-Fudan Joint Conference was convened.

2. The Council APPROVED the 2020 UGC Capital Programme for submission to the University Grants Committee.

3. The Council APPROVED on the recommendation of the Board of the Faculty of Medicine, supported by the Senate, that under the provisions of Section 8(3) of the Ordinance, the Centre for PanorOmic Sciences (“CPOS”) be established as a sub-division of studies and learning, and that the Centre of Genomic Sciences, a sub-division of studies and learning in the Medical Faculty, be disestablished, with its functions to be subsumed under the CPOS.
4. The Council

(a) CONSIDERED the Review Report on the HKU Council Chairman Appointment 2018 (the “Review Report”) of the HKU Council Chairman Appointment Review Commission 2018 of The Hong Kong University Students' Union Council (the “Review Commission”);

(b) AGREED that the Review Report be referred to the next review committee of University governance for consideration; and

(c) RECORDED commendation on and appreciation for the efforts of the Review Commission in compiling the Review Report.

5. The Council APPROVED the preliminary income and expenditure forecast on block grant activities for 2019-20.

6. The Council RESOLVED to appoint Professor N.C. TIEN, Taikoo Professor of Engineering and Chair Professor of Microsystems Technology in the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, as the Interim Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Institutional Advancement) with effect from June 1, 2019 for a period of 12 months, or until the arrival of a new appointee, whichever was the earlier.

7. 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 title “Master of Science in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology and Diagnostic Imaging [理科碩士(口腔顱顔面放射及成像診斷學)]” in paragraph 1(b) thereof.

8. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee to the President & Vice-Chancellor on Endowed Professorships, that the following Endowed Professorship be established 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:

   Daniel C K Yu Professorship in Breast Cancer Research
   The University of Hong Kong
   香港大學  於崇光基金教授席 (乳腺癌研究)

9. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Committee on Student Affairs, the lodging charges for 2019-20 for University-administered halls and student flats, and the Residential Colleges in Jockey Club Student Village III.

10. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the proposed amendments to Departmental Financial Administration (DFA).

12. The Council NOTED, in connection with discussion about harassment, from the President & Vice-Chancellor that the University took a zero-tolerance stance toward discrimination and harassment of any kind and had established procedures and practices in place to handle related cases.

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