

LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

A Summary of Discussions and the Decisions of the Council Meeting Held on 25 February 2013

1. The Council WELCOMED Mr John R SLOSAR who newly joined the Council as member and attended the meeting for the first time.
2. 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 with ISCTE – University Institute of Lisbon (Portugal) for five academic years from 2012-13 to 2016-17, and the signing of an academic and student exchange agreement with effective from 30 December 2012 with SKEMA Business School, a multi-site business school with campuses in Asia, Europe and America. The University has entered into agreements for student exchange programmes with over 120 institutions all over the world. In this academic year, 56% of Lingnan students are able to go on exchange for one semester. It is anticipated that by 2013-14 student exchange opportunities will be increased to 60%. By far Lingnan enjoys the highest student exchange ratio locally.
 - (b) a luncheon discussion on “China at the Core of the Global Economy: Opportunities and Challenges” co-organised by Lingnan and Asia Society Hong Kong Centre held on 16 November 2012. The event was honoured to have an opening address by Financial Secretary Mr John Tsang Chun-wah. It was then followed by Prof Jagdish N Bhagwati’s (our honorary graduate of 2012) keynote speech to share his insights on the Chinese economy. At the discussion moderated by our Vice-President and Sydney S W Leong Chair Professor of Economics, Prof Jesús Seade, Prof Lawrence J Lau, the Ralph and Clair Landau Professor of Economics at CUHK and Chairman of CIC International (Hong Kong) Ltd, Prof Sir James A Mirrlees, Nobel Prize Laureate in Economics & Master of Morningside College, CUHK and the Honorable Laura Cha Shih May-lung, Executive Council member, HKSAR exchanged their views on China and world economies.
 - (c) the annual “Tin Ka Ping Mainland Scholars and Senior Administrators Exchange Programme” was held on 11-17 November 2012 on University campus. This year, 10 scholars and senior administrators from Beihua University, Hainan Normal University, Jiangnan University, Nankai University, Shanghai Normal University, Sichuan University, South China Normal University, Yunnan Normal University, Yunnan University of Nationalities and Zhejiang University participated in the Programme. Heads and representatives of academic departments and administrative units introduced and expounded programmes with liberal arts characteristics to the participants. Two scholars who had joined the programme in 2010 shared their experiences in implementing liberal arts education in their respective institutions in mainland China.

- (d) two students have achieved outstanding academic performance and were awarded the prestigious Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fellowships and Scholarships 2012-13.
3. The Council RECEIVED a progress report summarizing the measures and follow-up actions taken by the Community College at Lingnan University (CC) and Lingnan Institute Further Education (LIFE) arising from its 2012 admission exercise.
 4. The Council RECEIVED the progress report of the Search Committee for New President.
 5. The Council APPOINTED the following members to the standing committees concerned:
 - (a) **Career Development Committee**
appointment of Ms Lily CHAN Che-yan, Ms Joy CHENG, Ms Florence FAN Shu-wai, Mr Alex LEE Wing-kwai, Mr Timothy LEE Tit-wan, Dr MAN Chi-sum and Mr Clement WONG Cheuk-yiu as members for a term of two years with effect from 25 February 2013
 - (b) **Christian Activities Committee**
appointment of Dr Alison CHAN LAM Lai-bing as co-opted member for a term of two years with effect from 25 February 2013
 - (c) **Institutional Advancement Committee**
appointment of Mr Andrew TUNG Siu-man as co-opted member for a term of two years with effect from 25 February 2013
 6. The Council ADOPTED the following proposed revisions on Lingnan University Statutes:
 - (a) Lingnan University Statute 6 – “Establishment of the Community College and its Board of Governors” (paragraph 4 – membership of the BoG) as follows:
 - (i) to appoint a lay Council member as Chairman of the BoG; and
 - (ii) to appoint the Supervisor of the Dean of the CC and Further Education as Deputy Chairman of the BoG.
 - (b) Lingnan University Statute 7 – Powers and Duties of the Board of Governors (paragraph 3), viz. to take out the conferment of diplomas from the BoG’s Powers and Duties, noting that the diplomas are being offered by LIFE, not CC.
 7. The Council APPOINTED Mr Simon IP Shing-hing as Chairman of the BoG with immediate effect until 21 October 2015.

8. The Council APPROVED the following:
 - (a) the proposed additional item to the terms of reference of the Career Development Committee;
 - (b) the University's draft revised income and expenditure forecast for 2012/13 for all activities;
 - (c) the draft revised income and expenditure forecast for 2012/13 for UGC recurrent grant funded activities;
 - (d) the draft revised income and expenditure forecast for 2012/13 for the Community College;
 - (e) the draft revised income and expenditure forecast for 2012/13 for the Lingnan Institute of Further Education;
 - (f) the increase the tuition fees for non-local undergraduate students from the current HK\$100,000 per annum to HK\$110,000 per annum for the 2013/14 intake; and
 - (g) the revised rate to be adopted from the next payment of honorarium for External Academic Advisers of both undergraduate and taught postgraduate programmes.

9. The Council NOTED the general situation of the progress/updates of the following building projects on campus:
 - (a) the new student hostel – the Jockey Club New Hall;
 - (b) the covered student activities area between the Amenities Building and the Dorothy Y.L. Wong Building (Skylights Project); and
 - (c) the footbridge linking the Patrick Lee Wan Keung Academic Building to the existing public footbridge.

10. The Council also NOTED the following:
 - (a) the cash flow statement for the period January to December 2012, the cash flow forecast for the period January to June 2013, and the cash flow forecast for the capital and AA&I projects for the period January 2013 to October 2015;
 - (b) the updated membership of the Main Tender Board; and
 - (c) the updated membership of the Investment Sub-committee.

11. As the term of office as the President of Students' Union will expire by the end of February 2013, the Council RECORDED appreciation to the student Council member for his contribution in the past year.

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