

LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

A Summary of Discussions and the Decisions of the Council Meeting Held on 15 June 2015

1. The Council RECEIVED a report from the President on the recent activities of the University, including
 - (a) The University has signed an inter-institutional agreement of cooperation with South China Normal University (China).
 - (b) The University has signed a revised agreement for student exchange with University of South Wales (United Kingdom), following the merger between the existing partners, i.e. University of Glamorgan and the University of Wales, Newport, which became the University of South Wales.
 - (c) The University has renewed inter-institutional agreement of cooperation with Hanze University of Applied Sciences, Groningen (the Netherlands) and the Insituto Tecnológico Y De Estudios Superiores De Monterrey (Mexico).
 - (d) The University presented ZeShan Foundation Scholarships to 20 students with outstanding academic performance on Wednesday 29 April 2015 to support their Mainland China or overseas exchange for one semester in the 2015-16 academic year.
 - (e) The University has won a Gold Award for the third consecutive year in the Web Accessibility Recognition Scheme co-organised by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer and the Equal Opportunities Commission.
 - (f) Both Lingnan Putonghua Debate Team and Lingnan Chinese Debate Team had achieved good results in the Joint-Universities Debate Competition held in April/May 2015 respectively.
2. The Council NOTED all members' efforts and contributions to the University in the academic year 2014-15 in the areas of fundraising, students' career development, job opportunities and other activities.
3. The Council APPOINTED Mr FUNG Lai-tak and Mr Roby LEUNG Kai-hung as member of the Board of Governors of the Community College at Lingnan University and Lingnan Institute of Further Education with effect from 15 June 2015 to 31 August 2017.
4. The Council APPOINTED Mr Michael NGAI as a co-opted member of the Institutional Advancement Committee for a period of two years with immediate effect.
5. The Council APPROVED the following:
 - (a) the Associate Deans (Undergraduate Studies) be added to the Senate membership, while the category of Programme Directors would be taken out, with effect from the 2015-16 academic year;
 - (b) the dissolution of the Management Committee for the Fong Sum Wood – Chang Han Tsiu Education Fund; and the specification of membership composition of the three standing committees concerned, viz. Christian Activities Committee, Institutional Advancement Committee and LEO Donation Management

- Committee;
- (c) the University's Draft Budget Proposal for 2015-16 ;
 - (d) a 3% increase in hostel fees for students admitted in 2015-16 and that all students from that cohort onwards will be subject to annual hostel fee adjustment; and
 - (e) subject to the final decision by the Chief Executive in Council and 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 2015, incorporating the appropriate adjustments similar to those of the civil service pay adjustments.
6. The Council NOTED the general situation of the progress/updates of the following building projects on campus:
- (a) the Jockey Club New Hall;
 - (b) the footbridge linking the Patrick Lee Wan Keung Academic Building and indoor sports complex to the existing public footbridge;
 - (c) improvement works to Mr and Mrs Lam Kau Yui Fitness Centre and changing rooms at indoor sports complex and extension of spectator stand at outdoor sports ground; and
 - (d) improvement works to the existing lift for the disabled at the Chan Tak Tai Auditorium, and re-arrangement of the Fong Sum Wood Library's study area at 2/F and 3/F of Patrick Lee Wan Keung Academic Building and Wong Administration Building.
7. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Professor Shalendra SHARMA, the Acting Vice-President for his support to the Council since August 2014.
8. The Council also NOTED the first Council meeting for the 2015-16 academic year is scheduled for Monday 19 October 2015.

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