THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following matters have been discussed at the Council meeting held on January 20, 2009.

1. The Council NOTED that the Chairman of the Council had written to the Chairman of the Panel on Education of the Legislative Council in a letter of December 19, 2008, responding to its request of making public the minutes and papers of the Council meetings of the University, that the Council was agreeable to releasing in future, after each meeting, a report summarizing all its decisions, except those on personnel matters relating to individuals and plans and proposals not yet finalized, on the understanding that for the latter, the disclosure would be made at a later stage when the proposals were finalized; and that the LegCo Panel on Education would discuss the response from the University and the other institutions at its meeting on February 9, 2009.

2. The Council APPROVED, for submission to the Court, that Statute III “Degrees and Other Academic Distinctions” be amended by the inclusion of the following titles in the respective paragraphs thereof:

(a) in paragraph 1(a)

“Bachelor of Pharmacy (藥劑學士)” and

(b) in paragraph 1(b)

“Juris Doctor (法律碩士)”; and

“Master of Fine Arts (藝術碩士)”

3. The Council APPROVED the following membership appointment/re-appointments to the respective Committees/Panel for the specified period:

(a) Mr. Andrew LEE King-fun, as a member of the Graduate House Committee of Management for the period February 25, 2009 to February 24, 2012 (re-appointment); and

(b) Dr. Mary RODRIGUES, as a member of the Human Resource Policy Committee for the period March 8, 2009 to March 7, 2012 (re-appointment).

(c) Professor Billy K.L. SO, Professor of History and Director of the Centre for East Asian Studies of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, as Chairman of the Grievances Panel for Students for the period September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2012 (appointment); and

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(d) Professor Ronald M.C. SO of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, as Chairman of the Grievances Panel for Students for the period January 1 to August 31, 2009 (re-appointment).

4. The Council RECEIVED from the Director of Finance an annual report on the outside practice activities of professoriate staff of the University for the year 2007-08; and NOTED that, in response to the comment from a member, the Chairman would discuss with the Vice-Chancellor the need to review the regulations governing outside practice activities.

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