

LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

A Summary of Discussions and the Decisions of the Council Meeting Held on 17 June 2013

1. The Council RECEIVED the report of the Search Committee for New President (Search Committee), and:
 - (a) Prior to the start of the Council meeting, the Search Committee has arranged a meeting with staff, students and alumni in the same day to provide detailed background on the search process by the Chairman of the Search Committee and a dialogue session with the recommended candidate for exchanging views, sharing his aspirations and exploring the strategic development of the University with staff, students and alumni. There were around 300 persons participated in the meeting session and expressed their views and concern about the search exercise as well as the recommended candidate.
 - (b) The recommended candidate was invited to meet with the Council and Court members for a questions-and-answers session. After the questions-and-answers session as well as a long discussion and careful deliberation, the Council RESOLVED to accept the recommendation of the Search Committee and referred it to the Court for consultation.
 - (c) Upon receipt of the support of the Court on the recommendation of the Search Committee, the Council RESOLVED to approve the appointment of Professor Leonard K. Cheng as the new President for a term of five years.
2. The Council RECEIVED a report from the President on the recent activities of the University, including:
 - (a) the signing of inter-institutional agreements of cooperation with three institutions, viz. École de Gouvernance et d'Economie de Rabat (Rabat, Morocco) as well as University West (Trollhättan, Sweden) and Karlshochschule International University (Karlsruhe, Germany).
 - (b) the renewal of the inter-institutional agreement of cooperation with the University of Glamorgan (Wales, UK).
 - (c) the signing of a student exchange agreement with the University of Stirling (Scotland, UK).
 - (d) the signing of a memorandum of collaboration with Kyungpook National University (Korea)
 - (e) the Strategic Plan 2009-2016 was updated and adopted by the Senate on 27 May 2013.
 - (f) a forum entitled 'In the Name of the May Fourth: A Literary Forum' was held on 2 May 2013. The event speakers included the Hong Kong Jockey Club Distinguished Visiting Professors of Modern Chinese Literature

between 2009 and 2013, viz. Prof Chen Sihe, Prof Liu Zaifu, Prof Wolfgang Kubin, Prof Wang Xiaoming, Prof Mei Chia-ling, and Prof Chung Ling.

- (g) an opening ceremony for the Psychology Laboratory held by the Department of Sociology & Social Policy on 25 April 2013. Integral to the teaching and studying of behavioural sciences, the laboratory is aimed at providing students and staff with the facilities to carry out experimental studies ranging from computer-based experiments to focus groups.
 - (h) 20 scholarships were awarded by ZeShan Foundation to support students going on exchange overseas or in mainland China for one semester in the academic year 2013-14 on 3 May 2013.
 - (i) Mr Matthew CHENG Ching-hang of the Centre for Humanities Research, was presented with the 2012 Award for Best Artist (Art Criticism) from Hong Kong Arts Development Council on 9 May 2013. Mr Cheng was highly praised for his distinct performance in arts criticism in 2012. He was said to have delivered both quality and quantity with his literary criticism, and brought a fervent passion to his studies of film, literature and music. The ubiquitous intertextuality in his work – the parallels drawn between literature and film in particular – creates an interdisciplinary dialogue that is important for moving Hong Kong’s literary and film arts forward.
 - (j) The Lingnan Education Organization (LEO) Ambassadors Appointment Ceremony was held at Lingnan Club on 21 May 2013. Dr David Pun Chan, Chairman of LEO and the President officiated at the Ceremony and presented certificates of appointment to the students. This year, 61 students were appointed LEO Ambassadors. They will help promote Lingnan’s fine traditions and carry out its noble mission of “Education for Service”.
 - (k) The Service-Learning and Research Scheme of the Office of Service-Learning has received an Honorable Mention under the 2013 MacJannet Prize for Global Citizenship.
3. The Council NOTED 96% of its external members have contributed to the University in the areas of fundraising, students’ career development, job opportunities and other activities.
 4. The Council APPOINTED Ms Wendy YEUNG Wing-yan as a member of the Institutional Advancement Committee with effect from 17 June 2013.
 5. The Council APPROVED the proposed revision on the membership composition of the Appeals Committee.
 6. In relation to the issues concerning the Community College at Lingnan University (CC) and the Lingnan Institute of Further Education (LIFE), the Council:
 - (a) RECEIVED the progress update on and related matters;

- (b) APPROVED the following:
- (i) the expansion of membership of the Board of Governors of CC and LIFE (BoG), viz. increase of 1 member nominated by the Council, and increase of 2 members from the stakeholders in the community;
 - (ii) the expansion of membership of the Management Committee (MC) of CC and LIFE, viz. addition of 3 student representatives (one each for Associate Degree, Higher Diploma and Yi Jin Diploma) to be appointed on an annual basis; and
 - (iii) two Assistant Directors of CC and LIFE to take turn to provide secretaryship to the MC of CC and LIFE on an annual rotating basis.
- (c) NOTED the following:
- (i) the decision of the BoG of CC and LIFE to meet four times per academic year (i.e. two times per Term) and each meeting to be scheduled two to three weeks before a corresponding Council meeting;
 - (ii) the decision of the BoG of CC and LIFE that the MC to meet four times per academic year (i.e. two times per Term) and each meeting to be scheduled two to three weeks before the BoG meeting; and
 - (iii) the proposed arrangement for formulation of rules for election for LIFE student representatives to the BoG.

7. The Council APPROVED the following:
- (a) the University's Draft Income and Expenditure Budget for 2013-14 for all Activities; the UGC Recurrent Grant Funded Activities; CC and LIFE; and
 - (b) subject to the approval by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, all current University salary scales of UGC-funded staff be revised as proposed, with retrospective effect from 1 April 2013, incorporating the appropriate adjustments similar to those of the civil service pay adjustments.
8. The Council NOTED the general situation of the progress/updates of the following building projects on campus:
- (a) the new student hostel – the Jockey Club New Hall;
 - (b) the capital projects for the 334 academic system; and
 - (c) the covered student activities area between the Amenities Building and the Dorothy Y.L. Wong Building (Skylights Project).
9. The Council also NOTED the first Council meeting for the 2013-14 academic year is scheduled for Monday 21 October 2013 at 3:00 p.m. followed by the Honorary Fellowship Presentation Ceremony to be held at 5:00 p.m.

10. The Council THANKED Mr Irons SZE who has been serving the Council and the Court for 5 years and has tendered his resignation with effect from 1 August 2013 and Mr Roger YUEN Kwong-ming who has been serving the Council and the Court for 6 years and whose term of office will expire on 21 October 2013.
11. The Council also THANKED the President for his leadership and contribution in the past years.

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