

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of matters discussed at the Council meeting held on November 22, 2011:

1. The Council
 - (a) RECEIVED a report from the Vice-Chancellor on the recent activities of the University, including
 - (i) his attendance at the Universities Global Strategy Symposium (UGSS) in Tokyo on October 28, 2011;
 - (ii) the first meeting of the Board of Directors of the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital in Shenzhen on November 14, 2011;
 - (iii) the Presidents Summit – East Meets West, which would be held on December 18, 2011; and
 - (iv) the progress of work for the setting up of the HKU Research Centre in Shenzhen;
 - (b) HEARD the Vice-Chancellor thank the Council for inviting him to stay on after the end of his current contract on August 31, 2012 and before the arrival of the new Vice-Chancellor for a period of up to 18 months; and further HEARD the Chairman, on behalf of the Council, thank the Vice-Chancellor for offering himself to help the University to ensure a smooth transition to the arrival of the next Vice-Chancellor; and
 - (c) NOTED that active progress was being made to constitute the Ad Hoc Group with the remit of consulting staff, students, alumni and other relevant stakeholders of the University on the procedures and the criteria for the selection of the next Vice-Chancellor and making recommendations to the Council in light of the comments and suggestions received; and that the Ad Hoc Group had planned to hold its first meeting in early December 2011.
2. The Council
 - (a) RECEIVED a report on the review of the Faculty of Dentistry;
 - (b) HEARD the Vice-Chancellor brief members on the system of academic review currently implemented in the University, noting that its guidelines had been recently revised to take account of the experience gained and that each review would provide opportunities for the University and its academic units to consider strategy, performance and development with a view to making recommendations for future improvement;
 - (c) HEARD the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, who chaired the Advisory Group on Academic Reviews, take members through the Review Report;

- (d) NOTED that the Senate, in its consideration of the Report, had endorsed in full all the recommendations therein, noting that seven recommendations required the immediate attention by the Faculty; and
 - (e) THANKED the Review Panel for its work and for the report, noting that the recommendations would be taken forward by the relevant parties of the University.
3. The Council APPROVED, on the nomination of the five members of the Legislative Council elected to serve on the Court of the University, that the Hon. Abraham SHEK Lai-him be appointed as a member of the Council in the category “6 persons, not being students or employees of the University, appointed by the Council” from as soon as possible for a period of 3 years.
4. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Chairman of the Council, that the following members of the Council be re-appointed as members of the Nominations Committee for the period December 23, 2011 to December 22, 2013:
- (a) Dr. Paul M.Y. CHOW, in the category of “One lay member of the Council, appointed by the Council, for a period of two years”; and
 - (b) Professor G.W.K. TANG, in the category of “One academic member of the Council, appointed by the Council, for a period of two years”.
5. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee,
- (a) that the following be appointed/re-appointed as members of the Audit Committee under the membership category “Five members, appointed by the Council, who are not members of the Finance Committee (or any of its sub-committees) or responsible for the day-to-day management of the University” for the respective periods:

The Hon. Mr. Justice Peter CHEUNG Chak-yau, for the period ending November 18, 2014 (re-appointment); and
Dr. Kenneth TSE Kam-tim, from as soon as possible for a period of three years; and
 - (b) that Mrs. E.V. GOODING, Senior Teaching Consultant in the Department of Professional Legal Education, be re-appointed as a member of the Grievances Panel for Students under the category “One member from each Faculty appointed by the Council on the nomination of the Board of the Faculty concerned from among its members (Law)” for the period ending August 31, 2013.
6. The Council
- (a) HEARD a presentation by Professor S.P. CHOW, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (University Relations), and Ms. B.W.S. TSUI, Director of the Development and Alumni Affairs Office, on the Centenary celebrations; and

- (b) THANKED Professor S.P. CHOW and Ms. B.W.S. TSUI for the presentation; and their team's work and effort in preparing the Centenary celebrations.

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