

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of matters* discussed at the Council meeting held on August 30, 2011:

1. The Council APPROVED
 - (a) the proposed policies and procedures for acting Deanship and interim Deanship appointments; and
 - (b) on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, that Professor D.P.Y. LUNG and Professor L.G. THAM be appointed as the interim Dean of Architecture and the interim Dean of Engineering respectively until the arrival of the respective new Dean under the provisions of Statute IX.1.
2. The Council AGREED to defer consideration of the income and expenditure forecast on block grant activities for 2011-12 to the next meeting.
3. The Council APPROVED that a pay adjustment of 7.24% and 6.16% for eligible staff in the respective categories be implemented with retrospective effect from April 1, 2011.
4. The Council APPROVED the 2012 UGC Capital Programme for submission to the University Grants Committee.
5. The Council RECEIVED a paper on the review of medical clearance process for senior appointments; and AGREED that the Director of Human Resources be invited to look further into the implementation details of the revised medical clearance process in the light of the comments made by members.
6. The Council
 - (a) NOTED from the Chairman that the Centenary Ceremony, which was attended by the Vice-Premier LI Keqiang of the State Council, was held on August 18, 2011; and that in view of the widespread concerns from students, colleagues, alumni and the general public on the security arrangements and the protocols of the ceremony, HEARD the Chairman invite the Vice-Chancellor to give members a chronology of events relating to the ceremony;
 - (b) HEARD the Vice-Chancellor speak to the chronology of events;
 - (c) REAFFIRMED that the University would continue its commitment to freedom, liberty and diversity and would always remain a place for freedom of expression; and

- (d) RESOLVED unanimously, on the recommendation of the Council Chairman
- (i) that a panel consisting of students, staff, alumni and Council members be set up with the following general terms of reference:
- “In the light of the controversy surrounding the Visit of the Vice-Premier LI Keqiang to the University of Hong Kong, to review the areas of concerns with a view to making recommendations to the Council on means of improving arrangements and establishing appropriate mechanisms and policies for future University events to make sure that HKU will continue its commitment to freedom, liberty and diversity and will always remain a place for freedom of expression.”;
- (ii) that Mr. Lester HUANG be appointed as the convenor of the panel; and
- (iii) that the Chairman, in consultation with Mr. HUANG, would proceed with the appointment of members to the panel under the different categories of membership.

** Excluding personnel matters relating to individuals.*

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