The following is a list of matters discussed at the Council meeting held on October 25, 2011:

1. The Council
   (a) NOTED the Vice-Chancellor's decision on not seeking a further term of appointment upon the expiry of his present term of appointment on August 31, 2012;
   (b) AGREED that there was a need to respect the Vice-Chancellor’s decision of not seeking re-appointment upon the expiry of his present term of appointment on August 31, 2012;
   (c) RESOLVED that the Council should discuss urgently at a later meeting the search process for the next Vice-Chancellor and the arrangements for the transition period; and that a special meeting be called, if necessary; and
   (d) INFORMED the Vice-Chancellor, who joined the meeting at this juncture, of its decision; and THANKED him warmly for his dedicated, selfless and valuable contributions to the University over the past nine years, which had brought the University to new heights of academic excellence and international renown as one of the world’s leading institutions of higher learning.

2. The Council
   (a) RECEIVED a report from the Vice-Chancellor on the recent activities of the University, including
      (i) the brain-storming session conducted by the Senior Management Team to consider the University’s forward financial planning in the context of the income and expenditure forecast on block grant activities for 2012-13 and beyond; and
      (ii) the preparatory meeting held by the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital Council on October 14, 2011 in Shenzhen; and
   (b) RESOLVED that the membership composition of the Board of Governors be revised; and that Dr. the Hon. C.H. LEONG and Professor G.W.K. TANG be nominated for appointment as the Honorary Hospital Chief Executive and the Executive Hospital Chief Executive of the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital respectively.

3. The Council APPROVED the University’s Annual Accounts for 2010-11 and the Letter of Representation.

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The Council APPROVED that, subject to the approval of the Senate of the recommendations relating to the support for the implementation of experiential learning in the new undergraduate curriculum, a Centre, which would be co-hosted by the Centre of Development and Resources for Students and the Centre for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning and overseen by a steering committee of the Senate, be named as the “Gallant Ho Experiential Learning Centre” in recognition of a generous gift of $33.3M from Dr. Gallant HO.

The Council NOTED that the following members of the Legislative Council had been elected to serve on the Court of the University at the meeting of the House Committee of the Legislative Council on October 14, 2011:

- Hon. IP Kwok-him, G.B.S., J.P.;
- Hon. LEE Cheuk-yan;
- Dr. the Hon. PAN Pey-chyou;
- Hon. Abraham SHEK Lai-him, S.B.S., J.P.;
- Hon. James TO Kun-sun;

and that a nomination would be made by these five members from among themselves for consideration by the Council for appointment as its members.

The Council

(a) HEARD Mr. Lester G. HUANG, Convenor of the Review Panel, set up by the Council to review issues arising from the Centenary Ceremony on August 18, 2011, report on the progress of the work of the Review Panel thus far;

(b) THANKED Mr. HUANG and members of the Review Panel for the work; and

(c) URGED the Hong Kong University Students’ Union to consider nominating a representative to join the Review Panel.

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