

LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

A Summary of Discussions and the Decisions of the Council Meeting Held on 27 April 2009

1. Council Membership of the Lingnan University Students' Union

The meeting APPROVED that Mr. Lin Yiu-wah, the current Chairman of the Representative Council, be appointed observer of the Council with immediate effect until such time the Students' Union President will be elected to office.

2. Strategic Plan 2009-2016

(a) The meeting RECEIVED the University Strategic Plan for 2009-2016. Measures and plans projected in the Strategic Plan would distinguish the University from other tertiary institutions in Hong Kong.

(b) The meeting NOTED the following points in the Strategic Plan:

- i) The University will continue its commitment to small class size and to achieve distinctive results in teaching and learning. While the average class size in other UGC-funded institutions is about 60 to 70, Lingnan will strive for a class size of about 35.
- ii) With the construction of a new student hostel of 600 places Lingnan will attain a student residential rate on campus of about 80%. This would be the highest campus residential rate among other UGC-funded institutions.
- iii) When the four-year undergraduate programme starts in 2012, the 9-credit general education programme in the current curriculum will be significantly expanded to become the 33-credit core programme in the four-year curriculum. This will build a solid broad-based multidisciplinary curriculum unique in liberal arts education.
- iv) An English Proficiency Programme in the four-year undergraduate programme will require students to complete 12 credits of English training in the first two years of their study. For those weaker students another 3 credits would be added to their requirement in the third year. In addition students would continue to take two 3-credit courses in Putonghua.
- v) The Service-learning programme which emphasizes enriched disciplinary learning through service to the community will be a component part of a majority of the academic disciplines in the University. The University is the pioneer in practicing service-learning in the local tertiary education sector. The Service-learning Office had established partnerships with UCLA and Stanford University in service-learning projects, and an international conference will be conducted on campus in June 2009.

This will strengthen the leading position of Lingnan in service-learning. This programme exemplifies the essence of “Education for Service” and will differentiate Lingnan from other local institutions.

3. Conferment of Honorary Doctorates and Honorary Fellowships for Academic Year 2008-09

- (a) The meeting APPROVED the respective conferment of Honorary Doctorates and Honorary Fellowships on candidates as recommended by the Honorary Awards Committee.
- (b) The meeting also APPROVED conferment of Honorary Doctorate to an eminent candidate and the necessary arrangement for a special ceremony as recommended by the Honorary Awards Committee.