

LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

A Summary of Discussions and the Decisions of the Council Meeting Held on 28 July 2017

1. The Council WELCOMED Mr LEE, Ryan (President of the Students' Union) for attending the Council meeting for the first time.
2. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Mr CHIU, Tin Chung Ernest whose term of office as member of the Council will come to an end on 31 July 2017.
3. The Council RECEIVED a report from the President on the activities of the University, including:
 - (a) The University has recently strengthened its global links with the establishment of a number of new inter-institutional agreements, including an agreement with Davidson College in the United States for the President's Scholar Programme, and agreements with University of Bucharest in Romania, University of Latvia in Latvia, and VNU University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Hanoi, Vietnam.
 - (b) The Department of Management will collaborate with the ESSCA School of Management in France to offer the double master programme, namely the Master of Science in Human Resource Management and Organisational Behaviour and Master in Management major in Entrepreneurship.
 - (c) The University has renewed the inter-institutional agreements of cooperation with Hainan University (China), FH Kufstein Tirol University of Applied Science (Austria), Pitzer College (USA) and Zhejiang University (China).
 - (d) The Senate has decided that the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) will be adopted as an assessment tool, and an overall band score of 6.5 be set as the university-wide English language minimum graduation requirement for implementation from the 2017-18 intake except some specific language-related Majors.
 - (e) The University has achieved a remarkable result in the three funding schemes for 2017-18, viz. the General Research Fund (GRF), Early Career Scheme (ECS) and Humanities and Social Sciences Prestigious Fellowship Scheme (HSSPFS). The University has obtained funding support for 21 GRF/ECS projects at a total amount of \$7.02 million. Together with a GRF grant transferred to LU, the University has a total of 22 funded projects at a total of \$7.35 million. As regards the HSSPFS, the University's success rate is 100%, and is one of the only 5 successful projects among the 21 applications from all the eight UGC-funded universities.
 - (f) The University will launch the "Lingnan University Entrance Scholarships for Elite Athletes" in the 2017-18 academic year. The objective of this scholarship scheme is to recognise the outstanding achievements of local elite athletes by providing them with the necessary financial support so that they can continue to excel in their specialised sports while pursuing their academic studies at LU.
 - (g) To nurture students' whole person development, the University recently joined the Clinton Global Initiative University (CGIU) launched by former

US President Bill Clinton in 2007 to engage young leaders on university campuses around the world.

- (h) In honour and memory of the great contributions of President Chan Yuk-Shee to Lingnan University, a scholarship scheme named “President Chan Yuk-Shee Scholarships” has been set up to award undergraduate students who achieve outstanding academic performance.
 - (i) Three undergraduate students of the University and two higher diploma students of Lingnan Institute of Further Education (LIFE) were awarded HSBC Scholarships 2016-17 in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements, involvement in community service and extra-curricular activities.
 - (j) The Awards Presentation Ceremony 2017 was held on 24 April 2017 in which a total of 493 awards and scholarships totaling over HK\$12 million were presented to 317 students in recognition of their outstanding academic and personal achievements.
 - (k) With the generous donation of The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, the University’s Office of Service-Learning organised the Jockey Club “We Care, We Serve & We Learn @ Tuen Mun” Programme. The Programme will promote Service-Learning schemes and facilitate cross collaboration among faculty members, students and community partners to build better elderly services for the community, and to train students as future elder care givers in the coming three years.
 - (l) The University launched a Brand Campaign in early March 2017 to enhance the awareness and understanding of its stakeholders about the brand essence of Lingnan University.
4. The Council NOTED its decision, by circulation of papers on 26 June 2017 and close of circular vote on 7 July 2017, on the award of the contract of the “Provision of Architectural and Associated Consultancy Services for the Development of the Staff Quarters”.
5. The Council NOTED and THANKED all members’ efforts and contributions to the University in the academic year 2016-17 in the areas of fundraising, students’ career development, job opportunities and other activities.
6. The Council RECEIVED the following:
- (a) Confirmed minutes of the Senate meetings held on 13 March and 24 April 2017;
 - (b) Confirmed minutes and a summary of discussions and decisions of the meeting of the Board of Governors (BoG) of the Community College at Lingnan University (CC) and LIFE held on 9 March 2017;
 - (c) Report from the Appeals Committee;
 - (d) Report from the Audit Committee;
 - (e) Report from the Finance Committee;
 - (f) Report from the Institutional Advancement Committee;
 - (g) Report from the Lingnan Education Organization Limited (LEO) Donation Management Committee;
 - (h) Report from the Staffing Committee; and

- (i) Update on the draft Accountability Framework document ‘University Accountability Agreement’ (UAA) (the previous working title as ‘Hong Kong Compact’).
7. The Council also RECEIVED the Report from the Campus Development and Management Committee and NOTED the latest progress/updates of the following building projects on campus:
- (a) extension works to the spectator stand at the University’s outdoor sports ground,
 - (b) improvement works to the existing disabled lift at the Chan Tak Tai Auditorium,
 - (c) re-arrangement of the Fong Sum Wood Library’s study area at 2/F and 3/F of Patrick Lee Wan Keung Academic Building,
 - (d) new covered walkway connecting the existing Jockey Club Hall to the entrance of Sin Cho Ming Function Hall,
 - (e) improvement works to the student bedrooms, common corridors, bathroom and lavatory facilities of the student hostels,
 - (f) improvement works to the existing finishes of the pavement along all covered walkway, Wing On Plaza and walkway along emergency vehicular access within the Main Campus,
 - (g) replacement works of the chiller units, chilled water circulation system and the building management system for the mechanical ventilation and air-conditioning installation,
 - (h) replacement of the soccer pitch artificial turf system, the running track system, the flooring system at the field areas designated for field events and the renovation of the associated facilities located at the University’s outdoor sports ground, and
 - (i) the Staff Quarters project.
8. The Council CONFIRMED the appointment of Professor YEH, Yueh Yu as a member of the Court under Section 9(1)(e) of the Lingnan University Ordinance with the term of office ending on 20 June 2018.
9. The Council APPROVED the following:
- (a) the appointment of Mr LUI, Ngok Che Augustine as a member of the Audit Committee and the Career Development Committee with effect from 1 August 2017;
 - (b) the co-option and re-appointment of Mr Ernest CHIU Tin-chung as Vice-Chairman of the Campus Development and Management Committee with effect from 1 August 2017 for a term of one year;
 - (c) the appointment of Mr LEE, Ryan as a member of the BoG of CC and LIFE under the category “One student representative from the undergraduate students” for a term of one year;
 - (b) the proposed revisions to its Powers and Duties and Membership Composition as endorsed by the BoG of CC and LIFE;
 - (c) the recommendation of the Audit Committee for the award of the tender for the provision of internal audit services to the University for 2017-18;
 - (d) the addition of two banks to the approved list of the University banks; and

(e) all current University salary scales of UGC-funded staff be revised as proposed, with retrospective effect from 1 April 2017, incorporating the appropriate adjustments similar to those of the civil service pay adjustments, subject to the approval by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council.

10. The Council NOTED the first Council meeting for the 2017-18 academic year is scheduled for Monday, 16 October 2017.

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