

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of matters discussed at the Council meeting held on January 25, 2011:

1. The Council
 - (a) RECEIVED a report from the Vice-Chancellor on the recent activities of the University, including
 - (i) the HKU 100 Kick-off Ceremony, parade and carnival held on January 9, 2011 in the Stanley Ho Sports Centre;
 - (ii) the visit of a group of UGC members on January 12, 2011;
 - (iii) a recent brain-storming session of the Senior Management Team to look into ways to balance the budget of the University; and
 - (iv) the assumption of duties of the new Director of Human Resources, thereby concluding the implementation of all the major recommendations in the *Fit for Purpose Report*;
 - (b) NOTED that Professor D.P.Y. LUNG had been appointed Acting Dean of Architecture from January 6, 2011 until further notice; and
 - (c) AGREED that despite the Council resolution made in 1995 (whereby it was agreed that the University took the year of foundation of its predecessor, the Hong Kong College of Medicine, which was 1887, as the baseline for the calculation of its own various anniversaries), 1911, which was taken as the foundation year for the later organization of the celebration of its 90th Anniversary in 2001, should be taken as the year in which the University was established.
2. The Council RESOLVED that Professor John P. BURNS be appointed as the next Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences for a fixed term period of five years from September 1, 2011 under the provisions of Statute IX.1; and RECORDED a vote of thanks to Professor I.M. HOLLIDAY, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, for his contributions to the Faculty during his term of Deanship in the past years.
3. The Council SUPPORTED in principle the establishment of the proposed self-funded college under the Post-Secondary Colleges Ordinance (the “New College”) to offer first degrees that are not awards of HKU, in order to take matters further at this stage, subject to the proviso that a risk assessment of the financial, legal and commercial risks be carried out by an independent consultant; and APPROVED the formation of a company limited by guarantee with Memorandum and Articles of Association which would constitute the legal entity for the New College.

4. The Council RECEIVED a report from the Vice-Chancellor on the meeting of the Legislative Council (LegCo) Bills Committee held on January 18, 2011; in discussing the suggestion of adding representation of LegCo members on the Council, REAFFIRMED that the basic principle of trusteeship should be firmly upheld and all members of the Council should serve as trustees and not delegates of a particular constituency, noting also that there were already channels through which LegCo members could be appointed to the Council; and AGREED that
 - (a) the Human Resource Policy Committee be invited to look into the request of the University of Hong Kong Staff Association for staff representation on committees dealing with HR matters; and
 - (b) based on members' views, the Council Chairman would work closely with the administration to formulate a reply to the Bills Committee.
5. The Council APPROVED a recommendation of the Chairman of the Council and the Vice-Chancellor that Dr. Paul M.Y. CHOW be appointed as Treasurer for a period of three years until December 31, 2013; and RECORDED a vote of appreciation in acknowledgement of the most valuable contribution of Mr. Henry H.L. FAN to the University as the Treasurer for the past nine years.
6. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee, that the following be appointed as members of the Council in the membership category "Six persons, not being students or employees of the University, appointed by the Council" in accordance with the provisions of Statute XVIII.2(a) from January 28, 2011 for a period of three years:

Mr. Christopher W.C. CHENG
Mr. WONG Kai Man.
7. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee,
 - (a) that Mr. WONG Kai Man be appointed as the Chairman of the Audit Committee under the membership category "The Chairman, to be appointed by the Council from amongst those lay members with audit, financial or accounting experience" from January 28, 2011 for a period of three years; and
 - (b) that Mr. WU Wei, MSc(Eng)(IELM) in the Faculty of Engineering, be appointed as a member of the Graduate House Committee of Management under the membership 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 January 31, 2012.
8. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Senate, that Professor R.M. WILKINSON of the Department of Professional Legal Education be re-appointed as Public Orator for the period ending June 30, 2012.