

LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

A Summary of Discussions and the Decisions of the Council Meeting Held on 18 June 2012

1. Audit Committee Matters

The meeting APPROVED the re-appointment of Mr Witman HUNG Wai-man as a co-opted member of the Audit Committee for another term of two years from 28 June 2012.

2. Finance Committee Matters

The meeting APPROVED the following:

- (a) the University's Draft Income and Expenditure Budget for 2012/13 for All Activities together with the Draft Income and Expenditure Budget for 2012/13 for the UGC Recurrent Grant Funded Activities; and
- (b) the Draft Income and Expenditure Budget for 2012/13 for the Community College, and the Draft Second Revised Income and Expenditure Budget for 2012/13 for the Lingnan Institute of Further Education.

3. Honorary Awards Committee Matters

The meeting APPROVED the conferment of honorary fellowships to six distinguished individuals as recommended by the Honorary Awards Committee.

4. Letter from the Hong Kong Federation of Students

The meeting RECEIVED the letter from the Hong Kong Federation of Students and reiterated that upholding the cardinal principle of academic freedom and institutional autonomy is of paramount importance and so far, under the Management's leadership, institutional autonomy has never been compromised and academic freedom, in particular in teaching and research, has always been practiced and enjoyed by the Lingnan community. In response to the call of the Hong Kong Federation of Students, the University might issue a statement to reiterate its position on upholding the cardinal principle of academic freedom and institutional autonomy if deemed appropriate. The Council would further deliberate the issue at its next meeting.

5. Adjustment of University salaries in the light of Civil Service Pay Adjustments for the 2012-13 financial year

The meeting RESOLVED, subject to the approval by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, all current University salary scales of UGC-funded staff be revised in accordance with the appropriate adjustments similar to those of the Civil Service pay adjustment rates, with retrospective effect from 1 April 2012.

6. **Authorization of the University to affix the University's common seal to the 5-year Tenancy Agreement for the Lingnan Institute of Further Education's (LIFE) New Education Centre**

The meeting RESOLVED to authorize the Council Chairman and the President to authenticate by their signatures affixing of the University's Common Seal on the 5-year Tenancy Agreement for the LIFE's new education centre in Tsuen Wan from 18 June 2012 to 17 June 2017.

7. **Re-appointment of the Vice-President**

The meeting APPROVED the re-appointment of the incumbent Vice-President for one year from 1 September 2013.

8. The meeting NOTED that the first Council meeting for the 2012-13 academic year is scheduled for Monday 15 October 2012 at 3:00 p.m. followed by the Honorary Fellowship Presentation Ceremony to be held at 5:00 p.m.

9. The meeting RECORDED a vote of thanks to Dr Alison CHAN LAM Lai-bing, Dr Jennie LEE Mui Yee-ching and Mr Patrick WONG Chi-kwong whose terms of office will expire on 31 July 2012.

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