The following is a list of matters discussed at the Council meeting held on December 18, 2012:

1. The Council
   (a) CONGRATULATED Professor S. KWOK and Professor K.Y. YUEN on their being recently elected to the Council; and WELCOMED them to their first meeting of the Council;
   (b) also CONGRATULATED Dr. K.C. CHEUNG, Professor F.C.C. LEUNG and Dr. Rosanna Y.M. WONG on their re-election to the Council; and
   (c) RECORDED a vote of thanks to Mr. P.Y. CHEUNG, who had served the Council since 2003 and whose current term of membership expired on December 18, 2012, for his contributions to the Council.

2. The Council
   (a) HEARD the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, who chaired the University Health Services Committee (UHSC), report on the recent University’s Dental Unit incident which had been widely reported by the media, apprising members of the sequence of the incident, the number of affected patients, the setting up of an Investigation Panel by the UHSC to investigate the incident, the submission of a thorough report to the UHSC which had been posted on the University homepage, the consideration of the report’s findings and recommendations by the UHSC and the Senior Management Team, and the follow up actions taken thus far; and
   (b) THANKED the Investigation Panel members for their dedicated hard work and for drawing up the report.

3. The Council
   (a) RECEIVED a recommendation, supported by the Board of Trustees for Staff Provident Fund, that the period for deferment of payment of benefits for retirees on Staff Provident Fund Scheme be extended from 5 years to 10 years and that biannual withdrawals of benefits be allowed; and
   (b) APPROVED the recommendation, noting that the approved changes would be applicable to both existing and new deferred members of the Staff Provident Fund, and a Deed of Variation would be effected to reflect the extension of the deferred period.
4. The Council
   (a) RECEIVED from Professor J.G. MALPAS, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Infrastructure), a paper on the supply and demand of student housing in 2018;
   (b) SUPPORTED the initiative for the University to commence early discussion with the Government on the provision of additional sites for student accommodation; and
   (c) THANKED Professor MALPAS and the Estates Office for drawing up the paper.

5. The Council APPROVED a recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor that Dr. the Hon. C.H. LEONG be re-appointed as a member of the Court Life Membership Committee in the category “One lay member of the Council, appointed by the Council” for the period December 23, 2012 to December 22, 2015.

6. The Council
   (a) HEARD a presentation by Professor J.A. SPINKS, Director of Undergraduate Admissions and International Student Exchange, on the University undergraduate admissions; and
   (b) THANKED Professor SPINKS for the presentation; and his team’s work and effort in the student recruitment exercises.

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