THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of matters* discussed at the Council meeting held on June 28, 2011:

1. The Council RECORDED approval given in circulation of the Council’s resolution on the Legislative Council (the “LegCo”) representation on the University Council, as follows:

“The Council RESOLVED to invite one of the five members of the Court appointed under Statute XV 1.(d)(i) (i.e. “5 persons elected by the Members of the Legislative Council from among their own number”) to be a member of the Council under Statute XVIII 1.(b) (i.e. “6 persons, not being students or employees of the University, appointed by the Council”), on the understanding that the appointment should be on personal basis and that the appointee should serve as “trustee” and not delegate of a particular constituency; and that while the Council should have full discretion on the member to be invited from amongst the five LegCo members for membership appointment, it would take into consideration of possible suggestions from these members in making its decision.”;

and NOTED from the Chairman that the LegCo Bills Committee had incorporated the above resolution in its report submitted to the LegCo House Committee at its meeting held on June 24, 2011, and that the Second Reading of the HKU Amendment Bill would take place on July 13, 2011.

2. The Council RECORDED approval given in circulation of the name of the New College as “Centennial College (明德書院)”; and NOTED, in this connection, that as it had been clarified that all colleges established under Cap. 320 had to use “學院” in their Chinese name, the Chinese name of the New College would therefore be “明德學院”.

3. The Council

(a) RECEIVED a report from the Vice-Chancellor; and HEARD him elaborate on these activities, including

(i) the visit by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Latvia, Mr. Valdis DOMBROVSKIS on June 13, 2011, and the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on the co-operation between HKU and the University of Latvia for establishing exchange programmes;
(ii) the visit by the Deputy Mayor of Guangzhou, Ms. GONG Erzhen on June 17, 2011;

(iii) the Presidents Summit to be held in December 2011 as one of the events to mark the 100th anniversary of the University;

(iv) the Mainland Admissions exercise this year; and

(v) the outcome of the Academic Development Proposals (ADP) for 2012-15; and

(b) further HEARD the Vice-Chancellor speak about the latest development of the following:

(i) the Centennial College, in that its Board of Governors, which had been established, had held its first meeting on June 24, 2011 when Mr. Linus CHEUNG was invited to be Chairman of both the Board of Governors and the College Council, and Professor C.F. LEE and Professor K.F. CHENG were appointed Acting President and Acting Vice-President of the Centennial College respectively; and

(ii) the University’s recent success in the National Basic Research Programme of China organized and implemented by the Ministry of Science and Technology.

4. The Council RECEIVED a letter of March 14, 2011 from the Vice-Chancellor to the Education Bureau, in response to the report “Aspirations for the Higher Education System in Hong Kong” (the “Report”), published by the UGC; ACKNOWLEDGED that the University administration had provided constructive response to the recommendations of the Report; HEARD views expressed by individual members; and AGREED to invite the administration to convey the views of the Council to the Education Bureau.

5. The Council RECEIVED the collaboration agreement between the University and the Shenzhen Municipal Government for the Binhai Hospital, which had been revised in the light of the comments made by the Council at its meeting held on April 26, 2011 and after several rounds of negotiations with Shenzhen authorities, as well as the English translated version of this document.

6. The Council APPROVED the Intellectual Property Rights Policy, which had been further revised in the light of the comments made by the Council at its meeting held on March 29, 2011.

7. The Council RECEIVED for information a letter from the Chairman of the UGC conveying the decisions on the University’s Academic Development Proposals for the 2012-15 Triennium.
8. The Council APPROVED a recommendation of the Board of the Faculty of Dentistry, supported by the Senate, that the International Centre of Navigational Dentistry (ICOND), a sub-division of studies and learning allocated to the Faculty of Dentistry, be disestablished with immediate effect under the provisions of Section 8(3) of the Ordinance.

9. The Council APPROVED a recommendation, supported by the Senate, that the Cyberport Institute of Hong Kong, The University of Hong Kong (Cyber.i), an independent sub-division of studies and learning, be disestablished with immediate effect under the provisions of Section 8(3) of the Ordinance.

10. The Council RECEIVED, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the proposed amendments to Departmental Financial Administration (DFA); AGREED to defer consideration of DFA No. 4 “Budgetary Control Regulations”, noting that the part on ‘Monetisation Approach of the University Quarters Option’ would be further discussed by the Human Resource Policy Committee; and APPROVED DFA No. 6 “Certification of Invoices, Claims for Payment/Reimbursement and Cash Advance”.

11. The Council ENDORSED, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the revised arrangement for the authorized signatories to the University bank accounts and securities.

12. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee,

(a) that Mr. MAN Cheuk Fei be re-appointed as Chairman of the Discrimination Complaints Committee under the category “A Chairperson who shall be a lay member of the Council, appointed for a period of two years” for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013; and

(b) that Professor LO King Man be re-appointed as a member of the Graduate House Committee of Management under the membership category “Two persons not being officers or teachers, appointed by the Council” for the period June 30, 2011 to June 29, 2014.

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

(a) “Master of Psychological Medicine (Psychosis Studies) [精神醫學(思覺失調學)碩士]” in paragraph 1(b);

(b) “Postgraduate Diploma in Psychological Medicine (Psychosis Studies) [精神醫學(思覺失調學)深造文憑]” in paragraph 2(a); and
(c) “Postgraduate Certificate in Psychological Medicine (Psychosis Studies) [精神醫學(思覺失調學)深造證書]” in paragraph 2(b).

14. The Council HEARD a presentation by Professor D.P.Y. LUNG, Acting Dean of Architecture, on the development of the Faculty of Architecture; and THANKED Professor LUNG for the presentation and his responses to members’ questions and suggestions, and for taking the helm to lead the Architecture Faculty at this time.

* Excluding personnel matters relating to individuals.

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