

LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

A Summary of Discussions and Decisions of the Council Meeting Held on 11 October 2021

1. The Council WELCOMED the Most Revd Dr Paul KWONG for attending the Council meeting for the first time.
2. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to the outgoing lay members, viz. Ms CHAN Man Ki Maggie, Dr the Honourable HO Kwan Yiu Junius, Mr LEE Hon Cheung Armstrong and Mr Michael NGAI whose terms of office as members of the Council would be completed on 21 October 2021 as well as the outgoing elected staff members, viz. Professor CHAN Hau Nung Annie and Professor YEY Yueh Yu Emilie whose terms of office would be completed on 4 November 2021.
3. The Council RECEIVED a report from the President on the activities of the University, including:
 - (a) The University has recently established new agreements on academic cooperation with Ahmedabad University (India), Akenten Appiah-Menka University of Skills Training and Entrepreneurial Development (Ghana), Augustana College (the US), Burgundy School of Business (France), Qingdao Innovation Research Institute of Arts and Science, Tsinghua (China), Sabanci University (Turkey) and Shenzhen Open University (China).
 - (b) The University has renewed its inter-institutional agreement of cooperation with Davidson College (the US), Donghua University (China), High Point University (the US), ICHEC Brussels Management School (Belgium), Les Facultés de l'Université Catholique de Lille (France), Pusan National University (Korea), University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business (Slovenia) and Utica College (the US).
 - (c) In addition, LU and iFLYTEK Corporation (科大訊飛股份有限公司) have signed a memorandum of understanding on the partnership in building the Global Chinese Learning Resources Platform.
 - (d) The Senate recently approved the establishment of a new “*Assessment Panel for Special Requests from Students with Special Educational Needs (SEN)*” to consider special requests from students with SEN, which may not fall into the areas that are handled by the existing mechanisms such as IELTS to fulfill the English Language Graduation Requirements.
 - (e) In the 2021-22 funding exercise, the University has 22 projects funded by the General Research Fund (GRF), Early Career Scheme (ECS) and Humanities and Social Sciences Prestigious Fellowship Scheme (HSSPFS) at a total sum of HK\$9.6 million.
 - (f) LU scholars have obtained significant Research Grant Council research fellowships for 2021-22, viz. Professor Darrell ROWBOTTOM with a grant of almost HK\$7.8 million for the 60-month fellowship period and Professor Emilie YEY with a grant of HK\$513,000 which is the largest of the nine HSSPFS awards for the year.
 - (g) LU students have received awards respectively in the Outstanding Tertiary Students Selection 2021, HSBC Greater Bay Area (Hong Kong) Scholarships 2020-21, the 6th National College Student Art Exhibition and Performance

Awards and the Shenzhen Guangming District Innovation & Entrepreneurship Competition - Hong Kong Area.

- (h) The University conducted a staff seminar on the Hong Kong National Security Law on 13 September 2021.
 - (i) Two LU inventions under the Lingnan Entrepreneurship Initiative have received awards, viz. the transparent anti-COVID-19 mask has won the 1st runner-up of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE) Engineers Award 2021 and the CREW wheelchair control system has received the Gold Winner of the MUSE Design Awards for Conceptual Design.
4. The Council RECEIVED the following:
- (a) Confirmed minutes of the Senate meeting held on 24 May 2021,
 - (b) Confirmed minutes and a summary of discussions and decisions of the meeting of the Board of Governors (BoG) of Lingnan Institute of Further Education (LIFE) held on 11 March 2021,
 - (c) Report from the Audit Committee,
 - (d) Report from the Christian Activities Committee,
 - (e) Report from the Finance Committee,
 - (f) Report from the Institutional Advancement Committee, and
 - (g) Report from the Review Panel on the Lingnan University Ordinance.
5. The Council RECEIVED the Report from the Campus Development and Management Committee and NOTED the latest progress/updates of the various building projects, *inter alia*, the development of “Lingnan Hub”, installation of internal lift system and upgrade of the IT infrastructure and addition of mezzanine level at the Fong Sum Wood Library, and the upgrade works for the Chan Tak Tai Auditorium.
6. The Council CONFIRMED the appointment of Dr HO Wing Rosiah, Dr LAI Wan Lung and Professor LAU Chi Pang as members of the Council under section 12(1)(d) of the Lingnan University Ordinance (LU Ordinance), and Professor DUFFY Peter and Professor LI Donghui as members of the Council under section 12(1)(e) of the LU Ordinance with effect from 5 November 2021 for a period of three years.
7. The Council APPROVED the following:
- (a) the appointment of Mr LEUNG Yiu Hung Humphrey (teaching staff representative) as a member of the BoG of LIFE under the category “Three elected LIFE staff representatives with at least one from full-time teaching staff and one from full-time administrative staff” for a term of two years with immediate effect,
 - (b) the appointment of Ms KWOK Yeuk Ting Olivia (administrative staff representative) as a member of the BoG of LIFE under the category “Three elected LIFE staff representatives with at least one from full-time teaching staff and one from full-time administrative staff” for a term of two years with effect from 1 November 2021,
 - (c) the appointment of Mr LO Chun Wai as a member of the BoG of LIFE under the category “One student representative elected by and from full-time LIFE students” for a term of one year with immediate effect,

- (d) the appointment of Ms Angie CHU Sai Yan as a co-opted member of the Institutional Advancement Committee with immediate effect for a term of two years,
- (e) the audited Financial Statements of the University for the year ended 30 June 2021,
- (f) the audited Annual Return on the Use of UGC Funds for the year ended 30 June 2021,
- (g) the audited Financial Statements of LIFE for the year ended 30 June 2021, and
- (h) the proposed revisions to the terms of reference of the Audit Committee.

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