

LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

A Summary of Discussions and Decisions of the Council Meeting Held on 12 October 2020

1. The Council WELCOMED Mr NG Kwai Hang Allister for attending the Council meeting for the first time.
2. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Dr Thelma TONG whose term of office as a member of the Council was completed on 31 July 2020 and Mr IP Shing Hing Simon and Mr Martin DOWNEY whose terms of office as members of the Council would be completed on 21 October 2020.
3. The Council RECEIVED a report from the President on the activities of the University, including:
 - (a) The University has recently established new agreements on academic cooperation with EDHEC Business School (France), Shanghai University, (China) and University of Florence (Italy).
 - (b) The University has renewed its inter-institutional agreement of cooperation with Aalborg University (Denmark), Marquette University (the US), University of Stirling (the UK), University of Mary Washington (the US) and Washington and Jefferson College (the US).
 - (c) The Senate approved Master of Science in Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship Programme (商業創新與創業理學碩士課程), a dual degree programme leading to the award of the Doctor of Policy Studies conferred by Lingnan University (LU) and the PhD of Education Policy/Administration conferred by the National Chengchi University, Taiwan; and Minor in e-Business Programme from the 2020-21 academic year.
 - (d) The Senate also approved the recommendations from the Task Force for Review of Research Centres with effect from 1 September 2020, including:
 - A new Institute of Policy Studies holding six Research Centres across different areas has been established to enhance interdisciplinary research and collaborations in knowledge transfer;
 - The Kwan Fong Cultural Research and Development Programme has been revamped to become part of the wider Centre for Cultural Research and Development.
 - (e) In line with the requirements of the UGC for innovation and commercialisation, the spirit-lifting logo of the “*LU Jockey Club Gerontechnology and Smart Ageing Project*” has been successfully registered at the Trade Marks Registry of the Intellectual Property Department of the HKSAR Government.
 - (f) LU is accredited as a Five Stars Institution by The QS Intelligence Unit, which evaluates universities worldwide across a wide range of important performance indicators set against pre-established international standards. LU receives a maximum of five stars in the areas of Teaching, Employability, Research, Internationalisation, Facilities, Arts and Culture, and Inclusiveness.

2. The Council APPOINTED the following members to the standing committees concerned:
 - (a) Appeals Committee
 - appointment of Mr LUI Kwan Yiu Quincy as a member with effect from 1 January 2021
 - (b) Campus Development and Management Committee
 - appointment of Ms LEUNG Jacqueline Alee as a member with effect from 22 October 2020
 - (c) Career Development Committee
 - appointment of Mr LUI Kwan Yiu Quincy as a member with effect from 1 January 2021
 - (d) Ethics and Discipline Committee
 - appointment of Ms CHAN Man Ki Maggie as Convener with effect from 22 October 2020
 - (e) Institutional Advancement Committee
 - appointment of Ms LEUNG Jacqueline Alee and Mr WU Shang Tun Mason as members with effect from 22 October 2020
 - (f) Staffing Committee
 - appointment of Mr WONG Ho Ming Augustine as Chairman from 22 October 2020, Mr CHUNG Kwok Keung Simon as Vice Chairman with immediate effect, and Mr WU Shang Tun Mason as a member with effect from 22 October 2020
 - (g) Review Panel on the Lingnan University Ordinance
 - appointment of Mr LOK Tsz Fung as a member with immediate effect
 - (h) Board of Governors of Lingnan Institute of Further Education (LIFE)
 - appointment of Dr LAI Wan Lung Kent and Prof. CHEUNG Yue Lok Francis as members for a term of two years with immediate effect and with effect from 18 October 2020 respectively
 - appointment of Ms CHENG Wing Yu Edith and Mr LEE Cheuk Tat Graham (teaching staff representatives) as members for a term of two years with effect from 15 October 2020
3. The Council RECEIVED the following:
 - (a) Confirmed minutes of the Senate meeting held on 18 May 2020,
 - (b) Confirmed minutes and a summary of discussions and decisions of the meeting of the Board of Governors of LIFE held on 20 May 2020,
 - (c) Report from the Audit Committee,
 - (d) Report from the Christian Activities Committee,
 - (e) Report from the Finance Committee,
 - (f) Report from the Institutional Advancement Committee and
 - (g) Report from the Lingnan Education Organization Limited (LEO) Donation Management Committee.
4. The Council RECEIVED the Report from the Campus Development and Management Committee and NOTED the latest progress/updates of the various building projects, *inter alia*, “Lingnan Hub” project and installation of internal lift system and upgrade of the IT infrastructure and addition of mezzanine level for the user space and a new 24 hours learning area at the Fong Sum Wood Library, and the remedial works and upgrade works for the Chan Tak Tai Auditorium.

5. The Council APPROVED the following:
- (a) the proposed revisions to the Policy on Research and Consultancies endorsed by the Research Committee and the Senate,
 - (b) the proposed implementation of the recommendations of the Organisation and Compensation Review of LIFE endorsed by the Board of Governors of LIFE,
 - (c) the proposed revisions of the “Guidelines for Solicitation and Acceptance of Donations and Sponsorships” endorsed by the Institutional Advancement Committee,
 - (d) the audited Financial Statements of the University for the year ended 30 June 2020,
 - (e) the audited Annual Return on the Use of UGC Funds for the year ended 30 June 2020, and
 - (f) the audited Financial Statements of LIFE for the year ended 30 June 2020.

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