The following is a list of matters discussed at the Council meeting held on July 26, 2011:

1. The Council NOTED that the University of Hong Kong (Amendment) Bill 2010, which provided for the amendment of the University Ordinance to re-define the roles of the Court and Council and the adoption of the new academic titles used in the University, was passed after the second and third readings at the Legislative Council (LegCo) meeting held on July 13, 2011; and that the Bill was published in the Gazette on July 22, 2011 and had taken effect therefrom.

2. The Council RECEIVED a report from the Vice-Chancellor on the recent activities of the University, including the result of the Theme-based Research Scheme, the visit of the Minister for Education of Singapore on July 15, 2011, and the outcome of the Mainland Admissions exercise in 2011.

3. The Council RESOLVED that Professor S.J. ANDREWS, Professor and currently Interim Dean of Education, be appointed as the Dean of the Faculty of Education for a period of five years from as soon as possible under the provisions of Statute IX.1.

4. The Council APPROVED a recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor that the building which housed the Faculty of Social Sciences on the Centennial Campus be named after the Hong Kong Jockey Club, in recognition of the generous gift of HK$323.55M from The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust in support of the University’s development.

5. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, that consequent upon the Council’s earlier approval to put up money upfront from the University Reserves to pay the clinical academic staff for their on-call duties on rest days and holidays, the additional sum required for the second settlement package for the years of 2006 to 2009 be provided from the University Reserves.

6. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Committee on Student Affairs,

   (a) that the lodging charges for University-administered halls for 2011-12 be $10,188.00 for undergraduates and $12,480.30 for postgraduates (based on a total of 283 residential days from August 19, 2011 to May 28, 2012); and

   (b) that the lodging charges for University-administered student flats for 2011-12 be $9,771 (for a residential year of 350 days).
7. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee, the following Chairmanship/membership appointments:

(a) Mrs. Annie Liang BENTLEY as the Chairman of the Robert Black College Committee of Management under the membership category “Chairman, appointed by the Council” for the period October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2014;

(b) Dr. J.W.W. CHANG, Clinical Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Dentistry, as a member of the Grievances Panel for Students under the membership category “One member from each Faculty appointed by the Council on the nomination of the Board of the Faculty concerned from among its members” for the period ending June 30, 2013; and

(c) Dr. Christopher W.C. CHENG as a member of the Campus Development and Planning Committee under the membership category “5 members who are not employees or students of the University, appointed by the Council” for the period July 27, 2011 to July 26, 2014.

8. The Council

(a) HEARD a presentation by Professor I.M. HOLLIDAY, Dean of Social Sciences, on the development of the Faculty of Social Sciences; and

(b) THANKED Professor HOLLIDAY for the presentation and his responses to members’ questions and suggestions; and RECORDED a vote of thanks to him for his contributions to the Faculty during his term of Deanship in the past years.

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