

## LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

### **A Summary of Discussions and the Decisions of the Council Meeting Held on 1 March 2010**

1. The Chairman welcomed Mr CHENG Sze-lut, President of Students' Union and Mr Christy CHOY Cho-kwong who attended the Council meeting for the first time. The meeting recorded a vote of thanks to Dr Alison CHAN LAM Lai-bing who has completed her term of office on 31 January 2010 for her valuable contribution to the University for the past years.
2. The University welcomed the Financial Secretary's proposal in the 2010-11 Budget to allocate HK\$1 billion to launch the Fifth Matching Grant Scheme. It was believed that the scheme will help the University tapping more funding sources to support its development.
3. The Quality Assurance Council Audit Panel visited the University from 18-21 January 2010 to meet staff and students from across the University as well as a number of external stakeholders such as lay members of the University Council, External Examiners, Advisory Board members, local employers and graduates. The Council was pleased to note that at the exit meeting of the visit, the initial feedback from the Audit Panel was positive and encouraging. The audit report incorporated the Panel's findings will be published in a few months' time.
4. In order to achieve 100% residency on campus in support of the University's liberal arts mission, it is now planning to build another hostel with 200 rooms (400 places with double occupancy). This will bring out the message that all students of Lingnan University will be able to reside in the university hostels from 2012 and is the only University in Hong Kong which would achieve 100% student residency on campus. It was believed that the launching of the Fifth Matching Grant Scheme would help the University in securing more donations to attain the goal for 100% student residency on campus.
5. The meeting APPROVED the followings:
  - a. an extension of internal audit work be granted to KPMG from March 2010 to February 2011 with a view to completing the internal process/procedures control and compliance;
  - b. the application to the Bank of East Asia, Limited to add cyberbanking facilities to the University's bank accounts for enhancing the electronic enquiry and downloading of banking transactions;
  - c. the terms of reference and membership of the LEO Donation Management Committee as follows:

### Terms of Reference

- i. To make recommendation to the Council on the set up of policies and procedures to manage the LEO donation <sup>NOTE</sup> and any other donations on which the Committee is asked to make recommendation.
- ii. To receive annual report on the activities established under the LEO donation.

<sup>NOTE</sup> Refer to the LEO donation respectively in 2003 and 2004.

### Membership

Chairman	:	Mr WONG Chi-kwong, Patrick
Members	:	Prof CHAN Yuk-shee (President, ex-officio) Mr CHIU Chi-wing, Collins Mr LEUNG Chung-sing, Sammy Mr SINGH Herdip (Associate Vice-President and Comptroller) Mr YUNG Chan-lung, Allen
Co-opted Member	:	Mr MO Nam-kit, Matthew (Director of Institutional Advancement and Public Affairs)
Member & Secretary	:	Mrs TSANG TAI Mo-oi, Monica (Secretary to the Council)

- d. the appointment of Dr Alison CHAN LAM Lai-bing to the Christian Activities Committee as a co-opted member for a term of two years.
6. In response to the motion passed by the LegCo Panel of Education urging the UGC-funded institutions to enhance the transparency of their governance by, inter alia, making public the minutes of and papers for their meetings, the Council at its meeting of 16 February 2009 agreed that a summary of the Council decisions would be made public through the University website. Subsequent to the Council decision, summary of discussions and decisions of the Council meetings has been made available for public scrutiny through the University website (internet). After one year of implementation of making public the Council decision, a review on the related arrangement has been conducted. It was noted that the arrangement has been working well for the past year and similar practice of handling the Council documents and decisions has been adopted by other UGC-funded institutions. Taking these into consideration, the meeting AGREED to continue the current adopted practice in making public a summary of discussions and decisions of the Council meetings via the University website.

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