

LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

A Summary of Discussions and the Decisions of the Council Meeting Held on 21 October 2013

1. The meeting WELCOMED the new President, Prof. Leonard K. CHENG and the new Council member, Mr Andrew YAO Cho-fai for attending the Council meeting for the first time.
2. The meeting also RECORDED a vote of thanks to Mr Roger YUEN Kwong-ming whose terms of office would be completed on 21 October 2013.
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 from 2012-13 to 2016-17: (i) Université du Québec à Montréal (Montréal, Canada) and additionally with its École des sciences de la gestion on cooperation regarding student and staff exchange programmes, (ii) Universidad del Desarrollo (Santiago, Chile), (iii) University of Bamberg (Bamberg, Germany), (iv) Universiti Putra Malaysia (Malaysia), (v) Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (Mexico City, Mexico), (vi) Saint-Petersburg State University of Engineering and Economics (Saint-Petersburg, Russia), and (vii) Illinois Wesleyan University (Bloomington, Illinois, USA); and
 - (b) the signing of inter-institutional agreements of cooperation with eleven institutions from 2013-14 to 2017-18: (i) Institut des Hautes Etudes des Communications Sociales (Brussels, Belgium), (ii) University of Regina (Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada), (iii) Sookmyung Women's University (Seoul, Korea), (iv) Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla (Puebla, Mexico), (v) Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane (Ifrane, Morocco), (vi) Erasmus School of History, Culture and Communication, Erasmus University Rotterdam (Rotterdam, the Netherlands), (vii) Bratislava International School of Liberal Arts (Bratislava, Slovakia), (viii) University of Jaén (Jaén, Spain), (ix) School of Business, Bern University of Applied Sciences, (Bern, Switzerland), (x) National Chengchi University (Taipei, Taiwan), and (xi) School of Business, Lucerne University of Applied Sciences & Arts, Switzerland (Hochschule Luzern - Wirtschaft).

The agreements cover student and faculty/staff exchange programmes.

- (c) The University has also renewed inter-institutional agreements of cooperation with five institutions, viz. (i) ISC PARIS Business School (France), (ii) Bahcesehir University (Turkey), (iii) Keele University (UK), (iv) University of Ulster (UK), and (v) Carroll University (USA), for another five years from 2013-14 to 2017-18, and in addition the inter-institutional agreement of cooperation with the University of Mary Washington (USA) has been renewed for another three years from 2013-14 to 2015-16.

- (d) The University has signed a memorandum of understanding with the University of Massachusetts Boston (Boston, Massachusetts, USA) for a period of five years from June 2013. The two universities will cooperatively pursue in areas like exchange of service-learning study-abroad programmes, transnational service-learning related research activities and information exchange.
 - (e) The University has also signed with Yonsei University (Seoul, Korea) an inter-departmental agreement of student exchange between the Department of Cultural Studies of our University and the Department of English of Yonsei University for five years from April 2013.
4. The Council APPOINTED/RE-APPOINTED the following members to the standing committees concerned:
- (a) Appeals Committee
 - appointment of Ms Anna KWONG Sum-yee as member
 - (b) Campus Development and Management Committee
 - appointment of Mr WONG Kwan-yu as member
 - (c) Career Development Committee
 - (i) appointment of Mrs Loretta SHUEN LEUNG Lai-sheung as Chairman
 - (ii) appointment of Mr Andrew YAO Cho-fai as member
 - (d) Christian Activities Committee
 - appointment of Mrs Edith CHAN Ngan Man-ling as member
 - (e) Institutional Advancement Committee
 - (i) appointment of Mr Andrew YAO Cho-fai and Mr WONG Kwan-yu as members;
 - (ii) appointment of Ms Lisa CHAN, Ms Connie CHOI, Mr Simon CHUNG, Ms Florence FAN Shu-wai and Mr Roger YUEN Kwong-ming, and re-appointment of the Honorable NG Leung-sing as co-opted members for a term of two years
 - (f) Staffing Committee
 - appointment of Mr Franklin LAM Fan-keung as member
5. The Council APPROVED the following:
- (a) the proposed revisions of Clauses 4, 8 and 9 of Powers and Duties of the Senate;
 - (b) the setup of a review panel consisting of three to five Council Members to carry out the review of LU Ordinance;
 - (c) the proposed revisions on the powers and duties of the Board of Governors of the Community College at Lingnan University (CC) and Lingnan Institute of Further Education (LIFE);
 - (d) the proposed amendments to the terms of reference of the Finance Committee;

- (e) the draft audited Financial Statements of the University for the year ended 30 June 2013;
- (f) the draft Compliance Report and Annual Return on the use of UGC funds for the year ended 30 June 2013; and
- (g) the draft audited Financial Statements of the Community College at Lingnan University for the year ended 30 June 2013.

- 6. The Council NOTED the student admission of 2013-14 of the CC and LIFE.
- 7. The Council RESOLVED to establish a nine-member committee to search for a new Vice-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
President of the University
Chairman of the Lingnan Education Organization Limited
One Council member elected among all eligible staff
One Council member elected by the Senate
One Senior Academic Staff Member of the University to be nominated by the President, who will be from an academic Department other than those of the two Staff Council Members
- Observer: Student Council Member

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