

LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

A Summary of Discussions and Decisions of the Council Meeting Held on 27 April 2026

1. 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 the following institutions:
 - College of Liberal Arts, National Taiwan Normal University, Taiwan
 - College de Paris, France
 - Faculty of Science, Prince of Songkla University, Thailand
 - Queen Mary University of London, the United Kingdom
 - The Lao-American Institute (LAI), Laos
 - The University of the Republic, Uruguay
 - Worcester College, University of Oxford, the United Kingdom
 - Yamanashi Gakuin University, Japan
 - (b) The University has renewed its inter-institutional agreement of cooperation with the following institutions:
 - Bahcesehir University, Turkey
 - Douglas College, Canada
 - Keimyung University, Republic of Korea
 - Koc University, Turkey
 - Krakow University of Economics, Poland
 - National Central University, Taiwan
 - Rennes School of Business, France
 - (c) The University has signed Memorandum of Understanding with major mainland partners at the University level with:
 - Central University of Finance and Economics
 - Sichuan University
 - Sun Yat-sen University
 - (d) On 8 January 2026, the University Grants Committee (UGC) delegation visited Lingnan to gain insights into the development goals as a “Liberal Arts Research University” in the Digital Era. The visit received highly positive feedback.
 - (e) The Senate has approved the Doctor of Smart Manufacturing programme, the Master of Social Sciences in Sociology and Data Analytics programme, and the Double PhD Degree Programme in Data Science with Chongqing University, China.
 - (f) The Samuel C.C. Ting Elite Class, which was the only class named in honour of Nobel Laureate Prof. Samuel C.C. Ting, would be launched in the academic year 2026-27.
 - (g) The University has successfully recruited 34 high-calibre scholars under the Lingnan-60 Global Talent Recruitment Campaign.
 - (h) The President was appointed by the HKSAR Government as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hong Kong Artificial Intelligence Research and Development Institute from 13 March 2026 for a term of two years.

- (i) Prof. LENG Mingming was awarded Beta Gamma Sigma's 2026 Dean of the Year, the sole winner among 640 universities worldwide. In addition, Prof. LI Liangliang has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry.
- (j) Lingnan showcased 13 inventions at the 51st International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva and won a total of 14 awards.
- (k) The University came 84th in its first entry in the Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings, despite being the smallest among the eight UGC-funded institutions. It demonstrated particular strength in Philosophy, Communication, and Media studies, with these disciplines consistently ranking highly in subject-specific rankings across the Asian region in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026.

2. The Council RECEIVED the following:

- (a) Confirmed minutes of the Senate meetings held on 1 December 2025 and 2 February 2026,
- (b) Report from the Audit Committee,
- (c) Report from the Campus Development and Management Committee,
- (d) Report from the Career Development Committee,
- (e) Report from the Committee on LU's Mainland Development,
- (f) Report from the Finance Committee,
- (g) Report from the Honorary Awards Committee,
- (h) Report from the Institutional Advancement Committee,
- (i) Report from the Small Group on the Remuneration Package of the President and Vice Presidents, and
- (j) Report from the Task Group on the Review of the Regulations Governing the Election of Eligible Staff and Students from among themselves for Appointment to the Court or the Council.

3. The Council APPROVED the following:

- (a) the appointment of Ms HSU Yu Ming Hanna as Vice-Chairman of the Campus Development and Management Committee with immediate effect,
- (b) the Lingnan's 2026 Risk Register,
- (c) the 2026-27 Income and Expenditure Budget endorsed by the Finance Committee, and
- (d) the amendment to "Schedule 3 to Lingnan University Statute 5 – Regulations Governing the Election of Eligible Students from among themselves for Appointment to the Court or the Council".

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