THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of matters* discussed at the Council meeting held on June 26, 2012:

1. The Council

(a) WELCOMED Professor N.C. TIEN, who had recently taken up the Deanship of the Faculty of Engineering, to the meeting; and RECORDED its appreciation and thanks to Professor L.G. THAM for his contributions during his interim Deanship of Engineering; and

(b) RECORDED a vote of thanks to Mr. P.B.L. LAM, Director of Finance, who would retire on June 30, 2012 after serving the University for over 34 years, for all his contributions to the University in the past decades; and NOTED that he would continue to support the work of the University as the Senior Advisor to the Vice-Chancellor (Financial & Investment Management and Fund-raising).

2. The Council

(a) RECEIVED a report from the Vice-Chancellor on his meeting with the Vice Minister of Education, Professor HAO Ping, together with the Permanent Secretary of Education and the Heads or representatives of the other UGC-funded institutions in Beijing on June 14, 2012; and

(b) NOTED from Professor R.T.H. CHIN, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, that the Central Government wished to introduce a new student exchange scheme between Hong Kong and the Mainland involving 13 postsecondary education institutions in Hong Kong and selected universities in the Mainland.

3. The Council

(a) RECEIVED the income and expenditure forecast on block grant activities for 2012-13, which had been endorsed by the Finance Committee;

(b) APPROVED the 2012-13 income and expenditure forecast, noting that the Budget Small Group would deliberate further on the budget proposals submitted by administrative and support units in June; and

(c) THANKED Dr. Paul CHOW, Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee, and members of the Finance Committee for their advice to the University.

4. The Council

(a) RECEIVED a paper on the naming of buildings on the Centennial Campus;
(b) NOTED from the Chairman that the three new buildings on the Centennial Campus to be named as “The Jockey Club Tower (賽馬會教學樓)”, the “Run Run Shaw Tower (逸夫教學樓)”, and the “Cheng Yu Tung Tower (鄭裕彤教學樓)” would house the Faculties of Social Sciences, Arts and Law respectively;

(c) APPROVED that

(i) a building on the Centennial Campus be named “The Jockey Club Tower (賽馬會教學樓)”, in recognition of the generous gift from The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust in support of campus and University developments;

(ii) a building on the Centennial Campus and the former Senior Staff Headquarters of the Water Supplies Department be named “Run Run Shaw Tower (逸夫教學樓)” and “Run Run Shaw Heritage House (逸夫苑)” respectively, in recognition of the generous gift from The Shaw Foundation Hong Kong Limited in support of campus and University developments;

(iii) a learning area on the podium of the Centennial Campus be named “Yu Chun Keung Tam Shuk Yin Learning Centre (余振強伉儷學習中心)”, which included a lecture theatre “Yu Chun Keung Tam Shuk Yin Lecture Theatre (余振強伉儷講堂)” and one seminar room as well as six tutorial rooms, in recognition of the generous gift from Yu Chun Keung Charitable Trust Fund in support of University developments; and

(iv) the following namings on the Centennial Campus be revised as

a. “Lee Shau Kee Lecture Centre (李兆基會議中心)”, previously approved by the Council in November 2007 as “Shau Kee Lecture Centre (李兆基會議中心)”;

b. “Chi Wah Learning Commons (智華館)”, previously approved by the Council in November 2007 as “Colin Lam Learning Commons (林高演學堂)”;

and

c. “Cheng Yu Tung Tower (鄭裕彤教學樓)”, previously approved by the Council in March 2008 as “Cheng Yu Tung Building (鄭裕彤樓)”;

(d) RECORDED a vote of thanks to all the donors who had supported the University activities.

5. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the adoption of a “Whistle-blowing” Policy Statement, subject to incorporating comments from members.
6. The Council

(a) RECEIVED a verbal report from Professor S.P. LEE, Dean of Medicine, on the progress of the proposed plan to develop an affiliated teaching hospital system;

(b) also HEARD a report from Professor G.W.K. TANG, Hospital Chief Executive of the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital, on the progress of the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital; and

(c) THANKED Professor LEE and Professor TANG for the reports, and for their contribution towards the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital.

7. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Policy Board of Postgraduate Education, that the annual tuition fee for new students who registered for self-funded part-time Research Postgraduate programmes on September 1, 2012 and thereafter be increased from $50,500 to $53,000.

8. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the proposed amendments to Departmental Financial Administration.

9. The Council APPROVED on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee, that the following be appointed/re-appointed as members of the University Health Services Committee under the respective membership categories for the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014:

(a) “A member, nominated by the Academic Staff Association, appointed by the Council”

   Dr. S.W. CHEUNG, Associate Professor in the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering;

(b) “A member, nominated by The University of Hong Kong Staff Association, appointed by the Council”

   Mr. P.Y. CHEUNG, Senior Clerk in the Department of Social Work and Social Administration (re-appointment); and

(c) “A general practitioner from outside the University who is a member of the Hong Kong College of Family Physicians, appointed by the Council”

   Dr. LAU Ho Lim, a general practitioner and Honorary Treasurer of the Hong Kong College of Family Physicians (re-appointment).

* Excluding personnel matters relating to individuals.