

## LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

### A Summary of Discussions and Decisions of the Council Meeting Held on 21 June 2021

1. The Council WELCOMED Mr SO King Pong, Chairperson of the 54<sup>th</sup> Representative Council of LU Students' Union as a student observer.
2. 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 Capital University of Economics and Business (China), College of International Studies, Kyung Hee University (Korea), Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Universitas Gadjah Mada (Indonesia), Guangdong University of Finance (China), Guangzhou College of Commerce (China), Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs, Nantong University (China) and Shenzhen University (China).
  - (b) The University has renewed its inter-institutional agreement of cooperation with Carroll University (the US), Edge Hill University (the UK), ESSCA School of Management (France) and Julius Maximilian University of Würzburg (Germany).
  - (c) The Senate recently approved the introduction of the following new concentration/programme:
    - (i) the concentration "Environment and Sustainability" for the Master of Cities and Governance (MCG) Programme [城市與治理(環境與可持續發展)碩士] from September 2022; and
    - (ii) the part-time self-financed BSocSc (Honours) in Public Management and Smart Governance Programme from the 2021-22 academic year [公共及智慧管理(榮譽)社會科學學士]
  - (d) The Senate approved the establishment of the Hong Kong Catastrophic Risk Centre (HKCRC) [香港災難風險研究中心] from 1 January 2022.
  - (e) LU and Shenzhen University signed Letter of Intent on Collaboration on 25 May 2021 to nurture talent for Greater Bay Area development.
  - (f) In the Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) 2020 conducted by the University Grants Committee (UGC), LU scholars have achieved much better ratings for their research outputs assessed in 14 Units of Assessment (UoAs) under four RAE panels, viz., (i) Business & Economics, (ii) Social Sciences, (iii) Humanities, and (iv) Creative Arts, Performing Arts & Design, and more than 50% were rated 4-star (world leading) or 3-star (internationally excellent).
  - (g) With regard to the percentage of 4-star research, LU ranked first in an UoA (Sociology & Anthropology) and second in 4 UoAs (Accountancy, Philosophy, Translation and Social Work & Social Policy). LU also received the highest percentage in 4-star plus 3-star research in Social Work & Social Policy and second best in Accountancy.
  - (h) In terms of research impact, more than half of LU's Impact Cases were rated as 4-star (outstanding impacts) or 3-star (considerable impacts).
  - (i) In relation to the research environment, LU received 4-star in one UoA (Area Studies, Cultural Studies and Other Arts/Humanities) and 3-star in four UoAs (Chinese Language & Literature, English Language & Literature, Philosophy and

- Accountancy).
- (j) LU was ranked third in the world for “Quality Education” by the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2021.
  - (k) This year, 21 faculty members have received the “Research and Knowledge Transfer Fund Award”, 4 academics for the “Research Output Excellence Award”, 4 academics for the “Young Researcher Output Award”, and 4 students/graduate teams were presented the new Booster Prize on Social Enterprising.
  - (l) A member of the LU Track and Field Team won a Bronze medal in the Women’s 800m at the 59<sup>th</sup> University Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China (USFHK) Annual Athletic Meet.
3. The Council RECEIVED the following:
- (a) Confirmed minutes of the Senate meeting held on 29 March 2021,
  - (b) Report from the Finance Committee,
  - (c) Report from the Institutional Advancement Committee,
  - (d) Report from the Staffing Committee and
  - (e) Summary Report of the Strategic Planning Retreat of 7 May 2021.
4. The Council RECEIVED the Report from the Campus Development and Management Committee (CDMC) and NOTED the latest progress/updates of the various building projects, *inter alia*, the development of “Lingnan Hub”, 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 appointment of Mr WONG Pak Yin as a member of the Board of Governors of Lingnan Institute of Further Education under the category “One student representative from the undergraduate students nominated by the Students’ Union” for a term of one year with effect from 25 September 2021, and
  - (b) the proposed revisions to the terms of reference of the CDMC.
6. The Council CONFIRMED its meeting dates for the academic year 2021-22, viz. 11 October 2021, 21 February 2022, 25 April 2022 and 13 June 2022.

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