

LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

A Summary of Discussions and the Decisions of the Council Meeting Held on 15 October 2012

1. The Council WELCOMED new Council members: Dr Alex LEE Ye-lick, Mr LI Kam-kee and Dr Vincent TAM Kwok-kuen.
2. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Ms Sophia KAO Ching-chi, who resigned and ceased to serve as Deputy Chairman of the Council with effect from 3 October 2012, and to Mr Ben WONG Chung-mat, Prof Alfred CHAN Cheung-ming, Mr Roy CHEN Yang-chung, Mr Tony CHOI Siu-chow, Ms Leonie KI Man-fung, Prof SNELL Robin Stanley and Ms Karen TANG Shuk-tak whose terms of office will expire on 21 October 2012.
3. 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 seven institutions for five academic years from 2012-13 to 2016-17, viz. Petra Christian University (Indonesia), J. F. Oberlin University (Japan), Korea University Sejong Campus (Korea), St. Petersburg State University of Economics and Finance (Russia), Mahidol University International College (Thailand), Illinois Wesleyan University (Illinois, USA), Ursinus College (Pennsylvania, USA);
 - (b) the signing of an academic and student exchange agreement with Faculty of Social Sciences, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (Germany) for five years from April 2012;
 - (c) the renewal of inter-institutional agreements of cooperation with two institutions, viz. FH Kufstein Tirol University of Applied Science (Austria) and Tunghai University (Taiwan), for another five years from 2012-13 to 2016-17 and student exchange agreement with Pitzer College (California, USA) for another five years from May 2012;
 - (d) the result of the UGC's 2012-13 Research Grants Council research grants applications which Lingnan has come second among local institutions in success rate for applications after funds were awarded for 16 of its 40 proposals submitted.
 - (e) the issues concerning the Community College at Lingnan University and Lingnan Institute Further Education 2012 admission exercise, and RESOLVED to expand the three-member Inquiry Panel to five-member by appointing two Council members viz. Mr Allen Yung Chan-lung (Chairman of the Council's Audit Committee) and Dr Alex Lee Ye-lick to the Inquiry Panel with a view to demonstrating the Council's concern and the importance given to the matter as well as to further enhancing the credibility. In addition, the President of Students' Union would be invited to join the Inquiry Panel as observer. Also, the report of the Inquiry Panel would be presented to the

Council for consideration within the shortest possible time against the previously set timeframe of three months.

4. The Council ADOPTED the proposed revisions on Statute 4 of Lingnan University Statutes as follows (inserted words underlined and deleted words crossed):

“10.9 If any member has a pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, in any contract or proposed contract or other matter, and is present at a meeting of the committee at which the contract or other matter is the subject for consideration, he/she shall, as soon as practicable after the commencement of the meeting, disclose to the committee the fact and the nature of his/her interest. The Chairman shall thereupon ask the committee to decide whether such member should withdraw from the committee or continue to participate before discussion of the matter takes place, ~~and in any case shall not vote thereon or be present but abstain from voting, or continue to participate and vote on the matter under discussion.~~”

5. The Council CONFIRMED the appointments of Professor CHAN Koon-hung, Professor Mette HJORT, Dr Kenneth LAW Wing-kin, Dr LI Pang-kwong and Dr Tommy YEUNG Kai-yin as members to the Council with effect from 22 October 2012 for a term of three years.
6. The Council APPROVED the appointments/re-appointment of Dr LI Ling-ye, Esther and Prof HSU Tzu-pin as members of the Board of Governors of the Community College at Lingnan University (BoG) for a term of two years with effect from 16 October 2012, Mr CHOW Wing-yiu, Winn and Ms LEE Fung-ye, Jennifer as members of the BoG for a term of two years with effect from 24 October 2012, and Dr LAW Wing-kin, Kenneth as a member of BoG for a term of two years with effect from 20 December 2012.
7. The Council APPOINTED/RE-APPOINTED the following members to the standing committees concerned:
- (a) **Appeals Committee**
appointment of the Hon LAM Fan-keung, Franklin as member with effect from 22 October 2012
 - (b) **Campus Development and Management Committee**
 - (i) appointment of Dr CHAN Pun, David as Chairman
 - (ii) re-appointment of Mr LEUNG Kwong-ho, Edmund as Vice-Chairman for a term of two years
 - (iii) appointment of Dr YEUNG Kai-yin, Tommy and Ms NG Mien-hua, Nikki as members with effect from 22 October 2012
 - (c) **Career Development Committee**
 - (i) appointment of Prof IP Yuk-keung, Albert as Chairman
 - (ii) appointment of Ms NG Mien-hua, Nikki and Mr SLOSAR John R as members with effect from 22 October 2012
 - (d) **Christian Activities Committee**
appointment of Mr LI Kam-kee as Chairman

- (e) **Ethics and Discipline Committee**
 - (i) appointment of Ms KWONG Sum-yee, Anna as Convenor
 - (ii) appointment of Dr TAM Kwok-kuen, Vincent and Ms YEUNG Wing-yan, Wendy as members

- (f) **Finance Committee**
 appointment of Mrs CHAN NGAN Man-ling, Edith, Prof HJORT Mette and The Hon LAM Fan-keung, Franklin as members with effect from 22 October 2012

- (g) **Institutional Advancement Committee**
 - (i) appointment of Prof IP Yuk-keung, Albert as Chairman with effect from 14 December 2012
 - (ii) appointment of Dr LEE Ye-lick, Alex as member
 - (iii) appointment of Mrs CHAN NGAN Man-ling, Edith and Mr SLOSAR John R as members with effect from 22 October 2012
 - (iv) re-appointment of the Hon NG Leung-sing as a co-opted member for a term of one year

- (h) **Management Committee for the Fong Sum Wood – Chang Han Tsiu Education Fund**
 re-appointment of Mr SINGH Herdip as member for a term of two years

- (i) **Staffing Committee**
 - (i) appointment of Mr CHEUNG Leong as Acting Chairman in the interim before the Deputy Chairman is appointed
 - (ii) appointment of Dr TAM Kwok-kuen, Vincent and the Hon LAM Fan-keung, Franklin as members with effect from 22 October 2012
 - (iii) appointment of Mr MA Ching-hang, Patrick as member with effect from 14 December 2012

8. The Council APPROVED the following:

- (a) the proposed amendments to the terms of reference of the Finance Committee;
- (b) the draft audited Financial Statements of the University for the year ended 30 June 2012;
- (c) the draft Compliance Report and Annual Returns on the use of UGC funds for the year ended 30 June 2012; and
- (d) the draft audited Financial Statements of the Community College at Lingnan University for the year ended 30 June 2012.

9. The Council NOTED the President's decision to resign his presidency due to his health and personal consideration and THANKED the President for his leadership, dedication and achievements in the past five years.

10. The Council RESOLVED to establish an eight-member committee to search for a new President. The membership of the Search Committee is as follows:

Chairman: Chairman of the Council
Members: Deputy Chairman of the Council
Treasurer of the Council
Chairman of the Court
Chairman of the Lingnan Education Organization Limited
One lay Council member
One Council member elected among all eligible staff
One Council member elected by the Senate
Observer: Student Council member

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