

LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

A Summary of Discussions and the Decisions of the Council Meeting Held on 13 October 2014

1. The Council WELCOMED a new Member Dr Thelma TONG and the Acting Vice-President, Professor Shalendra SHARMA for attending the Council meeting for the first time.
2. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Mr CHEUNG Leong who resigned from the Council with effect from mid-August 2014 and Mr Patrick MA Ching-hang whose terms of office will be completed in late October 2014.
3. The Council RECEIVED a report from the President on the recent activities of the University, including
 - (a) The University has signed inter-institutional agreements of cooperation with the following institutions, viz. Keimyung University (Korea), Pacific University (United States), and Shanghai University of Finance and Economics (China). The scope of these agreements covers student and faculty/staff exchange programmes, etc.
 - (b) The University has signed an agreement for study abroad and academic exchange programmes with La Trobe University (Australia), which provides detailed articulation in regard to the study abroad and exchange programmes.
 - (c) The University has signed a student exchange agreement with the Faculty of Arts, Aarhus University (Denmark).
 - (d) The University has signed with the KIMEP University (Kazakhstan) an agreement that includes reciprocal student exchange, training, and internship activities.
 - (e) In addition, the University has also renewed inter-institutional agreements of cooperation with three institutions, viz. Butler University (United States), Centenary College of Louisiana (United States), and Jeju National University (Korea).
 - (f) To celebrate the opening of the Jockey Club Student Village and The Jockey Club New Hall generously funded by The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, an Opening Ceremony was held on Thursday, 18 September 2014 in the Jockey Club Student Village. Officiating guests included Dr. Simon S.O. Ip, Chairman, The Hong Kong Jockey Club, the Chairman of the Council, and the President.
 - (g) *“Ye Si’s 1950s: Criticisms on Hong Kong Literature and Culture”* authored by the late Prof. Leung Ping-kwan (Ye Si), Chair Professor of Comparative Literature of the Department of Chinese and Director of the Centre for Humanities Research at Lingnan University, has been named one of the 11 distinguished Chinese books published in 2014.
 - (h) Prof. Charles Kwong Yim-tze, Professor of Chinese & Translation and Adjunct Professor of Philosophy has been selected as one of the three recipients of the UGC Award for Teaching Excellence 2014.

- (i) The University was one of the three winning teams, without any particular order, in the HSBC Hong Kong Business Case Competition 2014 held on Tuesday, 3 June 2014.
 - (j) Lam Wing-ye, Year 2 student of the Bachelor of Social Sciences Programme, has been awarded the HSBC Overseas Scholarship to take a one-year course in Geography and Environment study at the London School of Economics and Political Science, UK, in the academic year 2014-15. Year 2 students Au Suet-sze from the Bachelor of Business Administration Programme and Cheng Ka-lok from the Bachelor of Arts in Translation Programme have also been awarded the HSBC Hong Kong Scholarships. They received their awards at the HSBC Scholars Day on Wednesday, 16 July 2014.
4. The Council APPOINTED/RE-APPOINTED the following members to the standing committees concerned:
- (a) Appeals Committee
 - appointment of Mr Franklin LAM Fan-keung as Chairman and Mr Martin DOWNEY as a member with effect from 22 October 2014
 - (b) Audit Committee
 - appointment of Dr Thelma TONG as a member with effect from 22 October 2014
 - (c) Campus Development and Management Committee
 - re-appointment of Ir Edmund LEUNG Kwong-ho as Vice-Chairman for a term of two years with effect from 22 October 2014; and
 - appointment of Ms Katherine CHEUNG Marn-kay as a member with effect from 22 October 2014
 - (d) Career Development Committee
 - appointment of Dr Alex LEE Ye-lick as a member with immediate effect
 - (e) Finance Committee
 - appointment of Ms Katherine CHEUNG Marn-kay as a member with effect from 22 October 2014
 - (f) Institutional Advancement Committee
 - appointment of Mr Martin DOWNEY as a member with effect from 22 October 2014
 - (g) Management Committee for the Fong Sum Wood – Chang Han Tsiu Education Fund
 - re-appointment of Dr Herdip SINGH as a member with effect from 14 December 2014 for a term of two years
 - (h) Staffing Committee
 - appointment of Mr Robert DORFMAN as Vice-Chairman with immediate effect
 - appointment of Mr Simon IP Shing-hing as Chairman and Dr Thelma TONG as a member with effect from 22 October 2014
 - (i) Review Panel on Lingnan University Ordinance
 - appointment of Mr Simon IP Shing-hing as a member with effect from 22 October 2014
 - (j) Board of Governors of the CC and LIFE
 - appointment of Ms CHOI Yuk-ling and Mr Winn CHOW Wing-yiu as a member with effect from 24 October 2014 for a term of two years; and

- appointment of Dr Tommy YEUNG Kai-yin as a member with effect from 20 December 2014 for a term of two years.

5. The Council NOTED the general situation of the progress/updates of the following building projects on campus:

- (a) the Jockey Club New Hall;
- (b) the Simon and Eleanor Kwok Building, Wong Hoo Chuen Hall & Wu Jieh Yee Hall;
- (c) the covered student activities area between the Amenities Building and the Dorothy Y.L. Wong Building (Skylight Plaza);
- (d) the footbridge linking the Patrick Lee Wan Keung Academic Building and indoor sports complex to the existing public footbridge;
- (e) renovation works to the Northern and Southern Vehicular Entrances of the University;
- (f) upgrading of IT infrastructure for student hostels;
- (g) improvement works to Mr and Mrs Lam Kau Yui Fitness Centre and changing rooms at indoor sports complex and extension of spectator stand at outdoor sports ground; and
- (h) improvement works to the existing disabled lift at the Chan Tak Tai Auditorium, and re-arrangement of the Fong Sum Wood Library's study area at 2/F and 3/F of Patrick Lee Wan Keung Academic Building and Wong Administration Building.

6. The Council APPROVED the following:

- (a) the adoption of the "Rules of Procedure for Meetings of the Council, the Court and the Committees appointed by the Council";
- (b) the audited Financial Statements of the University for the year ended 30 June 2014;
- (c) the Compliance Report and Annual Return on the use of UGC funds for the year ended 30 June 2014;
- (d) the audited Financial Statements of the Community College at Lingnan University for the year ended 30 June 2014; and
- (e) the proposed revision of the terms of reference of the Audit Committee.

7. The Council NOTED the term of office of the Honorable Bernard Charnwut CHAN as Chairman of the Council and concurrently ex-officio of member of the Court will end on 21 October 2014. On behalf of the Council, the Deputy Chairman expressed gratitude and deep appreciation to the Council Chairman for his distinguished leadership in the Council and remarkable contributions to the University for the past years.

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